

# KURDISTAN, IRAQ REFUGEE OUTREACH

**October 2024**  
**Registration Deadline:**  
**May 1, 2024**



Join this team to support our global partners in Kurdistan who have an extensive ministry among refugees (internally displaced and from other neighboring countries) in one of the largest refugee camps in the area, as well as ministry among people who have little to no access to hear about Jesus. Currently they run two phenomenal educational centers which provide practical support, training, and employment opportunities for this vulnerable population. The Kurish people are truly special. and their resiliency will undoubtedly inspire you in more ways than you can imagine.

## **Activities you can expect to participate in...**

**Relational Ministry** - We have been invited by our partners to come and bear witness to the suffering of the people. To hear their stories, grieve together the losses they have experienced, and offer strength and encouragement for moving forward.

**Refugee Outreach** – While the direct nature of our ministry is yet to be determined, plan that we will be engaging with refugees in the centers or in the refugee camps and assisting in the ministry wherever is most helpful!

## **What you can expect logistically...**

All flights, accommodation and transportation will be arranged by Overlake. You can expect to stay in guest houses or modest hotels (with showers and flushing toilets). The food will either be prepared by some of our local friends or eaten in restaurants.

**Service-Learning Trips  
provide an opportunity  
to:**

- Grow our hearts for the nations
- Build deeper relationship with our global partners & our understanding of their ministry
- See what God is doing in the world and how we can be part of it
- Serve in practical ways wherever is most helpful
- Offer prayer and encouragement to our partners and other workers on the field
- Engage in mutually beneficial cultural exchanges
- Learn new ways of doing things or doing ministry from our local hosts.
- Be stretched out of our comfort zones and deepen our intimacy with God and one another.

**Inquire or  
Apply Now!**

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# PREPARATION

We recognize that participating in a trip like this can feel intimidating, however we are committed to help equip you for this experience. You don't need any special qualifications, just a willingness to show up and be used by God. However, in order for you to get the most out of your experience, there are some requests we do ask of you.

**Training Meetings:** Please attend all pre-trip training meetings (approx. six). These are vitally important to your personal preparation, as well as that of the team!

**Prayer Team:** Please build a prayer team of around 5-7 people who will commit to praying for you and the team throughout your experience.

**Financial Team:** Please invite friends and family to partner with you financially. This is an opportunity for others to be involved in the mission as well. We will equip you with resources on how to do this.

**Open Heart:** Please approach this experience with a posture of humility and an open heart. We have so much to learn from our hosts as well as what God wants to do personally in each of our lives. 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.



## TEAM LEADER: Lynne Ellis-Gray

Lynne is the former missions pastor of 15 years here at OCC. She has a huge heart for the nations and can't wait to lead you on an experience to discover your role in God's plan for the nations!

**Approx Cost:**  
**\$1,200 + Airfare**

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

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

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## Payment Deadlines:

Airfare Cost Due  
4 months prior to departure

Final Payment Due  
1 month prior to departure

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## Where to Make Payments:

Payments can be made via check (made out to OCC) or online at:

[www.occ.org/give](http://www.occ.org/give)

Select "Kurdistan"