

Service Opportunities for Small Groups

Connected to our local & global partners

Local Opportunities

Safe Parking: Prepare & Serve a Meal

OCC has a Safe Parking ministry to provide a temporary and safe place for up men and couples with no place to stay except their vehicles. These guests are living in their cars in the Overlake back parking lot while we work together toward securing permanent housing and other resources.

Every Monday & Saturday, Overlake hosts a meal for these guests. Small groups can help by providing and serving the meal to our residents either one time or could set up a regular routine such as once a month or once a quarter.

- Person to contact: Tom Boerman, TomB@occ.org
- Commitment: 1X or ongoing

Foster & Adoptive Support: Provide Childcare

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!

One way your small group can help is by offering to provide childcare for OCC's once a month foster & adoptive parent support group. This greatly increases the ability for parents to attend the group! Childcare is onsite at the church. The more hands the better!

- Person to contact: Elaine Ranson, elaine.ranson@gmail.com
- Commitment: 1X or ongoing

World Relief: Prepare Welcome Kits

World Relief is a humanitarian organization working locally to help refugees resettle here in Western WA. Refugees and asylees often flee their homes at a moment's notice. Small groups can be utilized by preparing Welcome Kits to provide the basic items needed for people as they resettle in WA. There are household kits, school kits, and travel kits that are needed. Click [HERE](#) for more info on Welcome Kits!

- Point of contact: Vienna Christensen, VChristensen@wr.org
- Commitment: Minimal

Host a Fundraiser or Gift Card Drive

What would it look like for your small group to host either a fundraiser or a “Gift Card Drive” and collect gift cards for one or a few of these ministries connected to Overlake? Many of our local partners have a great need for gift cards that can be used anywhere from buying essential needs for children in foster care, to gas for a homeless person, to clothing for women experiencing sexual exploitation, to beds for a newly arrived refugee family. We welcome gift cards of all types Visa/mastercards, Target, Fred Meyer, Amazon, gas cards, grocery cards, just to name a few.

- Person to contact: Laura Abelarde, LauraA@occ.org
- Commitment: Minimal

Host an Educational Event for a Local or Global Partner

Gather your small group, invite friends, and invite one of our ministry partners to share more about their ministry! You can even make it into a fundraiser if you want!

- Person to contact: Laura Abelarde, LauraA@occ.org
- Commitment: Minimal

Host a Book Club

Encourage your small group to read a book together connected to a cause that Overlake is passionate about!

- Person to contact: Laura Abelarde, LauraA@occ.org
- Commitment: Minimal

Global Opportunities

Join a Service-Learning Trip

Throughout the year, Overlake offers several service-learning experiences connected to Overlake partners around the world. These are wonderful opportunities for small groups to serve together and become more familiar with our work around the world! Sometimes we can even coordinate an entire trip just for your small group! Click [HERE](#) for up-to-date opportunities or contact Laura for customizable trips for your group!

- Person to contact: Laura Abelarde, LauraA@occ.org
- Commitment: 4 months (pre-trip planning plus actual trip)

Form a Global Partner Care Team

Overlake has over 30 different local & global partners around the world. One way that small groups can be involved in the ministry globally is by providing prayer and relational support to our partners. We would be happy to match your small group up with one of our partners. This is a great way to get to know the ministry and be involved!

- Point of contact: Laura Abelarde, LauraA@occ.org
- Commitment: 1 year

Adopt an Unreached People Group or Cause

Overlake is involved in ministry all around the world, including work among unreached people groups and focusing our efforts on different causes. One way your small group could get involved is by adopting an unreached people group or cause. What this could look like is spending time praying for the people, learning more about the people group and/or cause, consider investing financially as you are able, and maybe even find ways that you could serve connected to it.

- Point of contact: Laura Abelarde, LauraA@occ.org
- Commitment: 1 year