

Exodus World Service

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Sudanese refugees arriving at Uganda refugee camp.
Photo

UNHCR

Join Us in Uganda!

Church leaders in Uganda have asked Exodus to bring a short-term ministry team to help them set up a refugee processing center. Can you join us?

The team will spend approximately two weeks in the Kampala area in late June/early July, 2008. They will be hosted by rural churches, and will have the opportunity to visit refugee camps and worship with both rural and urban church communities. Costs will include roundtrip airfare to Uganda and on-site food, lodging and travel expenses.

Uganda hosts more than 200,000 refugees from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Somalia and Sudan. In addition, thousands of Kenyan refugees are currently fleeing across the border. The country is also coping with 850,000 internally displaced refugees who fled the violence of the Lord's Resistance Army in Northern Uganda.

Please contact [Heidi Schoedel](#) as soon as possible if you want more information about this exciting opportunity!

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Save this date!

Plan now to attend the Exodus World Service Celebration of Hope

Friday, April 4, 2008

6:30 p.m. Reception

7:15 p.m. Dinner

Drury Lane

100 Drury Lane

Oakbrook Terrace, IL

Keynote speaker will be Pastor Mike Breaux. Considered one of the finest communicators in the U.S., Mike uses humor and story telling to inspire listeners to love God and love people.

Upcoming Events

What if it were you?

This Saturday, February 2

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

1313 N. Mill Street

Naperville

What would you grab if you had to leave home in 5 minutes? Where would you go? Who could you trust? How would you survive? Immerse yourself in interactive learning about culture and the refugee experience.

Contact [Julie Garrett](#) for more info.

Mission at Your Doorstep

Friday, February 29 and

Saturday, March 1

Wheaton Bible Church

410 North Cross Street

Wheaton



Burundi refugee prepares dinner at Mkugwa refugee camp in Tanzania. UNHCR photo

Burundi Refugees Welcomed

Exodus volunteers welcomed several Burundi refugee families last year and more are expected to arrive in 2008. Contact [Jessica Davis](#) if you would like to welcome one of these families.

The refugees are primarily of Hutu ethnicity and fled Burundi in 1972 after the Tutsi-dominated government murdered 200,000 Burundians in a campaign of violence. They have been living in isolated camps in remote regions of Tanzania for the last thirty years. They can't return safely to their homes or settle permanently in Tanzania. Most are Christians and few have been exposed to modern amenities, so they need a caring and thorough orientation to life in America.

For more information, check out this [short video about the Burundi refugees](#).

A Valuable Resource

The Cultural Resource Center at the Center for Applied Linguistics offers invaluable information and resources for those involved with refugees. Visit their [web page](#) to find helpful information and links to other sources.

Among publications available – either by purchase or free online viewing in PDF format – are 15 culture profiles on refugees including the Karen and Chin from Burma, Iraqis, Afghans, and Muslims in the U. S. Refugee Backgrounders about new refugee groups – Burundians, Bhutanese in Nepal,

Cross-cultural ministry conference cohosted by World Relief DuPage and Wheaton Bible Church.

To register or for more information, visit their [web page](#).



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Kunama from Eritrea, and Banyamulenge Tutsi – also may be viewed.

In addition, you can purchase orientation DVDs for refugees (available in several languages) and English-other language phrasebooks for volunteers and refugees who speak Vietnamese, Chinese, Farsi, Russian, Polish, Czech, Hungarian, Spanish, Bosnian, and Somali.

***Facing Sudan* Now Available on DVD**

The award-winning documentary *Facing Sudan* was recently released on DVD. The film tells the story of Sudan through the eyes of ordinary individuals and demonstrates that they are able to accomplish extraordinary things to make a difference. The film is available for [purchase on-line](#). A free 24-page [lesson plan](#) for teachers who wish to use the film is also available.
