

Urban Advocacy

May 2015

Dates to Remember:

May 2: Saturday, 9:30 am at "Vive," largest refugee shelter on the U.S-Canadian border at 50 Wyoming Ave. Buffalo, NY 14215 - *Volunteers to do heavy lifting; 16 persons needed*

May 16: West Side Ministries Fundraiser- Click [here](#).

TBA in June: Grace Community Kitchen Remodel

July 14-15: Love Buffalo Youth Visit

August 3-7: Vacation Bible School at Grace Community

HOUGHTON COLLEGE BUFFALO



Photo: Houghton College

Promising Students in a "Glocal" Community

At the closing chapel for this academic year we gave thanks for a great journey together with the students. In some ways we're sorry to see the year come to a close, even as these young adults push forward to complete their work and forge ahead. Two of the students, who transferred in, will actually graduate this year. God has led us all to a community on the west side of Buffalo that is *global* in a unique *local* context, aptly described as "*glocal*."

Vision to Serve

One promising student, David Htoo, is a guitarist who helped with music in chapels through the academic year. Dr. Cameron Airhart, Dean for Houghton College Buffalo, writes that David "came to the United States over four years ago from a Thai refugee camp where he graduated from high school. He left his family in the camp so that he could get an education in America, and he arrived here alone."



His goal is to finish college and go back to the Thai refugee camp to open a computer school, because he wants other refugees to know that they 'were not abandoned by God even though they were abandoned by their government and other nations' "

GLOBAL MINISTRY IN BUFFALO



Exploratory trip for medical work in Democratic Republic of Congo

Dr. Myron Glick (Jericho Road Community Health Center), Pastor Paul Gartley (Wesleyan Church of Hamburg), Fidele Menavanza (Congoese attorney -River Rock Church leader) and Paul Violanti (Global Missions Director for Jericho Road) traveled the week after Easter. The painting above from the clinic in Goma captures the spirit of compassion in that place of need. Pray for wisdom and provision of resources as Jericho Road continues ministry in Sierra Leone and considers outreach to other countries.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Buffalo Urban Mission Partnership offers one-year city internships for young adults: click [here](#)

To see a video of the **Nepali Refuge Fellowship service**, click [here](#)

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PRAYER

Houghton College Buffalo students, faculty and staff as they conclude their first year of studies.

Grace Community Church as they house **homeless families** May 1st-8th



Pastor Cap 's full recovery from a broken ankle

River Rock Church Pastor Bob Tice - recovery from knee surgery

16 main campus **Houghton College students** in education will live and serve in Buffalo for May term

Nepal relief

Ethiopian Christians mourning the killing of family members in Libya and others captured

Reconciliation and healing in **Baltimore & other cities**