IAFR Training

IAFR offers principles-based refugee ministry training for churches and mission groups through interactive seminars. Key topics we offer are below.

Our goal is to help people engage with forcibly displaced people in ways that are sustainable, ethical, faithfully Christian, and suited to their unique context.

FOUNDATIONS IN REFUGEE MINISTRY

Refugee Realities - a global overview of forced displacement including key terms and statistics from the refugee highway and relevant international law documents

Biblical Perspective on Refugees - an overview of forcibly displaced people in Scripture and why God cares about refugees

The Continuum of Response - an overview of the needs of displaced people in various phases of the journey from flight to integration and how churches are uniquely suited to recovery work

Recovery Ministry Unpacked - a series of conversations unpacking how to support refugee recovery including practical examples and lessons learned from a variety of contexts

Working in Humanitarian Space - introduces the concept of humanitarian space and how ministry in this area presents distinct challenges; includes discussion of government and other stakeholders, their motivations and concerns, and helpful approaches for engagement

When Evangelism Meets Aid - a discussion on having a faithful Christian witness in refugee ministry; addresses concerns of coercion and ethics in combining a spiritual message and basic aid

Our Goals and Motivations - an invitation to reflect on what drives us in refugee ministry and how we communicate our goals and motivations in an honest and helpful manner

Context Assessments - a tool for identifying the strengths and opportunities for ministry in your context and determining a starting point for beginning or strengthening your ministry

Walking with Wounded Hearts - a basic introduction to trauma for the layperson; how to avoid harm and be a helpful friend to someone who has survived trauma

The Cost of Caring - discussions on how to maintain your own emotional and spiritual health while walking alongside people who are healing from trauma

Additional topics are available on request. Write to training@iafr.org to learn more!