

GO Training Initiative – Africa

Vision & Strategy

Our world contains refugee camps with millions of people awaiting resettlement. Within such camps in Africa are many evangelical churches and ministries that have a hunger for outreach and missions. And within these entities are individuals who are called by God to make disciples of Christ and plant churches.

We believe the refugee camps and the resettlement process presents an opportunistic vehicle for the sending out of missionaries to the countries where they will be resettled. As we provide the training, accountability and oversight to the churches and ministries already present in the camps, a new missionary force will be realized.

Our hope is to use the Swahili Evangelical Refugee Fellowship of Atlanta, USA as a base for the training of missionaries in refugee camps in Africa. **We will develop a 1-year formal GO training followed by a 1+ year practicum.** When trainees are sent for resettlement, we will provide them with ongoing accountability and guidance as they begin ministry in their new country.

With this vision in mind, we are planning a trip for August 2020 for the following purposes:

- 1) To **develop partnerships** with like-minded churches and ministries in the Nyarugusu refugee camp (Tanzania) who are willing to host our training
- 2) To **initiate a timeline** for beginning the GO training process
- 3) To gain a better understanding of the culture and environment which will guide our **development of the GO training curriculum** specific to the Nyarugusu camp

The **Nyarugusu refugee camp** in Tanzania is one of the largest and most well-known refugee camps in our world today, with around 150,000 refugees. It is located in the western province of Kigoma, Tanzania, east of Lake Tanganyika.



The camp was created by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Tanzanian government in 1996 after an estimated 150,000 Congolese refugees from the eastern South

Kivu region of the Democratic Republic of Congo (former Zaire) crossed the border into Tanzania escaping war. Many of the refugees in this camp have remained there for decades. Additionally, thousands of refugees from Burundi entered the camp in 2015 and many remain there today.

Phase 1: Develop partnerships (Africa 2020 trip – 5 people) \$15,000

- Expand existing relationships with known churches and ministries
- Partner with churches and/or ministries who can deploy the GO training

Phase 2: Develop appropriate GO curriculum (March 2021) \$3,000

- Use a culturally relevant evangelical curriculum that prepares people for cross-cultural church planting
- Develop a training that is portable, using video and practical resources

Phase 3: Initiate GO training (Africa 2021 trip – 3 people) \$9,000

- Assist partners with the initiation of the training and program
- Attend and oversee first week of training

Phase 4: Assess effectiveness

- Determine what changes need to be made
- Begin to plan for the next program and potential host locations

Goal is \$27,000 (\$15,000 by August 2020)

We hope to see African missionaries trained and equipped to make disciples and plant churches, and who are sent out through the already existing mechanism of refugee resettlement. **Our goal is to see trained missionaries prepared to initiate evangelical ministries and churches while they are resettling into their new culture and country.** The final outcome is to see a multiplication of evangelical churches around the globe planted by the emerging church leaders of Africa.