

'Connecting with the international community, Asylum seekers and refugees'

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Introduction

- Open Doors
- Ukraine and refugees in Poland.
- Matthew 25v31-36





Holiday



A crises of people on the move...





ARCTIC OCEAN

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Greenland
(Denmark)

Svalbard
(Norway)

United States

Canada

United States

Russia

Iceland

U.K.

Ireland

Norway

Sweden

Finland

Estonia
Latvia
Lithuania

Poland

Belar.

Den.

Neth.

Belg.

Germany

Ukraine

Mol.

Portugal

Spain

France

Italy

Armenia

Turkey

Cyprus

Syr.

Lebanon

Israel

Jordan

Saudi Arabia

U.A.E.

Qatar

Oman

Pakistan

Afghanistan

Iran

Kazakhstan

Mongolia

China

Japan

N. Korea
S. Korea

PACIFIC OCEAN

ATLANTIC OCEAN

Mexico

Caribbean

PACIFIC OCEAN

Central America

Venez.

Guyana

Suriname

French Guiana
(France)

Ecuador

Colombia

Guinea-Bissau

Guinea

Sierra Leone

Liberia

Cote d'Ivoire

Ghana

Benin

Togo

Nigeria

Chad

Eritrea

Sudan

South Sudan

Ethiopia

Ken.

Somalia

Uganda

Rwanda

Burundi

Peru

Bolivia

Paraguay

Brazil

Chile

Argentina

Uruguay

ATLANTIC OCEAN

Western Sahara

Morocco

Algeria

Libya

Egypt

Saudi Arabia

U.A.E.

Qatar

Oman

India

Bangl.

Sri Lanka

Laos

Vietnam

Taiwan

Thailand

Cambodia

Philippines

Malaysia

Indonesia

Timor-Leste

Papua New Guinea

Solomon Islands

New Caledonia

Fiji

INDIAN OCEAN

Madagascar

Australia

New Zealand

Definitions...

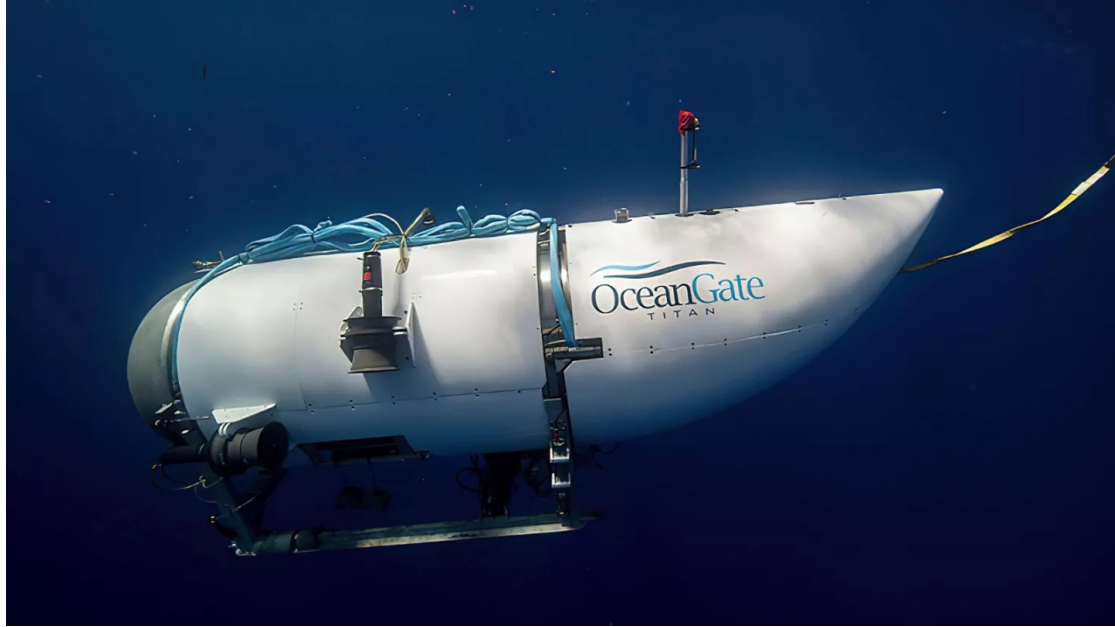
1.A migrant – A person who moves away from their usual residence within a country or across an international border for a variety of reasons.

2.Refugee – A person can gain refugee status on the ground of fear of persecution because of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, political group, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable to avail of the protection of that country.

3.Asylum seeker – A person seeking international protection. Claim is not yet accepted. Every refugee is at one time an asylum seeker.



Maslow's hierarchy of needs







UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND

The Kingdom of God

Hope for the refugee and primary identity of a Christian.

Connecting - Learning from the refugee story.

- Crises, war and displacement make the Christian story more explicit.
- Matthew 6:34 – One day at a time.
- 2 Corinthians 4v18 – Hope in the unseen.
- Ephesians 6v10-20 – The armor of God.
- Hebrews 13:14 – We await the city that is to come.

Chapter

IV

from C.S. Lewis' *The Weight of Glory*

Learning In Wartime

A sermon preached in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Oxford, Autumn, 1939

Connecting –
Truth to
power

CHRISTIAN POLITICAL WITNESS
IN AN AGE OF TOTALITARIAN TERROR
AND DYSFUNCTIONAL DEMOCRACIES

JESUS AND THE POWERS



N.T. WRIGHT &
MICHAEL F. BIRD

Challenging prejudice.

- 1.Economic challenges.
- 2.Safety and terrorism.
- 3.Policies and sacrifice.



Reaching the International Community



Holistic help



The Church as a team
(+Limitations).



Skill exchanging.



Technology.



The crises and the
next generation.

Moving forward

- Crises.
- See yourself in the migrant story.
- Learn from displaced people.
- Think critically through assumptions.
- Bring the lens of the Biblical story and the Kingdom of God to the international community.
- Be part of the solution.



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