Refuge Ministries International

25000 Refuge Avenue, Gaye Town, Old Road
Monrovia, Liberia
+231886753289 | +231776913966 | +231886101317
Email: info@refugeministriesinternational.com

KNOW THE VISION (Habakkuk 2:2-3, 1 Corinthians 14:8)

About Refuge Ministries International

Refuge Center, also known as Refuge International Ministries, is a Bible-based, evangelistic, and Spirit-filled, non-denominational church organization. We are a church commissioned by the Almighty God to help people begin with Jesus, become more like Jesus, belong to Jesus, and be the best for Jesus.

Out of a vision by the founder, Pastor J. T. Cepheus Soclo, Refuge International Ministries was inaugurated on Sunday, December 15, 2019. Before the inauguration, on April 23, 2003, God gave the mandate, ***"I am saving you to save others, beginning with your nation (Luke 22:32).*** Therefore, we are all about saving souls and establishing them in Christ for excellence.

Refuge International Ministries is a people-oriented ministry, and we reveal Jesus Christ as the surest security for all. The Holy Spirit inspires and uses the message of restoration, transformation, and excellence to save souls. Refuge is incorporated and registered with the Government of the Republic of Liberia. Pastor J. T. Cepheus Soclo and Henrietta Winnie Soclo are the Lead and co-pastors.

OUR VISION

To have people restored, transformed, and established in Christ for excellence - Luke 22:32

OUR MISSION

Communicating the Word of God in love and giving the hope of Christ to people who will begin with Jesus, become like Jesus, belong to Jesus, and be the best for Jesus - 2 Timothy 2:2, Acts 1:8; 4:20, Jeremiah 20:9

The Mission 4B

1. BEGIN with Jesus - Restoration
2. BECOME more like Jesus - Transformation
3. BELONG to Jesus - Establishment
4. BEST for Jesus - Excellence

OUR FOUR PILLARS

Prayer, Evangelism, Giving, and Discipleship

Who We Are

Refuge Ministries International is a nondenominational gospel-centered ministry serving communities in Liberia. Refuge Ministries International's mission is to make a meaningful difference through church planting, education, healthcare, agriculture, and economic empowerment. We are restoring lives in Liberia through gospel-centered action. Through practical ministry and compassionate service, we help people live with dignity, purpose, and excellence.

OUR STRATEGY AND RATIONALE

We have developed five program areas that we believe the Lord has laid on our hearts as a mission to the world. These program areas are channels through which we actively and effectively reach nations, demonstrating the global impact of our work. They are Evangelism/Missions, Education, Agriculture/Food Security, Healthcare, and Entrepreneurship.

Refuge Ministries International serves children, families, and communities near Monrovia through church planting, Christ-centered education, healthcare, economic empowerment, agriculture, and safe water initiatives. Among our five missions, the Refuge Center (the Church) and the Refuge Academy of Creativity and Excellence (RACE Academy) provide ongoing healthcare support and community development. Founded in 2019, Refuge Ministries International has grown from a church-based vision into a holistic work that meets both spiritual and practical needs. Today, RMI is serving students, families, and women through education, discipleship, training, and care.

Five Areas of Holistic Ministry

- Church Planting: Strengthening the Refuge Center through discipleship, worship, evangelism, and local leadership.
- Education: Helping RACE Academy provide Christ-centered, tuition-free education for underserved children.
- Healthcare: Supporting basic care, hygiene supplies, diagnostic tools, and family health needs.
- Agriculture: Building practical pathways toward food security and community sustainability.
- Economic Empowerment: Equipping single mothers with training, tools, and confidence for small-business income.

Evangelism/Mission (Church Planting**):** We launch local evangelism efforts and explore global outreach. As part of our mission, everything we do in the kingdom of God aligns with biblical evangelism. We will evangelize our communities and nations to save more souls. With purpose

and passion, our ministry is affection (love) for God. Our mission includes reaching the world with the gospel of Christ and developing affordable housing units to accommodate members, new converts, and the needy.

Education: Beginning in Liberia, we will have biblical teaching throughout all locations. With God's help, our priority is to establish primary, secondary, and tertiary institutions that encompass technical and vocational education. Our engagement focuses on empowering people to transform the world.

RACE: To fulfill Refuge Ministries International's vision, RACE serves as an educational arm that enlightens students to serve with integrity and excellence worldwide. RACE is a tuition-free institution that was inaugurated with 30 underprivileged children, aged 3 to kindergarten, in Gaye Town, Old Road, Monrovia, Liberia. This initiative is our commitment to providing quality education to all, regardless of their financial status.

Refuge Academy of Creativity and Excellence (RACE Academy) is a Refuge Ministries International mission to make a meaningful difference through church planting, education, healthcare, agriculture, and economic empowerment. We launched RACE Academy on October 10, 2022, as part of our education mission.

Refuge Academy of Creativity and Excellence (RACE Academy) 's vision is to equip students with enduring knowledge and nurture excellence in leadership for meaningful careers. Our mission is to provide a quality, Christ-centered education that equips students to serve with integrity and excellence.

Since RACE opened its doors on October 10, 2022, welcoming 30 children aged 3 to kindergarten in Gaye Town, Old Road, Monrovia, Liberia, we have consistently increased enrollment. In our first academic year, 2022, we had 30 students; in the second year, 67; in the third year, 80; and in the fourth year, 97 students.

We have a staff of twelve (12) members, including a nurse providing basic, small-scale medical checkups and medication to our students, a registrar, maintenance staff, and housekeeping personnel, among others.

VISION
To equip students with enduring knowledge and nurture excellence in leadership for meaningful careers.

MISSION
Provide a quality, Christ-centered education that equips students to serve with integrity and excellence.

Agriculture/Food Security: We engage in agriculture to ensure food security for ourselves, fellow believers, and non-believers alike in Liberia and the world at large. We seize every opportunity for farmland development as God provides. The Agriculture/Food Security program

also supports the empowerment and sustainability of Refuge International Ministries and other like-minded ministries, inspiring us to make a positive difference in the world.

Healthcare: God expects us to live healthy spiritually, mentally, and physically. Therefore, as a commission, we are committed to Christ as we develop and support functional healthcare facilities to save lives for Jesus. We raise men and women of integrity and are called to provide better healthcare for all.

Entrepreneurship: As a holistic ministry to the world, we are strategically and systematically poised to elevate our services to the next level. We spot, engage, and empower members of the Global Refuge family to be entrepreneurs who will influence their communities for Jesus. We enable entrepreneurs to address numerous economic, social, and religious challenges through advanced technologies. As part of the ministry's vision, the Lord has the vision-bearer desire to establish the Refuge Entrepreneurs Network (REN). REN's vision is to raise women entrepreneurs who will build the kingdom of God with excellence and dignity. We want to see this vision fulfilled by empowering women entrepreneurs to be excellent and faithful kingdom builders.

VISION
We aim to raise faithful entrepreneurs who will build the kingdom of God with excellence and dignity.

MISSION
We are empowering people to be excellent and faithful kingdom builders.

OUR BELIEF
1. The Scripture Authority: We believe that the Bible (Old and New Testaments) is the inspired Word of God and the final authority for all Christians and all people. Scripture is the plan and purpose of God for His creation, so we obey its stance on any life issue (2 Tim. 3:16-17, Deut.). 4.2; 12:32, Proverbs 30:5-6, Revelation 22.18 19

2. Triune God: We believe in the existence of one God [Yahweh], creator of all things, holy and manifest in the Trinity as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Isaiah 45.5, 18, 21, 22, Matthew 3:16-17; 28.19, Luke 3:21-23

3. Jesus Christ's virgin birth, death, burial, and bodily resurrection: We believe Jesus Christ is God and came in the flesh through the virgin birth; he died, was buried, rose on the third day, and ascended into heaven and will return to take His people with him Isaiah 7.14, Matthew 1.23, Luke 1.26-35, John 1:1-14; 10.30, 38; 14.7-8, 2 Peter 1:1, Titus 2:13

4. Security (Salvation) in Jesus Christ alone: We believe that eternal salvation is by grace only obtained through faith in Jesus Christ, Eph. 2:8-9, 1 Thess. 5:9-10, John 10:9-10; 14:6, Acts 4:12, Rev. 5:8-10

5. Heaven, hell, and the second coming of Christ: We believe heaven and hell exist, and upon the return of Christ, the saved will reign in heaven with Christ. Hell is not originally for people

but for the Devil (Satan) and his angels. God will sentence the wicked and unsaved to hell because of their unbelief. Matthew 25:41; 24:30, 26:64, Mark 13:26; 14:62, Luke 21:27, Acts 1:9-11, 1 Thess. 4:13-18, Rev. 1:7

6. Baptism: We believe that water baptism by immersion is to identify with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection and that Christ commands His followers to fulfill it in the name of the Triune God. We uphold baptism as Immersion, Identification, Example, and Introduction of the New Covenant, Romans 6:3-4, Acts 2:37-39; 19:1-6, John 4:1-2, Matthew 28:19

7. The Supernatural God: We believe God still works miracles, signs, and wonders, and that they are evidence of the Holy Spirit and supernatural acts in the natural world. He chooses and works through people, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and the fruit of the Holy Spirit to manifest His love and power. We believe God can manifest His supernatural power through anointed and consecrated materials, such as olive oil, handkerchiefs, cloaks (or mantles), etc. 1 Cor. 12:4-11, Heb. 2:2-4, Rom. 11:29, Eph. 4:11-12, 1 Cor. 12:28-29, Gal. 5:22-23, 2 Kings 4:18-35, Luke 8:43-46, Acts 5:15-16; 9:32-34; 19:12

8. Believer Authority: The authority of the church is in no one but the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit by faith. It is also in nothing else but the spirit of the Word. We must reign as heirs with Christ, kings, and queens until Christ returns. Believers must influence the world in love with every spiritual endowment and work boldly to impact our generation with the gospel of Christ and win the lost. Mark 16:15-18; John. 1:1-4; 7:38, Acts 1:8, Matt. 28:18-20, 1Cor. 3:6, Jn. 6:63

9. Heterosexual Relationship: We believe and uphold sexual relationships (attraction or intercourse) between a man and a woman, originally designed and acceptable by God, and this must be between married people. Anything other than this is not biblical and contravenes God's holiness. Thus, it is unacceptable (Genesis 4:1, 25, 5:2; 1:27, Matt. 19:4-6, Mark 10:6-7, Gen. 2:18-25; 19:4-6, Judges 19:22-23, Rom. 1:24-27, 2Pet. 2:6-7, Jude 1:5-6)

CORE VALUE

1. Faith: We endeavor to redeem the time, walk from victory to victory, and receive and live the promises of God by faith. We get nothing done in the kingdom unless we do it through faith. Hebrews 10:38; 11:6, John 14:12, James 2:5, Luke 9:62

2. Love: It defines, refines, and sustains the people of God. We are all about God's love and love for people. People will not know our God without God's love in and through us. Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37-40; John 14:15, 21; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3; Ephesians 4:2; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 John 3:18; 4:7-8

3. Evangelism: We are excited about the gift of salvation and passionate about fulfilling our God-given vision and aspirations through Jesus Christ. We will also help others discover God's plan for their lives with biblical evangelism. The unsaved will not hear unless we go, as Jesus sent us, to the world Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8, Romans 10:14-15, Jeremiah 26:4-6, Isaiah 52:7

4. Wisdom: We earnestly and humbly seek the wisdom of God from the Word and through the prayer of faith in God. Living and leading by God's wisdom is our priority. Successfully fulfilling God's vision and purpose for our lives and ministry requires Godly wisdom. By His wisdom, we obtain favor. Therefore, with the fear of God, we walk and grow in God's wisdom. Psa. 111:10, Prov. 1:7; 4:5-7; 9:10, 1 Kings 3:28, Daniel 2:20, Luke 2:40; 21:15, James 1:5

5. Discipleship: We learn through the Holy Spirit, coach, direct, and guide to reverent God; circumspectly live and lead with divine wisdom, purpose, and example. The younger generation follows us as we follow Christ: Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Timothy 2:2, Proverbs 22:6, Exodus 18:20, Genesis 18:19, Philippians 3:17, 1 Peter 5:3

6. Transformation: We turn lookers and the differently hurt into genuine followers of Jesus, and followers into leaders of leaders to change the world for Jesus Christ. We not only learn about transformation, but we are transformed and transform our spheres of influence for the glory of God. Jer. 32:38-40; Eze. 11:19, Acts 17:28, Romans 8:1; 12:2, 1 Cor. 4:16; 13:11, 2 Cor. 5:17

7. Leadership: Leadership is paramount in all that we know and do. God created us with untapped leadership skills, and we must cultivate and unleash them. Therefore, we develop holistic leadership skills through gifts and talents to influence the world with biblical truth. Matt. 4:19, 1 Cor. 11:1, Phil. 3:17, 1 Tim. 2:2; 4:16, Titus 2:7, 1 Pet. 5:3

8. Stewardship: We honestly live and lead as stewards of God's life, gifts, and people entrusted to us. Our stewardship is to serve God and humanity in every place and phase of life to God's glory Titus 1:7, 1 Cor. 4:1-2, Acts 20:28, Luke 12:42

9. Accountability: We sincerely give an account of our lives and everything entrusted to us by God in the way we live and lead. We are selflessly, securely, and sacrificially accountable with integrity Colossians 4:17, 1 Corinthians 4:1, Romans 14:12, Matthew 12:36, Jeremiah 17:10, Job 31:6

10. Unity: We are and will be members of a united family of God, living as loving and caring members of the kingdom community. Just as Christ commanded His Disciples, we fellowship with our hearts united in spirit to build each member up in the knowledge of Christ and the kingdom of God. Psalm 133:1, John 17:20-21, Acts 4:32-36, Ephesians 4:1-3, Philippians 1:1-5

11. Discipline: We recognize that establishing excellence in Christ takes spiritual, mental, and social discipline. Therefore, we accept discipline from Almighty God and discipline ourselves. We ensure that those within our jurisdiction get disciplined as Christ wants - Prov.s 6:23; 18:9, Acts 20:28, 1 Cor 6:12-13; 8:13; 9:25-27, Col. 4:17, 2 Tim. 2:2

12. Excellence: Our joy is to offer quality and sacrificial services unto God and people more excellently and biblically. As part of our vision to establish people in Christ for excellence, we endeavor to do ministry with quality, faithfulness, and righteousness. We pursue and achieve the best for God’s glory, Prov. 12:26; 17:27, 1 Cor. 12:31, Phil. 1:10, Heb. 8:6; 11:4

LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Counseling Elders (The Board)
Founding Pastor (Spiritual and Lead Pastor)
Co-founding Pastor/Co-Pastor
Resident Pastors
Executive Pastors
Director of Mission and Church Expansion
Administrator
Pastoral care
Financial Affairs/Accountant
Director of Communication
Regional Affairs
Zonal Affairs

MINISTRIES/ FELLOWSHIP
Missions and Discipleship Ministry
Worship Ministry
Marriage and Family Ministry
Children Ministry
Youth Ministry
Community Development Service

ORDAINED STEWARD
Deaconess and Deacon
Finance and Account Steward

DEPARTMENTS
Refuge Women
Refuge Men
Media/Technology
Technical Service
Human and Capital Resource Development

UNITS
Usher
Guest Experience (Protocol)
Housekeeping (Sanctuary Keeper)
Design and Decoration
Guarding Counselor
Safety/Security
Charity (Hospitality)
Harvester/Evangelism
Power Squad/Prayer Team

Our Involvement

1. Church/worship service
2. Community outreach and evangelism
3. Refuge Kids' Church (Children's Ministry)
4. RACE Academy
5. Helpful relief for the elderly
6. Marriage and Family Ministry
7. Native Church roofing project

What Your Support Makes Possible

Your partnership helps RMI provide:

- Classroom space for growing numbers of students.
- Learning tablets and technology for reading, math, and computer basics.
- Healthcare support for children and families.
- Training and tools for women pursuing self-employment.
- Access to clean water for the surrounding community.

Partner With the Mission

Help build the systems that make long-term ministry possible. Your giving supports staff, classrooms, learning tools, healthcare, and income-generating programs that strengthen families and expand the reach of the Gospel.

Our Priority

1. Church: completion of the church building construction
2. Education: sponsorship for school kids, rental/construction of school buildings, etc.
3. Evangelism/Mission: discipleship, leadership training, church planting, etc.
4. Agriculture/Farming: cash crops and food production
5. Healthcare: recruiting healthcare workers, mobile clinic, healthcare center, etc
6. Entrepreneurship: small business, energy/solar power, housing, etc.
7. Youth Development