

Serving God in a Migrant Crisis

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How will the church respond to modern cities and global migration?

From Patrick Johnstone, creator of *Operation World*, comes two new books on topics that the church urgently needs to address: the shifting dynamics of today's cities, and the rise of the migrant crisis. *Serving God in Today's Cities* and *Serving God in a Migrant Crisis*, both written with Dean Merrill, follow in the path Johnstone has taken throughout his long career to research and uncover what the future of the Great Commission looks like.

"Once I had handed over the writing and production of *Operation World* to my successors, I was able to stand back and seek to try to understand what all this gathered information might mean for the future of the Great Commission . . . for the church in the coming generation," said Johnstone.

The timing for these books couldn't be more critical, as Johnstone describes why he wanted to write *Serving God in a Migrant Crisis*:

"The fall of the Berlin Wall and collapse of Communism as a viable ideology brought many into a brief euphoria in expectation of peace and embracing of democracy and capitalism. The latter two have sadly become hugely discredited, and we have seen local wars, oppression, religious extremist terror emerge, and a massive increase of population movements within and between countries all over the world. Never have there been so many people on the move – fleeing economic disaster, corrupt regimes, climate change, war, ethnic cleansing, and persecution. As Christians we have a biblical imperative to welcome the stranger. The Great Commission is a further imperative that we take the gospel to the world, but now so many parts of the world are sending their people to our doorstep. This book shows the necessity and value of such ministry, and how churches can become involved and be blessed as they become a blessing to others."

And for *Serving God in Today's Cities*, the book explains how churches haven't been well equipped to handle the massive changes that have taken place in urban centers over the last few decades. The global population now largely resides in cities instead of rural areas – what will churches do to address multiculturalism, rising crime rates, and these rising populations?

"This book . . . serves the church by helping its leaders better understand the cities in which they're planting churches, living on mission, and sharing the gospel," Ed Stetzer writes in the foreword of *Serving God in Today's Cities*. "My hope is that it will be a useful tool for urban ministers of the gospel for years to come."

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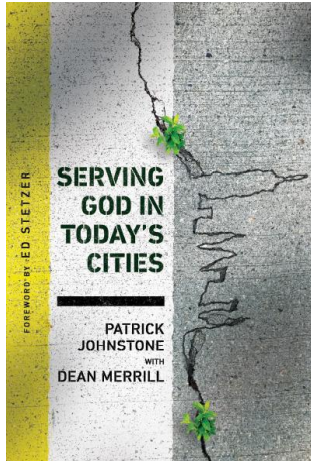
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Whether it's the refugee crisis or changing urban populations, churches need the tools to move forward in their mission to serve the world. These books provide practical action steps to get started.

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Patrick Johnstone has informed and inspired a generation of Christian workers with his *Operation World* books, which have sold 2.5 million copies. He lives in Cambridgeshire, England, where he serves as a regional director for WEC International's European bases. His most recent book is *The Future of the Global Church*.

Dean Merrill has written or cowritten more than forty books, including *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire* (with Jim Cymbala) and *Too Small to Ignore* (with Wess Stafford). He lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado.