THE ROAD TO HOPE

SPEAKING POINTS FOR PASTORS/PRESENTERS

• The humanitarian crisis in Venezuela continues. Millions of people are forced to flee the country as living conditions further deteriorate.
  • (Issues include massive inflation and unemployment; shortages of food, water, medicine and healthcare; frequent power outages and violent protests.)

• Because almost all roads out of Venezuela cross their border with Colombia, people are streaming into that country.

• Imagine if there was a river of people flowing past our church every day, forced to leave their home and looking for a place to survive. Surely we would want to help them.

• This is exactly what is happening to our Foursquare brothers and sisters in Colombia. They are working hard to minister to and equip these families for the difficult journey ahead, but they need our help to finance this massive endeavor.

• These refugees are on both a literal and spiritual Road to Hope, and our Colombian churches are helping them along both of those journeys. This Christmas, we are joining Foursquare Disaster Relief (FDR) and Foursquare Missions International (FMI) to help these Colombian churches care for the refugees outside their front doors.

• Our children will be raising funds in jars like these. This is a great opportunity to teach your children about how we can use our money to help those in need, and why that is especially important during the Christmas season.

• Whatever our kids give, we can match or even multiply as a congregation. It only takes $27 to give someone a hot meal upon arrival and a pack with a month’s worth of food for the journey. This Christmas, our whole church family can help gift food to refugee families.

• The wise men followed the star on a road toward a new hope, and they brought gifts as a sign of respect and devotion to Jesus. Later in His life, Jesus said that how we care for the least among us, is how we care for Him. Now it’s our turn to bring gifts for those looking for hope.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray for the safety of refugees as they face a dangerous, arduous journey, and that they would experience Jesus on their road to hope. Pray also for those serving in Colombia.

2. Pray for a quick and peaceful resolution to the political and economic disaster in Venezuela, that homes, families and livelihoods there may be restored.

3. Pray that FDR’s efforts will be fruitful this Christmas and be a major help to our Foursquare family in Colombia as they spend their Christmas serving their refugee neighbors.