

You have the opportunity to impact the Turkey/Balkans. Are you up for the challenge?

Syrian Refugees of Turkey



*"It is **too small a thing** for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the **nations**, that my salvation may **reach to the ends of the earth.**"*
— Isaiah 49:6—

Map of refugee population in Turkey



There are large populations of Syrian Refugees in Turkey that are completely unengaged. Only Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir would be considered engaged. (And still, there are large populations of Syrians in some neighborhoods in Istanbul that are totally unengaged.). Most other provinces have Syrian Refugee populations with no witness.

The overwhelming majority of workers among Syrian refugees are focused on relief work and some development, which are huge needs among the refugee population. However, for the most part, neither church planting nor DMM is not happening among Syrian Refugees in Turkey.

Quick Facts

Population: 3,800,000 in Turkey

Global Population: 6,600,000 Globally

Progress: Unreached

Language: Arabic



Opportunities to Engage

Many Syrians want to make a new life in Turkey; they are not planning to go back to Syria. Doors to the west are closing for refugees. Subsequently, the less transient the Syrian refugee population, the better the conditions are for church planting. Undoubtedly Syrian refugees suffer from trauma, but five years from now, they will be in a different place, practically and psychologically speaking. Many will have integrated into Turkish society. They will have created more stability in their lives. We need workers now.

There are 4-6 teams currently serving the refugee population in Turkey which opportunities for: Arabic speakers from the Arab world willing to relocate to Turkey and work among Syrians. First-time field workers who already know Arabic. Teachers who can do After-School tutoring in a variety of subjects. Those with knowledge or experience in developing “After School Programs.” Entrepreneurs who can start businesses that cater to Syrians or can provide jobs for Syrians.

“To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia (all are in modern Turkey), who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.”

— 1 Peter 1:1-2 —

Prayer Points

- Pray that in this time of civil strife and sorrow Syrian Arabs will seek and find the Servant King.
- Pray for help for Syrian refugees in Turkey so they can get the services they need to eventually find a place of flourishing.
- Ask the Lord to call people who are willing to reach out and share the love of Christ with Syrian Arabs.
- Pray that God will raise up faithful intercessors who will stand in the gap for the Syrian Arabs in Turkey.
- Pray that their traditional Muslim culture will soften, creating open doors for the gospel to be preached among them.
- Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches among Syrian Arabs in Turkey.



Is God calling you to live among the Muslim peoples of the Turkey/Balkans?

**Contact us.
We would love to help you get there!**

