

...My Refugees...

UNCHR reported 26 million refugees across the world in 2019.

In that decade, 100 million people were forcibly displaced-the trend is particularly alarming because it represents a 100% growth in those 10 years. This pattern is not going away and history tells us it is inevitable.

When Lot left Sodom and Gomorrah, the Lord protected his descendants, giving them the land of Moab (modern day Jordan) to settle. Instead of gratefully living within the boundaries of grace, the growing Moabite tribe became arrogant, forgetting their own history. And the time came when they were asked to extend grace to others.

Israel was walking out of Egypt, led by God Himself. But when they arrived at Moab, they were refused simple passage for their tired migrants, setting off a painful future chain of events for Moab. In time, Moab would come under attack at the hands of those directed by God to punish Moab's pride. Many prophecies had been issued but Jeremiah said it concisely:

*Moab will be destroyed as a people because
he has exalted himself against the Lord.
Jer 48:42 HCSB*

But, even during those moments of Moab's deserved judgement, God had compassion on the individuals affected within the Moabite population and He declares His ownership and concern for the very ones who were suffering:

*Hide the refugees; do not betray the one who flees.
Let **my refugees** stay with you; be a refuge for Moab from the aggressor.
Is 16: 3,4 HCSB*

TODAY

Pandemic pain has intensified global tensions, stressing long standing restraints that had been in place for many years. Once tolerant tribes had over time, put their unresolved conflict on "simmer." But as we saw in the Rwanda genocide, unresolved conflict eventually explodes into much more. Jesus saw this period of time coming when He issued this frightening statement to His disciples on the Mount of Olives, about the end times:

*For nation **(tribe)** will rise up against nation **(tribe)**, and kingdom against kingdom.
There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.
Mark 13:8 HCSB*

A 2020 United nations report, warned of a global food insecurity for 2 billion people; trending upwards due to the global pandemic. Now, 2000 years later, the predicted famines seem imminent. And Jesus said this was only the beginning.

By now, emotional paralysis must have set in the hearts of His disciples...until He inserted the most powerful exclamation point for them and all generations of believers to see!

*This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world, as a testimony to all nations. And then the end will come.
Matt 24:14 HCSB*



**ANCIENT ISRAEL
(SOURCE WIKEPEDIA)**



**JERICHO OVERLOOKING JORDAN
(ANCIENT MOAB)**



MOUNT OF OLIVES TODAY



**HAPPY REFUGEE MOTHER
RECEIVES HER SOLAR RADIO**



**HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES RADIO
CONNECTION TO USALAMA FM**

OUR TIME

Jesus knew His disciples would face stress they could not understand and when they did, they must stay on task-reach the WORLD with the Good News of the Kingdom-Jesus' kingdom! They...are us!

SOUTH SUDAN (refugees)

The 2013 tribal conflict within the 61 tribes that comprise the population of the New Republic of South Sudan sent waves of refugees across borders (2.5 million), in search of safety. Over 1 million arrived and settled within the Adjumani Camp; the Rhino Camp; the BidiBidi Camp and many nearby Ugandan settlements.

Today, by the grace of God, our broadcasts reach every corner of this huge population, as well as the millions living in the Ugandan host communities around them. We have heard reports our signal is reaching well into South Sudan where current fighters live; we have also heard our signal reaches as far as Kaya, South Sudan where we built our first Sudanese radio station (which was lost to rebel fighting).

RESPONSE

After several years of Biblical radio messaging, camp residents express to us their two major requests: more food (The UN has reduced food support to refugees recently) and help to hear Usalama FM.

Refugees had lost everything-everyone has only what they could carry during their flight, and now live, in fields; many cannot hear the Gospel on our station because they do not have a radio. But several ministries (Galcom-Sonset-PSGL) have recently donated thousands of solar powered radios so refugees can hear of the God who really loves them, and says they are HIS!

One man broke down when he received his free radio "Now I won't miss my chance to hear the Word of God!"

Can you imagine how this much please our God when *His refugees* can hear about Him? If only they could read Is 16!

Church is growing rapidly in the camps. Members make mud bricks for walls, but there is no income to pay for church roofs. Recently, Marty posted a need for roof sheets on her Facebook page. Soon after, a good friend in America donated the \$1,000 USD roof, so the congregation of 200 can meet, pray and worship!

We have an ongoing request for refugee church roofs-if the Lord enables you, please let us know and we will build more. This need will continue; what a great problem!

RWANDA (more refugees)

After the 1994 genocide, the world rushed in to help rebuild. But the most significant request came from Pastor Joseph. He and Rose had been Rwandan refugees living in Uganda when the genocide broke out in April that year.

Joseph asked us and our good friends at Blessings For Obedience, to build a Christian station that would not be religious-it would be "born-again". In June 2005 we began on a hill at the edge of capital city Kigali, very close to several previous killing sites, which at that time still held the remains of thousands of victims.

And Joseph was true to his word. As he and Rose built a church, and then a school, (for all Rwandan major tribal groups) together, we built Restore FM, which Joseph used to evangelize his nation. In a short time, over 82 churches had been planted from these broadcasts.

Only limited by distance, eventually we re-built the station, adding a larger audience and with that, even more churches. Marty and I visited the newest Deliverance Church in the Mahama Refugee Camp where 60,000 new refugees had just settled from conflict, in their birth country Burundi.

And recently, another former Rwandan refugee, now pastor Eddie, was brought on to the radio team. Joseph and Rose had been refugees in Uganda but Eddie was a refugee in Kenya until the Lord called on him to minister in Ethiopia and now here in his home Rwanda. Who better to reach refugees that this wonderful team of former refugees?

Joseph and Rose asked for help to step into digital broadcasts to reach those who cannot hear their FM station. They can now be heard at www.restorerwanda.com and on smartphones through the Radio Garden APP.

BUT...Rwanda is host to many thousands of refugees in 6 camps, spread across Rwanda. It just feels right to reach EVERY refugee. I know in my heart this is another God-moment to reach **His refugees** with His Word!

We need big help for this. We need \$24,000 USD for a solar power system to affordably power the transmitter using heavenly source (sun) so meagre available funds can be used to improve the studio and add staffing in expanded languages. And we need \$13,000 USD to buy a specially designed antenna system that can send Restore FM into the other camps. Every refugee *must* hear. I know this is a big one, so let's start with prayer and see what He says and what He provides.

KENYA (refugees)

Kakuma Refugee Camp was created in 1991 as a safe place for the Lost Boys of Sudan who had walked across East Africa into Ethiopian refugee camps, until a political coup occurred, sending Ethiopia into Communism and the child-refugees on foot again!

Out of sight seemed to be out of mind (world), but never out of His mind. Is 16 reminds us refugees are MY (His) refugees! They arrived as children and have physically survived from UN donations. But the UN is not mandated to tell them about Jesus! That is **our** mission!

So, we started Kakuma FM to bring the Gospel to the 220,000 refugees in the camp and the second nearby Kalobeyei Camp. It seemed easy at the time-vision usually is. But putting the pieces together is a different thing altogether, especially in spiritually dark places fuelled by pain and anger for so long.

The remote nature of the site makes it very difficult to communicate and the 2-day journey from Nairobi makes it expensive to bring equipment and training. So, we are inching our way towards success but still need help. We need \$1,700 (USD) to purchase 4 solar batteries, ensuring broadcasts after the sun goes down. And we need monthly help to support two on-air qualified presenters as recently mandated, by Kenyan broadcast authorities. At this point I would ask for prayer support towards these needs. Remember, we are also reaching the host community which is the ancient and very rugged Turkana community.

LIBERIA

Our faithful team at Worship FM continue to reach their community with the Word of God and the programs we send as well. Station manager Victor was himself a refugee, living in Ghana when we first met. He came back to Liberia to work with us in radio, beginning in Sasstown (8 hours from Monrovia) and then Monrovia; soon we added the Bomi Refugee station which also reaches the nearby Sierra Leone refugees.

This station has operated on a shoestring for so long, but it has potential to do so much more if funding permits. We would very much like to expand the signal by extending the tower and adding a high gain antenna system (\$20,000 USD total). Even more prayer is needed!

OUR REFUGEES

People in conflict seem destined to produce people in migration (refugees). Even our own Jesus and his family started out life as refugees (Matt 2: 13-15). From our first broadcast (1979) we have been reaching His refugees with His word; that will not change in our lifetime. Please pray along with us so we might be able to reach the growing refugee population, wherever they may be!

That is **our** destiny.

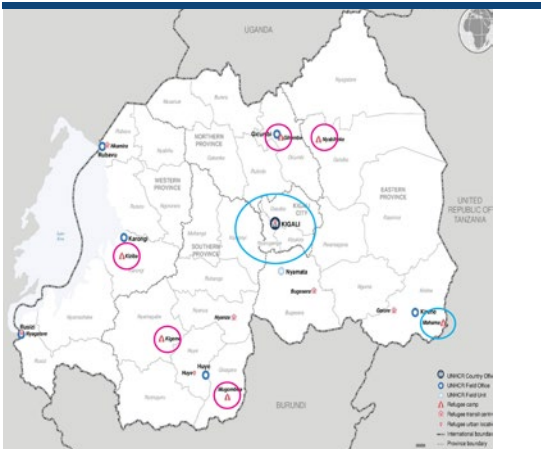
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KAKUMA FM NEEDS BATTERIES FOR NIGHT BROADCAST



WORSHIP FM NEEDS TOWER AND ANTENNA UPGRADE TO REACH FARTHER



DOWNTOWN MONROVIA, LIBERIA



BOMI REFUGEE CAMP NEAR WORSHIP FM



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