

The Bishop Tutu Refugee Fund

“The Fund assists us in caring for refugees both outside and inside South Africa. We urge Americans to support the Bishop Tutu Refugee Fund.”

**Reverend Sol Jacobs
South African Council of Churches
Division of Refugee Ministries**

The Victims

Over thirty thousand South Africans, young and old, have been forced to leave their country to escape the growing violence and tyranny of the Botha government. Their numbers increase daily in direct response to the government's escalating repression. Within South Africa, thousands more have lost their homes and jobs in the aftermath of riots. Others have fled to different communities, in jeopardy because they spoke in opposition to the government.

Goals of the Fund

The Bishop Tutu Refugee Fund was created to respond to the needs of the growing number of persons displaced within South Africa and the growing population of South African refugees. The Fund has three central purposes:

- 1) to meet the emergency needs of “internal displacees” within South Africa and their families;
- 2) to provide life-sustaining support to refugees who have fled South Africa and need food, shelter, clothing and medical supplies; and
- 3) to build the skills and knowledge of the refugee population so that they are prepared to be constructive leaders of a free South Africa when apartheid is defeated and they can return home.

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Refugee Assistance

The Bishop Tutu Refugee Fund has been extremely active in the short time since its founding. A few of the Fund's efforts are listed below.

- *The South African Council of Churches*— Shelter and sustenance for “internal displacees” in South Africa.
- *The Kagisong Refugee Center, Botswana*— Medical supplies, office supplies and funds to hire a Camp Coordinator to direct the operations of this refugee transit center.
- *The Tanzanian Farming Project, Tanzania*— Agricultural implements, fertilizer and seed to support the efforts of refugees learning to become self-sufficient.
- *The Dukwi Refugee Center, Botswana*— Materials and supplies to operate the Educational Resources Center.
- *The YWCA Refugee Committee, Botswana*— Funds to hire a Project Coordinator to help meet the emergency needs of refugee women and children whose husbands remain in South Africa.
- *The Botswana Council for Refugees*— Funds to provide emergency housing. Financial assistance to help pay the initial living expenses of refugees moving outside the camps. Educational scholarships.
- *The Interleng Farm Project, Botswana*— Agricultural supplies.
- A number of individual scholarships and education assistance for refugees of student age.

“The Bishop Tutu Refugee Fund plays an invaluable role in resolving the refugee crisis. We urge people in the United States to give whatever moral and financial assistance possible to the Fund.”

**B.P.B. Bagwasi, Director
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