

Partnerships Shine in a Crisis

For several years, **New Hope Church** in suburban Minneapolis has been developing a relationship with a pastor in the Middle East. This gifted national leader has planted a number of churches and opened a community center. As a flood of refugees began to pour into his city, the center shifted its focus to serve displaced people which consisted primarily of women and children.

At the same time as they were deepening this overseas relationship, New Hope was also linking with several other US congregations who shared their desire to support what this pastor was doing. One of the partners took the lead in children's ministry, and the other partners joined them. Because all of the partners already have a firm base of mutual trust and collaboration, they are poised to quickly expand their collaboration as the refugee crisis intensifies and takes on long-term proportions.

Missions Pastor Herb Janes shares his principles:



1. Come around a national leader you know and trust, and whose ministry God is blessing.
2. Begin with a partnership orientation. Whenever possible, join with other churches that bring experience and expertise you may not have.
3. Combine your efforts in a way that addresses the humanitarian crisis holistically, but also lends itself to church planting and evangelism.