

SEPTEMBER 2019 Update

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Mission Trip Update

Many thanks to those of you who prayed and/or financially invested in the FIRST overseas Short-Term Mission trip of our Portland church (asischurch.com)!

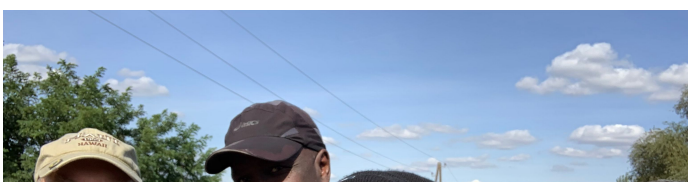
Our team of 5 departed Portland on September 11th and returned September 30th. We served at The Oasis (the refugee ministry center that Vicki and I helped start in 1987) and then went to Rugby, England for our final weekend. Dan and Aaron Lincoln are brothers who grew up in the congregation that As Is Church merged with 18 months ago. Dan and his family have served at The Oasis for over 17 years, while Aaron and his family have been doing community-based outreach, street ministry, and discipleship in England.

It was a fantastic trip in all respects, and we are praying the Lord will use this experience to help us foster a more "Gospel-to-the-nations" mindset in our local church campuses.





We did a variety of things at The Oasis, including service projects (cleaning, organizing, fixing, painting, deconstructing and disposing of an old piano, etc.), serving in outreach programs (clothing give-aways, women and children's ministry events, evangelistic and discipleship meetings, etc.), leading the Staff Worship & Fellowship, cooking and cleaning for a new mom of twins (Linda and Jean did this), playing games and conversing during Coffee House, and making personal appointments to spend time with refugees outside of scheduled programs at The Oasis.





While the bulk of our time was spent at The Oasis in Austria, we were also able to spend quality time with Aaron and Diane Lincoln where they serve in England. We were able to observe the Street Pastors ministry they have been doing for 10 years, attend their church, and spend time talking and praying with them about their life and ministry in Rugby (where, in fact, Rugby was invented).





HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP

- * Team unity was preserved and deepened
- * Missionaries were encouraged
- * Refugees were loved, and relationships were developed
- * A number of Jesus-loving Austrians are very involved in loving on refugees through the Oasis!
- * A high-quality group of AAA people (Americans, Australians, and Austrians) are leading The Oasis ministry and doing a GREAT job!
- * Carol Halm, a dear friend who joined our Oasis ministry only 8 months before we left for Athens, is STILL there and still doing a great job as a woman of God, loving on refugees!
- * Two dear and long-time friends (Steve and Wendy Thomas) who had served overseas with our organization in Austria and Eastern Europe (and have lived in Florida for years now) happened to be traveling in the area and we were able to spend some quality time together!
- * ***Also, a man named Laoj showed up at The Oasis one day asking if anyone who worked there was around in 1987-1988 because he had been a refugee from Hungary who had come to Christ at the Oasis and wanted to thank the Oasis staff for the impact they had on his life. He now lives in California, works in the I.T. industry, and does short-term missions trips all over the world. We were able to have coffee together and have him to***

world. We were able to have coffee together and have him to share his story with me. VERY ENCOURAGING!

THANK AGAIN TO EVERYONE WHO PRAYED AND/OR GAVE!
Please continue to pray for a deepening of heart and broadening of vision in our church for reaching the nations with the Gospel.



Laoj and his fiance Lisa

We are so very grateful for YOU! Because of you, we are able to educate others about sex trafficking, help foster a collaborative spirit amongst churches in an at-risk community, disciple others who will disciple others, and take the Gospel to the nations! Thank you for allowing God to use your prayers and financial investments to help this happen!

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