

## Global Opportunities Week 2022 Workshop Speakers

Workshop	Speaker	Background Info	Location
<b>“Welcoming Refugees: How to Get Involved on the Local Level with World Relief Upstate SC”</b>	Austin Donahoo and Esther John – World Relief Upstate SC	This workshop will cover who World Relief is, who refugees are, and some ways to get involved on the local level.	WMC
<b>“The Narrow Gate &amp; The Refugees”</b>	Michael Hajj – Arabic Bible Outreach Ministries	The Narrow Gate in the title reflects both sides of ministering the Gospel to refugees. The forced migration of millions of people especially from the Middle East, has opened great doors for His Church to minister the Gospel among the refugees and direct them to the narrow gate. Equally, the opportunity to reach them and see vibrant churches among refugees is becoming narrow. We will look at lessons learned from ministries working among refugees in the Arab world and in the West for a more effective outreach among refugees in the USA.	AL Lec A
<b>“100 Days to Freedom”</b>	Liz Williams, Director of Compassion Medical at Biblical Ministries Worldwide <b>Panel:</b> Pastor Arif, Mr. Amin, and Zane Bloom, Director of Mobilization – Biblical Ministries Worldwide	Join this workshop to hear incredible details about the extraordinary story of salvation, rescue, and persistence that led to nearly 10,000 rescues from across the Christian community of Afghanistan. Liz will narrate the story, answer questions, and facilitate a conversation with Zane, Pastor Arif and Mr. Amin, about the true nature of refugee ministry in one of the most difficult moments for missionary work in contemporary times. *Arif was a secret Baptist church planter in Afghanistan from 2010 until his miraculous evacuation from Kabul in 2022. He was saved, baptized, ordained, and commissioned during his years in Russia after fleeing a different era of conflict in Afghanistan in the 1990s. *Amin was rescued in 2022 after the fall of Kabul, through the work of the Compassion Medical team from Biblical Ministries Worldwide. He spent many years as a church leader in his native Afghanistan. Since his evacuation to the United States, he has actively worked to engage the refugee community with the Gospel.	FMA
<b>“Theology of Compassion and Refugee Ministry”</b>	David McCrum, VP of Education – Biblical Ministries Worldwide <b>Panel:</b> Brendon Wung, Director of Development, Chris Anderson, VP of Global Opportunities–Biblical	David, Brendon, and Chris will drive a dynamic conversation about evangelism, compassion, church planting, and missiology all set against the backdrop of refugee outreach. They will tackle the tough questions about why we should do it, how we can do it Biblically, and ways to engage churches and ministry leaders to get involved.	RA

	Ministries Worldwide		
<b>“Ukrainian War Crisis Relief Fund”</b>	Pastor Sergey Minka – Word of Life Baptist Church	This workshop will be an update on the ministry of Word of Life in supporting Ukrainian churches in the war zone, the current state of the war in Ukraine, a detailed discussion about the state of Ukrainian churches, and how funds donated by BJU students enabled Ukrainian pastors in their ministry to refugees. It will also include examples of God's protection and provision for His people in Ukraine. Pastor Minka will also introduce the idea of a possible short-term mission trip to Ukraine.	SH
<b>“Serving Displaced Persons through Medical Missions”</b>	Marli Page – Medical Missions Outreach	In 1951 the UN refugee convention defined the term refugee and established guidelines to protect the global rights of refugees. As the refugee crisis continues to grow, Christians have the opportunity to minister to this population on a local and global scale. Medical missions not only provides access to healthcare but also provides access to the gospel.	Levinson Hall
<b>“Radical Rescue Work”</b>	Josh Trainer and Ronny Marmol – Frontline Missions International	Radical Rescue Work opens a window into the human misery in the lives of displaced refugees, and how God sends His people to serve with compassion as they run into the cries of darkness in refugee ministry. This workshop will briefly explain Frontline Missions International’s connection to refugee ministry and our passion to equip people to advance the Gospel in the world’s difficult places.	Sem 113
<b>“Addressing Academic and Spiritual Needs of Refugee Children”</b>	Maryellen Smith – For the Nations Refugee Outreach	The experience of every refugee child is diverse, but there are common needs that can feel daunting to their American educators. Bring your questions and learn ways to creatively support these students in Jesus' name.	AL Lec B