

Local Opportunities

Connected to our 4 focuses

Fight Spiritual Inequity (Gospel)

- **Participate with the Muslim Conversation & Prayer Team**

Join us as we listen, pray, engage in conversation, and enjoy learning more about the nations who call this area home. Every 6 weeks, we go out and explore areas of the greater Seattle area, observing needs in the community where a concentration of Muslims live. Our desire is to see people of other faith backgrounds experience the love of Jesus through genuine curiosity, humility and relationship. Contact Marc at marceb@msn.com for more info or visit [HERE](#).

- **Multicultural Prayer Gathering**

Let us gather the nations here at Overlake to pray for the nations! Praying for God's work in the world, our own ministries, our global partners, and the unreached. Prayer welcome in all languages. We meet every 3rd Sunday after service in the OCC chapel. Contact Bisetsa at bisetsa.kimu@gmail.com for more info or visit [HERE](#).

- **Adopt an Unreached People Group or Cause**

Overlake is working among various unreached people groups and different causes. What would it look like to spend time praying for a people/cause, learning about them, investing financially as you are able, and finding ways to serve connected to them? Contact LauraA@occ.org for details.

Advocate for the Displaced (Homes)

Homeless:

Serve with the Safe Parking Team

This is a team of Overlakers who provide care and support for those experiencing homelessness. This program provides a safe place for men and couples with no place to stay, to live in their cars in Overlake's back parking lot while we work together toward securing permanent housing and other resources. Ways you can help either one time or on a continual basis are:

- **Prepare & Serve a Meal**

Prepare & serve a meal for our safe parking guests. Meals are served every Saturday and once a month on Mondays. Click [HERE](#) to sign up. If Saturday doesn't work, we welcome lunches during the weekday as well!

- **Assist with Shower Ministry**

Mon-Thurs and Saturdays (9am-1pm) Overlake opens our doors for people who need showers. You can help check people in, provide towels, offer instructions and relationship to our guests.

- **Donate Gift Cards**

QFC, Fred Meyer, Target, and gas cards are most helpful.

Contact Tom Boerman, TomB@occ.org or visit [HERE](#) to serve with this team.

Refugees:

Serve with the Refugee Care Team

This is a group of Overlakers who are caring for refugees in our own backyard in partnership with [World Relief](#). Here are ways you can serve either one time or on a continual basis with our team are:

- **Host Home Supporter**

Our team is periodically matched with newly arrived refugee families here on the Eastside for the purpose of developing relationship and helping them to adjust to life in the US. For more information email Marc at marceb@msn.com or visit [HERE](#).

- **Host a Refugee Family**

Provide a temporary home for newly arrived refugees and asylees. Opportunities are available from just a few days to up to 6 weeks. For more information click [HERE](#) or contact Angela Whitfield at AWhitfield@wr.org.

- **Become a Cultural Companion**

Walk alongside a refugee and/or asylee in order to help them in their adjustment to life in the US. Click [HERE](#) for more info on this opportunity. Also available, [youth mentors](#) for refugees arriving between the ages of 18-24! Contact Angela Whitfield at AWhitfield@wr.org for more info.

- **Donate Household Items**

Refugees and asylees often flee their homes at a moment's notice and have nothing with them when they arrive to the US. Here are ways you can help furnish an apartment for a newly arrived refugee family.

- [Donate used furniture and household items](#)
- [Create Household Kits](#)
- [Shop the Amazon Wish List](#) or donate Gift Cards

Foster & Adoptive Parents:

Serve with the Foster & Adoptive Parent Care Team

Being a caregiver for children from hard places is hard work. Period. Overlake is committed to providing the care and support that foster and adoptive parents so desperately need! Here are ways you can serve either one time or on an ongoing basis:

- **Assist with Childcare**

Assist with childcare for foster/adoptive parents to be able to attend OCC's monthly foster & adoptive parent support group. Childcare is onsite at the church. The more hands the better!

- **Offer Respite Care**

Foster and Adoptive parents need breaks!! Meaning, from their kiddos. If you would be willing to take the kids to the park, watch them so parents could have a date night, or take them for a bike ride. Even an hour or two break can make all the difference for a foster or adoptive parent.

Contact Elaine Ranson, elaine.ranson@gmail.com or visit [HERE](#) to serve with this team!

Empower Freedom (Freedom)

- **Serve with the Empower Freedom Team**

COMING SOON: This team will be for those who would like to be involved in caring for and offering community for women who have experienced exploitation. Email alexm@notabandoned.org for more info.

- **Serve with the Re-entry Team for the Incarcerated**

COMING THIS FALL: This team will provide supportive relationships to inmates who will reside in our community upon their release from prison. We will build relationship before their release, help them build release plans together, and walk with them after their release from prison. Email DuaneD@occ.org for more info.

- **Serve with KidTown Clubhouse**

KidTown Clubhouse is a safe, inclusive environment for children of all abilities to feel loved and included while learning how precious they are to their Creator. The Clubhouse is available every Sunday morning during worship. For more information on how to help out, email TinaK@occ.org.

Pursue Peacemaking (Peacemakers)

- **Join a Be the Bridge Group**

Be the Bridge Groups are designed to lead a multi-racial group of people through a study on the key steps in the racial reconciliation process.

Global Opportunities

- **Pray for our Global Partners**

We cannot underestimate the power of prayer when it comes to our work globally! Most movements by God always are preceded by prayer. Click [HERE](#) for a list of our global partners!

- **Join or Lead a Service-Learning Trip**

Service-learning Trips are wonderful opportunities to become familiar with our work around the world, encourage our global partners, and serve the needs on the ground. Click [HERE](#) for more information and up-to-date opportunities!

- **Join the Nations-to-Nations Cohort**

This group is specifically designed for anyone with a heart for a particular nation, people group, or ministry back in their home country. It is a place to connect, collaborate, encourage, and equip one another to strengthen an existing ministry or catalyze something new for greater missional impact. For more information, click [HERE](#).

- **Host a Global Partner**

We often have a need for short-term housing for our global partners when they are in town. Do you have an extra room(s) or mother-in-law suite you could offer? Or would you be willing to host a gathering in your home so people can hear about the ministry?

- **Give**

Your giving to Overlake, helps us to be able to fund this incredible work around the world! Did you know that 10% of our budget goes toward local & global outreach? Your contribution matters! Click [HERE](#) to donate toward our global initiatives.

Contact Pastor Laura, LauraA@occ.org for more information on global opportunities!