



Ministry Location: San Diego, California

There are few cities in the United States that rival San Diego, California in terms of its beauty and climate. San Diego County has over 70 miles of some of the best beaches in the country, in addition to some of the United State's best attractions, including Sea World and the San Diego Zoo. With a population of 1.3 million people in the city and a total of 3 million in San Diego County, it is the second largest city in California and the eighth largest in the United States.

Unfortunately, like many other of our nation's cities, San Diego has very marginalized populations who live in desperate need. According to a 2008 report by the Center on Policy Initiatives, San Diego has over 320,000 residents living in dire poverty, with single moms with children comprising 30% of that number. Additionally, as of the 2011 homeless census, there are over 9,000 people experiencing homelessness in San Diego.

Beyond all of that, San Diego is one of the largest cities in the country for refugee resettlement. A refugee is defined as, "a person who has been forced to leave their home and seek refuge elsewhere." According to the San Diego Refugee Forum, San Diego is "home to more than 150,000 refugees, asylum seekers, and asylees from Southeast Asia, East Africa, Burma, Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, Bosnia, Kosovo, the Former Soviet Union and other war-torn regions of the world."

We are very excited to be partnering with several ministries and churches to specifically serve this growing refugee community in San Diego. The community is comprised of people from some of the most truly marginalized and oppressed countries worldwide. We would love for your group to join us as we partner with these great local ministries in San Diego to serve and show the love of Christ to people from all over the world. In San Diego, world missions has truly come to our own backyard!

We invite you to join what God is doing, and to help us bring the light of the Gospel to the people of San Diego, California.