

World Focus for February Migrants & Displaced Persons

In the Bible, many people experience forcible displacement. God's people are exiled in Babylon but discover his presence with them. Likewise today, God is meeting people on the move. There are many stories of people finding faith in Jesus in camps, in deserts, on trucks, or whose prayers for deliverance when boats flounder is part of their journey to faith. In various places, God's people, the Church, are acting with generosity and compassion to meet the needs of the displaced. Both immediately with shelter, food, health care and post trauma support and longer term including education, employment opportunities and proper infrastructure in camps.

We Christians need to be trendsetters in being welcoming, hospitable and inclusive as well as hot on the injustice underlying many of the causes of displacement. Also, we should take the opportunity to spread the hope and peace of Jesus Christ.

So let's pray for:

Greater openness, generosity and welcome to migrants and greater international cooperation.

For the Bible Society and its Bible-based trauma healing programme in which refugees hear about God's care for them, and start to find identity, meaning and hope in God's word. Ask that this programme will grow and people will know the healing touch of Jesus.

Our Mission Partners: Mike Workman and his on-going support for Bangladeshi migrants in Singapore, some of whom have become followers of Christ. And for Dan & Narineh and Narineh's activities with Iranian migrants

'Music and Canapes', the Samara's Aid Concert in St. Matt's 9th February and for their work among displaced persons in Syria. In particular, that the project to build a new hospital in the Homs area will be successful.

If you'd like to read further on this topic then there is an interesting article on current humanitarian crises including migration prompted by climate change at www.irinnews.org/feature/2019/01/02/ten-humanitarian-crises-and-trends-watch-2019