

# Clarkston Mission Opportunity Details

**When:** July 9-15

**Where:** Clarkston, Ga (North East side of Atlanta)

**How Much:** Church Member price = \$150

**Deadline to sign up:** August 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Who can go?** Anyone 12+ (if under 16 must have a parent/guardian)

## Overview

Atlanta is a vibrant city that's a magnet for business, an area where tens of thousands of students attend universities, and a community that has such diversity of cultures that more than 100 languages are spoken here. But there are also significant needs.

The Atlanta suburb of Clarkston, where the Send Relief ministry center is located, is one of the most diverse communities in America. Known as the "Ellis Island of the South," nearly 70% of the population is foreign-born, representing more than 50 countries with more than 100 distinct ethnic groups—all living within 1.4 square miles. This provides tremendous opportunities for churches and individuals to invest in the residents of this unique community.

This six-day Atlanta Mission Trip is an immersive experience at the Send Relief Ministry Center, allowing you to engage in refugee ministry as well as various ministry outreach projects throughout the Atlanta metro area.

## What will you do:

Teams will be participating in a variety of compassion opportunities that can include apartment outreach, food pantry ministry, after-school programs, sports ministry, canvassing, prayer walking, homeless ministry, physical labor, serving at-risk families, and university campus ministry.

About a third of the trip will also include aspects of training and equipping so that volunteers can learn how to better serve the international and refugee communities in their cities.

REFUGEE INFO –

see <https://www.unrefugees.org> for more facts

## Who is a refugee?

A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. Most likely, they cannot return home or are afraid to do so. War and ethnic, tribal and religious violence are leading causes of refugees fleeing their countries.

68% of those displaced across borders come from just five countries: [Syria](#), [Venezuela](#), [Afghanistan](#), [South Sudan](#) and [Myanmar](#).

## Global Trends At-a-Glance

By the end of 2020, 82.4 million individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, violence or human rights violations. That was an increase of 2.9 million people over the previous year, and the world's forcibly displaced population remained at a record high. This includes:

- 26.4 million refugees in the world—the highest ever seen;
- 48.0 million internally displaced people; and
- 4.1 million asylum-seekers.
- 3.9 million Venezuelans displaced abroad