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STORIES FROM THE CLE: **A Family Reunited**

Congolese refugee reunited with his four children thanks to BHITC volunteer and church partner

When refugees flee their home countries and become resettled in the United States, for example, they leave a huge part of their lives behind – their careers, their homes, most of their belongings – and sometimes, their circumstances force them to even leave family members behind.

More than eight years ago, a Congolese man named **Germain Luhata** and his family fled their home in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and became separated in different refugee camps. When Luhata had the opportunity to resettle to the United States in 2011, he knew the cost was high. It would mean many, many more miles between he and his family, a distance made worse by much waiting and paperwork, not to mention the money required to change that.

Luhata says the hope to build a new life reunited with his loved ones helped him never accept the idea of the distance becoming permanent. “I stayed in contact with them [my family] as much as possible, but I was alone here and had little language skills to help myself or my family” says Luhata, who is still working to bring his wife and grandchildren to the United States. Luhata soon met **Loren Dill**, a volunteer refugee mentor with Building Hope in the City (BHITC), who has been by his side ever since, advocating for him, teaching him and just recently, sharing possibly the best moment of his life.

On May 12, Luhata’s four children – one of whom had not even been born yet when they were separated – arrived at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, and Dill was right there with him. “We had almost given up believing they were on the flight,” says Dill. “We were in baggage claims, and it appeared everyone on the flight had gotten their bags and departed. Suddenly, there was a shout, and they came running to sweep Germain up in a big family hug that lasted for minutes and included many tears.”

Even Dill’s church, **Bay Presbyterian Church** (BPC), had the opportunity to be part of this special moment. “Germain’s children had been waiting several years for permission to join their father in the United States,” says **Christin Hardy**, Director of Outreach for BPC. After several long journeys to the embassy in Africa, the paperwork and authorizations were complete, but a final authorization would still take months and require yet another costly trip to the embassy – a trip the large family had not anticipated and could not afford.

"When Loren learned of the emergent situation with Luhata's family, he immediately contacted the church for help. Money was needed immediately, and the church made the decision to pay for the family's travel inside Africa so they could all be reunited in Cleveland," says Hardy, who has seen mentor-based ministries bless and motivate others in her church greatly.

For Dill, who saw Luhata struggle for years without his family, says that moment in the airport is one he won't ever forget. "Seeing Germain and his children embracing there in the terminal is really a highlight of my life," he says. Meanwhile, Luhata gives thanks for how Dill and others have blessed him. "I am where I am today because of Loren, my friend and my teacher," he says. "I didn't have a chance as a refugee. Loren helped me in ways above and beyond what I could have imagined. I have hope today because of BHITC and Loren."

Ready to start the process of becoming a volunteer refugee mentor with BHITC, or learn more about other ways you can serve refugees living in the Cleveland area? Take the first step and sign up for Building Hope 101, and while you're at it, sign up for the next Refugee 101, too! Visit www.buildinghopeinthecity.org for a list of upcoming classes and to register.



Luhata (middle) and his children share a very emotional reunion in the airport the moment they arrived.



Luhata with his four children just moments after they were reunited on May 12.



Luhata (left) and his mentor, Dill (right), in the airport the evening his children arrived.



Luhata with his oldest and youngest child in the family's apartment weeks after their arrival.

Everything in Bloom

AT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

Spring day brings gardens, volunteers and vision together

On April 12 – a picture-perfect spring day from the Lord – 150+ volunteers and partners gathered at the **Cleveland Botanical Gardens** for the Annual Partner Appreciation and Awards Ceremony, where BHITC also launched its five-year ministry expansion campaign, **Harvesting God's Promise** (HGP). See article on next page to learn about the campaign.

Two special awards were given out at the April 12 gathering. **Gateway Church West** was recognized as Church Partner of the Year and **Phyllis Boggs** was recognized as Volunteer of the Year. BHITC is so thankful for all of the many ways they and many other volunteers and partners serve the city, its people and the organization so faithfully!

April 12 Event Photo Gallery:



2015 Awards:



Volunteer of the Year went to **Phyliss Boggs**, who has blessed BHITC with her time and talents for nearly 10 years.



Partner of the Year went to Gateway West Church, accepted by **Rev. Dan Ghramm** (shown here), lead pastor.

Harvesting a Future of Mission

A message from BHITC's Executive Director



As you just read, BHITC publicly launched HGP in April of this year, a ministry expansion effort that will lead to some significant changes to the organization, all aimed at deepening its impact on the city for the sake of the Kingdom.

Executive Director, **Brian Upton** says the Board and Staff of BHITC have greatly sensed the Lord's leading and blessing HGP to date. "Our prayers have been, 'Lord, we want to be of extraordinary use to You. Show us how; help us to follow where You lead.'"

Upton says those prayers were begun during strategic planning sessions in 2013, where BHITC and its core partners began dreaming about the future God had in mind. "BHITC does a lot of differing things, but what ties them all together is the belief that the local urban congregation, empowered by Spirit-filled Christians, can play an amazing role in the transformation of people and neighborhoods. We have the Holy Spirit, after all! What can't be accomplished with God behind it!?"

That belief moved HGP forward quickly during its "quiet phase," thanks especially to initial leadership gifts from **Truline Industries** and **Wally & Joyce Senney**.

"What captured my attention was the comprehensive nature of BHITC's vision," says Court Durkalski, who serves as Campaign Chair of HGP, and is President of Truline Industries. "From planting new churches to developing leaders, addressing poverty and creating jobs, BHITC believes the Church's role in the city extends far beyond Sunday mornings."

First things First: Church Development

Half of HGP's \$1 million fundraising goal will be invested in efforts at developing church leaders, new church plants and the revitalization of existing ministries. "BHITC is an arm of the Church," says Upton. "We believe in the importance of local urban congregations and the need for testing new models and methods of outreach."

BHITC Combines Marketplace Ministry and Poverty Alleviation

Much of the excitement for HGP has been linked to BHITC's new social enterprise strategy, aimed at creating onramps to employment for the poor and marginalized in the city.

"Social enterprise" refers to marketplace-based efforts that "do good" by doing good at business. HGP will fund the startup of two new social enterprises: a vintage/thrift store and a staffing agency. Through these, BHITC will witness to the marketplace that Jesus is Lord, develop jobs for 800+ people over the next 10 years and generate net profits that support ongoing operations.

BHITC supporters – and those who love finding a great bargain! – can expect the vintage/thrift store to open in 2016.

A New Home for Hope

HGP will also relocate BHITC to an important new headquarters for ministry leadership, although the organization isn't going all that far.

"Well, we're actually just going across the parking lot!" says Upton, noting that HGP will provide funds to renovate a large portion of the school building on Trinity's campus. And while the distance isn't great, the increase in BHITC's capacity will be. For example, the new location will allow BHITC to increase its services to immigrants and refugees by creating a Help Desk for drop-in appointments. Moreover, the new **Leadership Center for City Ministry and Community Development** will include a training center for volunteers, as well as a hub for city church planters to gather and work collaboratively.

Learn more by watching the HGP video at BHITC's website: www.buildinghopeinthecity.org.

SAVE the DATE
for **BHITC's**
Annual Fall Gala

HOPE Bridges the CITY

Linking CLE to Jesus

Sunday, November 8, 2015

The Westin Cleveland Downtown
777 St. Clair Avenue NE, Cleveland

For the second year in a row, BHITC's annual fall event takes place at the spectacular Westin Cleveland Downtown

- Join us for a sit-down dinner, entertainment and auctions
- Bid to win unique items that are all things Cleveland!

Ticket information available soon on our website!

Tutoring Leads to High-Impact Relationships – and Improved Test Scores

Churches bring creativity, attention and fun to students' learning



In May of 2015, the Council of Chief State School Officers and Scholastic Inc. reported that family stress and poverty are the top two greatest barriers to school success for children in grades kindergarten - 12.

Into that reality, God sends His people, which is why BHITC created the **Urban Family Learning Center (UFLC)** concept as a means of linking families and children to area urban churches. These Centers, currently underway at five area congregations that partner with BHITC, provide free, neighborhood-based hubs of ministry geared to meet the academic, relational and spiritual needs of families.

Tutoring – in its 12th year at BHITC – is usually among the first UFLC ministries that churches working with BHITC roll out to their community. “Tutoring is one of the most personal types of volunteering,” says **Kevin Liu**, who began as a volunteer tutor at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Lakewood last fall. “You get consistent, weekly, individualized, personal interaction with one student.”

It's the meaningful relationships built week after week between students and their tutors that leaves the biggest impact – and while academic improvements are important, the benefits of tutoring (for both students and tutors!) extend beyond reading and math scores. “The rewards from tutoring have been unbelievable. Their hugs, their smiles and just to serve is such a joy. You reap way more than you sow,” says **Margaret Schroeder**, a volunteer tutor at St. John Lutheran Church in South Euclid.

The students are equally as blessed as the tutors. “When I first met Savannah, she was really behind in school,” says Schroeder. “She became easily discouraged when trying to pronounce words, and while she was eager to learn, she was also very intimidated by learning.” Games, flash cards and pictures all became part of Schroeder's approach to make learning fun for Savannah. Schroeder even sought the help of a retired teacher and neighbor for tips to help with pronunciation and phonetics. It worked! Before long,



Schroeder, shown here with Savannah, says, "I love seeing the joy on their faces when they pronounce a word correctly or get the math problem right. It's such a joy to know that they are learning."

Family Learning Centers. "Once Kevin came along, it didn't take much before he had their attention. They became focused, engaged and came to tutoring faithfully. He has been such a positive example and friend, not only to Mohammed, but to all of them," says Anita.

Liu believes he's been blessed greatly by taking the opportunity to care for others who have been put into his life. "You don't need to know everything, but God will still bless your efforts as long as you step out in faith," he adds. While Liu and Mohammed spent much time working on chemistry, reading and algebra, he also had the opportunity to speak into his life about more than just academics, which Liu found especially rewarding.



Liu helps Mohammed with his homework at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Is God tugging on your heart to impact a student in BHITC's tutoring program next school year? BHITC seeks 20+ new tutors for the 2015-2016 school year. Volunteers are needed on the east and west sides of town, and for ministries that happen during the daytime and in the evening.

Sign up to attend one of two upcoming Tutoring Orientation sessions:

Saturday, September 12, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Wednesday, September 16, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Both sessions take place at BHITC, 2031 West 30th Street, Cleveland. Register by calling 216.281.4673 or visit www.buildinghopeinthecity.org under Classes & Training.

Savannah was taking flash cards home to keep learning, demonstrating more confidence and her test scores proved it.

Liu has had a big impact on a student named Mohammed, a high school freshman, as well as several boys the same age. "Before Kevin began volunteering, the attendance of several boys at tutoring was sporadic, at best," says **Anita**

Morrison, BHITC's Director of Urban

TUTORING: By the Numbers

78 school-aged students served weekly through five church partners, as well as an added 48 students through summer reading programs

35% of tutoring students improved their reading level by one full grade level or more

70% of students who consistently attended tutoring were reading at grade level by the end of the school year

Meet Laurie, and Thank You, Anita!

BHITC's newest staff member will help expand literacy and tutoring programs even further!



Kubiak (left) with Morrison (right) using time over the summer to transition and prepare for another school year of tutoring and relationship building.

BHITC is proud to introduce **Laurie Kubiak**, Director of Urban Family Learning Centers, who joined the staff in July.

Kubiak is a veteran instructor of urban and refugee students with a wide variety of education and ministry experience. Currently, she serves as a part-time Educational Instructor at Luther Memorial School. Previously, she held positions with Lorain Cooperative Ministry, Faith Lutheran Church (Avon, Ohio) and the Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation Center.

"The impact Building Hope in the City is having across the city has been incredible to watch over the years," says Kubiak, who lives in Fairview Park with husband Jeff. "I'm looking forward to being a part of the team and witnessing what God does next." Having spent years in the classroom at an urban school, Kubiak has seen first-hand the struggles some students have with reading skills. "An ability to read is critical to progressing in education and life," she adds. "It's a gift we, as God's people, can give easily to others through ministries like tutoring."

As Kubiak transitions in, BHITC also says goodbye to Anita Morrison, who served the organization and countless urban students and families over the past two years – although she's not going too far! Anita moves into a full-time role at Hope Alliance Church in Maple Heights, where her husband, Ron, serves as pastor. BHITC and Hope Alliance are strong ministry partners, including in tutoring ministries. Kubiak and BHITC will continue encouraging the work of the Gospel at Hope Alliance and through the Morrises.

Kubiak can be reached at BHITC at 216.281.4673 or laurie@buildinghopeinthecity.org.

Nehemiah Vision Tour



Saturday, September 19

Tour begins and ends at Building Hope in the City
2031 West 30th Street, Cleveland

9:00 am – 2:00 pm
\$20 per person

**You are invited to observe, discover and experience
Cleveland's mission field!**

Visit ministries, church planters and people BHITC actively partners with for the sake of the Kingdom, giving you an up close and personal view of your "return on investment."

Transportation and boxed lunches, along with a CLE surprise, are provided!

RSVP to Lesa by September 10 at 216.281.4673 or lesa@buildinghopeinthecity.org or online at www.buildinghopeinthecity.org under Upcoming Events.

The Great Outdoors Offers Great Experience for Refugee Youth

New program for refugee youth brings their new world to life through exploring and learning



In Northeast Ohio, the sight of a deer, squirrel or cardinal can be fairly commonplace. For refugee children and youth new to the United States, experiencing the wildlife, trees and sounds native to their new home started an exciting adventure this summer.

Thanks to an incredible partnership between the **City of Cleveland, the Cleveland Metroparks, Ohio State University** and **The Hope Center**, a new and free program is underway called Youth Outdoors, specifically designed for refugee youth connected to BHITC's ministries. Monthly events in the Metroparks take refugee kids on outdoor adventures such as hiking, canoeing, campfires, rock climbing, exploring, snowshoeing and team building exercises. Through new activities each month, the program aims to build leadership skills, relationships with American volunteers and a love for the outdoors, all at the same time.



The first Youth Outdoors event took place in June, where a nature guide from the Metroparks led two Iraqi and two Congolese refugee children along with staff and volunteers on a hike through the Rocky River Reservation.



"During our first outing, we were just a group of people enjoying the outdoors," says **Eileen Wilson**, BHITC's Director of Refugee Resettlement Ministries. "It didn't matter that we came from different countries, different backgrounds and were of different ages. In fact, one Iraqi girl told me at the end of the day that she most enjoyed spending time with the group! It

was a really meaningful day for all of us."

Joshua Hoobler, who works at The Hope Center through a partnership with the Central District of the **Christian & Missionary Alliance**, coordinates the Youth Outdoors program and helps spread the word to families connected through The Hope Center. He said, "It was really good for the kids to get out of the city and experience nature. After the trauma many experienced in their home countries, it's common for even children to face issues like post-traumatic stress. For them to come together to laugh and play in nature is providing much needed relaxation and a slower pace of life."

To learn more about how you can participate in the Youth Outdoors program, visit www.buildinghopeinthecity.org or call 216.281.4673.

SUMMER 2015

SAVE the DATE

October 1
2015

CHRIST, CULTURE and Clarity

2015 Church Leadership
Summit with **Ed Stetzer**



Thursday, October 1, 2015

Cuyahoga Valley Church | 5055 E. Wallings Road, Broadview Hts. 44147

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

\$30 per person | Advanced registration only

How are church leaders to interpret today's times with so many prevailing and seemingly chaotic headwinds? And, better yet, how do these realities shape the work of discipleship, leader formation and mission in your context?

Ed Stetzer comes to Northeast Ohio on October 1 to unpack a few key challenges facing church leaders, pastors and planters. Join us for a day of digging into trends and some of the newest learnings from LifeWay Research. Yes, we sense shifts are underway. But so, too, is the Lord's ever-advancing Kingdom. Ed will help us hear His call once again.

Visit www.buildinghopeinthecity.org for registration details or call 216.281.4673.

KEVIN CULP: Banker, Church Planter and Neighbor

Transform216 participant shares his heart for changing our city one household at a time



In 2013, BHITC and a collaboration of urban pastors and ministry leaders launched the **Transform216** (T216) initiative to provide training and mentoring for future pastors and ministry catalysts. Dynamic, Jesus-loving leaders, such as **Kevin Culp**, bi-vocational church planter of **4 Doors Church**, shown here with his family, are the men BHITC's donors are supporting through this effort. Culp spent a few minutes sharing with us about how God is at work in his life as a non-traditional church planter and the vision he has for leading people closer to Jesus.

BHITC: What's the vision for your church, 4 Doors?

Culp: 4 Doors is a church family of believers on mission together to make tangible the Good News of Jesus. We seek to equip individuals to intentionally live out the Gospel. Our hope is to see lives transformed and neighborhoods and cities come to life. This happens by opening the doors of our homes and lives to invite people in for a conversation, meal or celebration around our tables. We accomplish these through what we call, "Life in 3 Spaces," which means –

Space 1: Where we engage in daily norms and routines and relate to coworkers and neighbors

Space 2: Where we invite non-believers to engage in conversations about Jesus and get to know a community of believers

Space 3: Where people dig deeper into God's Word, often times over a meal where concerns and prayer requests are shared, and believers are equipped to go back into their "first spaces"

BHITC: How have you seen "Life in 3 Spaces" play out in the 4 Doors community?

Culp: We've seen people come who have been disenfranchised with "established religion." They come begrudgingly, at first, but soon realize we desire to be a community that cares about one another first. One particular person, who was very opposed to "religion," soon began asking us for prayer. Many who attend our Friday Night Conversations would not come to a traditional church service. These stories are not uncommon at 4 Doors.

Thank You!

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This newsletter was produced at a very low cost to BHITC, thanks to the generosity of **RE May**, which donates printing expenses.

The result is a newsletter publication that looks far nicer than BHITC could afford otherwise. To learn more about this organization www.remay.com.

BHITC: How has being bi-vocational impacted the church?

Culp: Working full-time as a commercial loan officer in addition to church planting has its challenges. It requires more of my free time because my free time is now the church. What I love about it, though, is that I can't do it alone. Being bi-vocational and living missionally requires every member in our ministry to participate deeply. The reality is that we're all supposed to be doing it together anyway, so "going bi-vocational" just forces that to happen.

Our leadership team has also been instrumental in doing this. Jon and Molly Kapel are doing a year-long internship with us and are doing a great job of connecting with people.

BHITC: Why did you join T216 and what has your experience been like so far?

Culp: My wife Betsy and I joined T216 because we were excited about men and women coming together with others united with the same purpose – to see Kingdom-minded people transform communities. Our spirits have been awakened to a greater calling that goes beyond a single congregation.

We love the diversity of the T216 group. People from all different backgrounds are coming together and seeking the Kingdom of God. T216 is helping us work together to create a network of believers from the city to the suburbs. We are all one in Christ, and it is great to be a part of a program that encourages us to let God lead us to where He is calling us to be. I am full of gratitude for the time that the leaders of T216 have spent listening, coaching, and investing in us!

Want to learn more about T216? Think you or someone you know would like to be part of next year's group of leaders? Visit www.buildinghopeinthecity.org or www.transform216.com for more information.

To learn more about 4 Doors, contact Kevin Culp at 440.773.5042 or kevin.culp@sbcglobal.net. They meet bi-weekly for Sunday Morning Gathering in a home on the east side of Cleveland and weekly for Friday Night Conversations gathering.

CitySERVE 2015: GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

When nearly 400 people gather together to serve God and bless the city, one day makes a big impact!

On May 2, BHITC held its eighth-annual **CitySERVE** in partnership with **Lutheran West High School**, giving time, energy, and sowing love into 40+ Cleveland-area churches, shelters, and urban ministry sites. All over the city, volunteers led fun activities for kids, painted, cleaned, gardened, landscaped, and even served 20,000 pounds of fresh produce to families in need!

"CitySERVE volunteers donated more than 3,000 hours of their time - all in one day!," says **Amy Mitchell**, BHITC's Director of Ministry Engagement, who noted this year's event extended to several new ministry partners, including a community garden, an urban farm and The Hope Center, BHITC's new refugee drop-in hub in West Park. "In total, CitySERVE volunteers blessed 40 area urban churches, agencies and neighborhoods, giving an incredible witness that Jesus is Lord over our entire city."

The photos and stories below represent some of the great ministry accomplished by CitySERVE on May 2.

Bethlehem Community Church, Euclid

David Fuhr, Property Manager at **Bethlehem Community Church** (BCC) in Euclid understands how much of a difference CitySERVE makes. With an aging and small church membership, spring clean-up at BCC's large property is a daunting task for David. "This ministry is a HUGE blessing in helping me sustain the integrity of the property here at BCC. Without CitySERVE, I can honestly say I do not know where BCC would be." CitySERVE volunteers gave 100 man-hours in just a four-hour block of time cleaning up the church property.



A few of the CitySERVE volunteers who blessed Bethlehem Community Church.

A very special thank you to all CitySERVE 2015 donors and sponsors! With your help, CitySERVE 2015 was one of the best years ever!

Old Landmark Ministries, Cleveland

On East 55th Street near Broadway Avenue, a team of 15 CitySERVE volunteers gathered to beautify **Old Landmark**, a home for five homeless women and their children, especially women who are veterans. In just a few hours, "a transformation took place," says **Marlene Barry**, one of the CitySERVE volunteers at Old Landmark. While new coats of paint were applied inside, the weed-filled backyard was turned into a beautiful garden oasis – thanks to a few truckloads of dirt, a lot of sweat equity and the artistic abilities of Lutheran West art students, who painted a mural of flowers on the plain fence to outline and highlight the space.



The backyard at Old Landmark becomes an outdoor oasis, thanks to CitySERVE.

CitySERVE 2015 Photo Gallery:



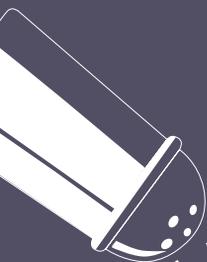
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Salt of the Earth (and City!) at Work in 2014

A summary of 'saltiness' doing what it does best for mission and impact

“you are
THE SALT
of the
earth”
- matthew 5



2014
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REPORT



Empowered by His Spirit, the Lord calls His people the salt of the earth! That's high praise and a high calling, indeed! BHITC's 2014 Annual Report attempts to demonstrate all that Jesus invited us to do for His sake last year. Your support fueled that work greatly, adding greater 'saltiness' to our efforts that yielded some amazing results.

Here are a few highlights:

14 men enrolled in Transform216

Transform216 is BHITC's two-year, multi-denominational coaching and training ministry for emerging church planters, ministry catalysts and pastors.

Two urban church plants with 500+ outreach connections

Hundreds of people were reached through **MetroAlliance Church** and its satellite plant in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood, as well as through the start-up of **Crossroads Lutheran Church**, Brook Park.

47% of tutoring students increased their reading levels

The goal of BHITC's **Urban Family Learning Centers** is two-fold – connecting families to urban churches and seeing gains in academic performance. In 2014, 89 school-aged students were served through five church partners, while an added 11 adults were linked to GED preparation support.

100+ Christmas dreams came true for moms and dads

BHITC provided the **Christmas Store of Hope** for 100+ urban parents, providing low-cost, new gift items for their families.





217 refugees and immigrants paired with BHITC volunteers in mentoring relationships

BHITC's volunteer mentors serve as cultural guides to newly-arriving refugee families. It's BHITC's way of making sure the Church of Jesus lays out the welcome mat for foreigners and strangers in our midst.

Eight refugees in our ministries became U.S. Citizens

BHITC provided assistance with preparing for their citizenship tests, mock citizenship interviews, English as a Second Language classes and Bureau of Immigration Appeals services.



Open Table launched as a pilot ministry to address poverty in our city

In 2014, BHITC and its church partners brought Open Table, a nationally recognized model for poverty alleviation to Northeast Ohio.

\$713,000 in labor value provided to city ministry through BHITC volunteers

YOU provided upwards of a million dollars in impact throughout the city during 2014, blessing hundreds of families and dozens of city ministries and churches.

The complete 2014 Annual Report is available on our website at: <http://buildinghopeinthecity.org/cleveland/about-us/annual-reports/>

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SUMMER 2015

Make a date with urban ministry!

Aug 11

Building Hope: 101 Class

Building Hope in the City

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Aug 11

Refugee 101 Class

Building Hope in the City

Come learn more about refugees in the city of Cleveland

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Aug 21

Tee UP for Hope: Golf Outing 2015

Sweetbriar Golf Club Legacy Course

Spend a day on the links to benefit the ministries of Building Hope in the City

750 Jaycox Road, Avon Lake

10:00 am, Steak dinner to follow

Aug 25

Refugee Mentor Training

Building Hope in the City

Learn how you can welcome a newly arriving refugee family!

6:00 – 8:30 pm

Sept 8

Refugee 101 Class

Building Hope in the City

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Sept 16

Building Hope: 101 Class

Building Hope in the City

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Sept 19

Nehemiah Vision Tour

Building Hope in the City

Observe, discover and experience Cleveland's mission field on this guided shuttle bus tour

9:00 am – 2:00 pm | \$20 per person

RSVPs Required

Sept 26

Refugee Mentor Training

Building Hope in the City

8:30 – 11:30 am

Sept 26

Understanding Poverty Seminar

Grace CMA Church, Middleburg Heights

9:00 am – 2:30 pm (Registration 8:30 am)

\$10 Registration Fee

(Lunch provided for a suggested offering of \$5)

RSVPs Required

Oct 1

Church Leadership Summit with Ed Stetzer

Cuyahoga Valley Church

\$30 Registration Fee | RSVPs Required

Oct 13

Refugee 101 Class

Building Hope in the City

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Oct 20

Building Hope: 101 Class

Building Hope in the City

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Oct 27

Refugee Mentor Training

Building Hope in the City

6:00 – 8:30 pm

Nov 8

Hope Bridges the City: Annual Fall Gala

The Westin Cleveland Downtown

777 St. Clair Avenue NE, Cleveland

Ticket details coming soon!

Nov 14

Refugee Mentor Training

Building Hope in the City

8:30 – 11:30 am

Nov 18

Building Hope: 101 Class

Building Hope in the City

5:30 – 6:30 pm

For more information or to register for any of the above, contact Lesa Hess at 216.281.4673 or lesa@buildinghopeinthecity.org or visit www.buildinghopeinthecity.org.