



APRIL/MAY 2020 PEACE & RECONCILIATION MIDDLE EAST

Registration Deadline: January 1st, 2019

Join this team to help support our ministry partners in the Middle East who are reaching out to refugees in the region. Currently our partners run two phenomenal educational centers which provide practical support as well as training to hundreds of refugees! Not only are these centers a wonderful conduit for peace & reconciliation in the region, but they also offer families a way to find employment or launch their own small business. Just like us, these families want nothing more than to provide security, safety and a better future for their children. This area is truly a special place and your heart will be forever changed by the incredible people you will meet, the stories you will hear, and the resiliency of the people!

LOGISTICS

All flights, accommodations and transportation will be arranged by Overlake. You can expect to stay in a hotel and most meals will be eaten at local restaurants or in the homes of families we meet.

Learn:

One of the most powerful aspects of this trip is hearing the stories through the relationships you will make. You will walk away with a whole new perspective & understanding of the people and the issues that face the Middle East.

Outreach:

A major focus of this trip will be on relational outreach, especially to refugee women & children. These women want nothing more than to be seen, heard, and loved. They have endured so much. Your simple hug or smile can make all the difference for one of these women or children.

Serve:

Opportunities to serve will include spending time in refugee camps and serving at our refugee educational centers. There is a special need for English teachers, registered nurses who can train, theological trainers, and counselors for children.

**Inquire or Apply
Now!**

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PREPARATION

"I've never joined a mission trip before. I have no idea what to expect. In fact, I have never even travelled outside of the US!" We recognize that joining a mission trip can feel a little intimidating! Let us put your mind at ease, we are committed to help train and equip you for this experience. You don't need any special qualifications, other than to show up and love people. However, in order for you to get the most out of your experience, the following are some requests we will ask of you.

Training Meetings: There will be around 6 training meetings that we expect all team members to commit to attend. These are vitally important to your preparation and the preparation of the team!

Prayer Team: We ask that every team member build a prayer team of around 5-7 people who will commit to pray for you and the team.

Financial Team: We do not expect for you to pay for your trip all on your own, but we invite you to seek financial partnerships with family and friends. We will train you on how to do this.

Perspective: Lastly we ask all team members to come in as a learner and seek to humbly serve. We desire that you be willing to open your heart to be able to hear and respond to God's work in your life. Keep in mind, the most important thing may not be the trip itself, but how God wants you to live as a result of your experience.



"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." -Isaiah 58:10



Estimated Cost:
\$1,100 plus airfare

Trip Fee Includes:
Travel Insurance
Accommodations & Meals
Daily Transportation
Ministry Expenses

Does Not Include:
Passport Fees
Immunizations
Meals in Airport
Personal Spending Money

Payment Deadlines:

\$200 Deposit Due
with application

Airfare Cost Due
3 months prior to departure

Final Payment Due
1 month prior to departure

**Where to Make
Payments:**

Payments can be made
online at occ.org/stw-donate/. Select "Mission
Trips & Projects" then select
"Middle East-Spring" or via
check made out to OCC.