



International Teams Austria (ITeams AT) helps Ukrainian Refugees

Destroyed houses, desperate people, dead and injured, hundreds of thousands fleeing. The first Refugees from Ukraine have arrived in Austria already, that is only 300 miles (500 km) from the Ukrainian border. The willingness to help is huge. Many aid agencies are active, and the Austrian government is supporting the arrivals. The majority are woman with children and elderly people.

We as ITeams AT are used to these movements and have a functional infrastructure. We have served Refugees wholistically in Austria since 1987, and our focus is on long-term care, even though we help immediately if there is a basic need.

Community Center in Vienna

Leadership:

Lead by Rebekah & Colin Lyons from Australia in partnership with WEC Australia.

We both have a passion for walking alongside refugees, sharing with them our lives and the hope of salvation found in Christ. As well as his desire to share the gospel and disciple, Colin would like to foster community using sport and activities in nature. Rebekah has been further developing her skills by attending training courses in using the creative arts to build community and to help in the healing process of those suffering from trauma. She looks forward to increased opportunities to use these skills, particularly with women and children.



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What is the Need in Vienna?

We have been serving refugees with International Teams Austria at *The Oasis* in Traiskirchen for 9 years now, and during this time we have also been meeting with refugees in Vienna. We have noticed that many refugees tend to get 'lost' in Vienna. Feeling alone and isolated, they often tell us that they wish there was an 'Oasis' that they could go to in Vienna.

There are many Christians in Vienna who would like to minister to refugees but need some help to connect. As a result, we have been in discussion for the past few years with the director of International Teams Austria, about developing refugee ministry in Vienna.

What is the Vision for Vienna?

Our vision is to develop a ministry that would be beneficial to the needs of refugees in Vienna. It would seek to help refugees and immigrants to integrate into Austrian society, through connection with the local and ethnic churches in Vienna and the general community. A motivation for this



refugee work is to love the foreigner in the name of Jesus. This International Teams ministry will have connections with The Oasis and other refugee ministries.

We aim to be a ministry:

- that is a connecting point for refugees/immigrants, Christians and the community
- in which all are welcome
- where people can express, develop and share their creative skills
- where all can experience love, hope and healing
- where people can come together to share and express their cultures
- to provide a bridge for people to explore and grow in the Christian faith

We aim find a place to rent in a central location. We would like space for: meeting with refugees; discipleship; community, creative and cultural activities; as well as an office space. Ideally, it would have an office, activity room/s, plus a toilet and kitchen. The ministry operating costs will include: monthly rent, utilities and ministry expenses, as well as one off set up costs.

Estimated Costs:

Total costs per month: approx. 1 400+ Euros
Total One-off Costs: approx. 5 000+ Euros

Breakdown of Costs:

Monthly Costs:

- Rental cost approx. 1 000+ euros per month
- Utilities approx. 100 euros per month
- Ministry Expenses approx. 300 euros per month

One off Costs:

- a rental bond of approx. 3 000+ euros
- Set up costs of approx. 2 000 Euros

Please pray with us as we seek God's wisdom, guidance, and provision of a place for ministry in Vienna.

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Our “Oasis” team in Traiskirchen, where the Initial Reception Facility is located, offers the following:



- an evening coffee bar
- introduction to the Gospel
- clothing room
- the use of the Jesus film in more than 40 different languages
- distribution of Bibles and Christian literature in the mother tongue of the refugees
- children's and women's ministries
- personal small and large group Bible studies
- discipleship relationships
- relief ministry (meeting some of the basic needs of refugees)
- practical assistance (filling out forms, transportation for medical help)
- emergency assistance
- Trauma therapy in small groups using music

Needs at the moment:

- Translation of brochures into Ukrainian
- Christian literature in Ukrainian
- Christian literature for kids in Ukrainian
- Strollers for babies and toddlers
- Sanitary items
- Clothes for women and children

Estimated Costs:

- Approximately 2.000,- Euros

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Our “House of Hope” team in Linz offers the following:



Besides similar programs to the Oasis, the House of Hope can offer emergency accommodation for a Ukrainian refugee family. The team van can be used to bring needed goods to churches and missionaries in neighboring countries like Romania and Poland.

Needs at the moment:

- Basic equipment like mattresses, bedding, food, and sanitary items.
- Support for transport with the team van and accommodation for the team on the road

Estimated Costs:

Approximately 3.000,- Euros

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Other activities around the Ukrainian crisis:



- We are in contact with ITeams Ukraine, where they are hosting around 50 internally displaced people at a Bible college. They have basic needs in caring for the women with many children.
- We are also in contact with a church in Croatia, who just picked up a Ukrainian family with 5 children from the Hungarian border to host them in their church building. This small church does not have the resources to care for this family. They need outside help.
- We are in a network of many other churches and ministries in Central Europe, and we are open to help wherever God shows us a need.

Estimated Costs:

- Whatever we receive will be forwarded where it is most needed.

Please pray with us as we seek God's wisdom, guidance, and provision for our ministries.

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