

# Urban Advocacy

April 2015

## Dates to Remember:

**April 16:** Coalition Night with P.A.T.H. [People Against Trafficking Humans] at the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg in the Quads

**April 17:** *Her Vision, Our Mission* – A Gala to benefit Jericho Road's Global Health Outreach in Sierra Leone [purchase tickets [here](#).]

**May 14:** West Side Ministries Fundraiser [here](#).

### JERICHO ROAD SPIRITUAL CARE

On Tuesdays it's our profound privilege to offer spiritual care at Jericho Road Community Health Center\*. We converse with Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Christians, and those who claim to have little or no faith. It's a rare opportunity to encounter people from around the world in one place and to be able to share God's love. Recently we've met persons from Afghanistan, Bosnia, Burma, Cuba, Iraq, Nepal, Rwanda, Somalia and Thailand.

#### *A Day at Jericho Road C.H.C....*

I opened the examination room door, and my eyes met the bright eyes of a Nigerian woman. Discovery that we both bear names of strong women of the Bible led quickly into further conversation. We spoke of Naomi and Ruth, both refugee widows, whose stories are found in the Old Testament book of Ruth.

Like Naomi and Ruth, refugee women today are familiar with suffering. Some have lost family members. All have lost the life they worked to build.

Formerly a primary school teacher in Nigeria, her teaching days are gone - but, her love for children is obvious.

Invited to stop by her home later that week, we found her surrounded by her grandchildren. To our surprise, her grandchildren were children who had come into our circle through our involvement in Peace of the City After-School program. And, while visiting Grace Community Church with us, she greeted and embraced the church's children as if they were her own.

Like Naomi, refugee women may wonder if God's love for them has run out. Our love and concern for them can help demonstrate to them that it has not.



Please pray for the ministry of Jericho Road. While every staff person is empowered to give spiritual care to the patients they see, this is the focus of the Spiritual Care Team. Please pray for us and for others on the Spiritual Care Team that we would reflect God's love and be led by God's Spirit in our interactions with patients at Jericho Road.

\*For more information on JRCHC, [click here](#).

## THE GLOBAL CHURCH IN BUFFALO

Eighteen Church Leaders from Colombia, South America and friends of the Rochester Youth Association visited Saturday, April 4 to see and learn from holistic ministry models here, and we were inspired as we heard about their work in Colombia as well. Pastor Alberto Lanzot and Dr. Myron Glick introduced them to Jericho Road Community Health Center. Pastor Bob Tice, of River Rock Church-An Assembly of the Nations in the City, shared the great need that Christians be bridge builders in the world which is increasingly globalized. We shared about the work of the Wesleyan Latin American church to reach out in mission to Cuba and Spanish-speaking Equatorial Guinea in Africa, and the ministries of World Hope International and Global Partners. The Colombian pastors represent 700 congregations, 7,500 Compassion International children, a Bible School and mission in 3 countries. These Colombian partners offered prayer for Dr. Glick and a team which travels to Democratic Republic of Congo April 8-15.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Recording now available of Drew Hart's "Racially Reconciling Communities and Justice-Oriented Lives." – [Click here](#) to listen

Read "Newest immigrants confronting crime are hampered by fear and language barrier" – [Click here](#) to access article



### MAKE A DIFFERENCE -

#### Kitchen Remodel at Grace

**Community Church** – Contact us for a time to volunteer.

**Gratitude**- In January we met Lucille Tucker from Oakland Wesleyan Church. Since her husband died 6 years ago she has found comfort by making quilts for people. Twenty-five of her beautiful quilts went to Priscilla Project for low-income, pregnant women and 35 to Buffalo City Mission and homeless families hosted in Grace Community. At age 85, Lucille is making a big difference in Buffalo.

# PRAYER

## Pastor Cap Farrow

returned to Grace Community Palm Sunday weekend after having experienced a broken ankle. At the end of the service he prayed for 10 children surrounding him. Pray for the church's ministry.

**Baptisms** Pray for Pastor Purna's Nepali "Refuge Fellowship" where 14 young adults were just baptized.

Jericho Road Health Center has assumed full responsibility for "Vive," the nation's largest center for those seeking asylum. Pray for the many adjustments and hard work invested.

## Houghton College Buffalo students

(from Burma, Thailand and Puerto Rico) are working very hard to complete their courses by the end of April.

Called upon to serve people of many languages, the **Buffalo Police Department** is working to put a language-access plan into place, to better respond to calls for help. Please pray this will come into place soon.

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