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| Levels | 101: Churches who are in an exploratory stage, seeking to examine what the Scriptures say regarding immigration in order to discern how God would have them to interact with and serve immigrants in their community. | 201: Churches who are ready to love and welcome immigrants into their congregations, and/or give financial resources, or individual volunteers to ministries serving immigrants in their local community. | 301: Churches and nonprofits embedded within or connected to immigrant communities and whose goal is to be a hub of leadership and accurate legal information for undocumented immigrants. | 401: Churches and nonprofits that open an immigrant legal services program that provides legal information, advice, and assistance with immigration applications. |
| Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer • Intentional facilitation of relationships with immigrant congregations and their members • Guiding church members and local community through the Welcoming the Stranger curriculum, with a particular sensitivity to church members who may have questions or be uncomfortable with the idea of serving and welcoming immigrants, particularly those who have not had legal status • Speak/teach on immigration issues from a distinctly biblical perspective within their local church and relevant networks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities in level 101 and: • Provide volunteers or funding to local partnerships and/or individual churches engaged in immigrant ministry • Promote the work of the coalition through a variety of media • Advocate for the passage of immigration reform and for its effective implementation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant activities in levels 101-201 and: • Connect individuals to legal information and organizations that can provide legal advice • Host and/or facilitate information workshops or group processing events • Provide computer labs for access to pre-screening technology • Coordinate its work with the coalition and with other local immigrant legal service providers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the activities described in levels 101-301, plus operating a legal clinic that would: • Be authorized to give legal advice on immigration-related matters • Assist individuals in determining their eligibility for benefits under U.S. immigration law • Assist in preparing applications for legalization or other immigration benefits • Representing clients before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services • Providing informational sessions on general immigration legal issues • Referring those seeking legal assistance beyond the capacity of the clinic to appropriate assistance • Referring immigrants to other ministries of the local church and to other ministries and organizations for additional assistance beyond legal services |
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| Next Steps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a point person • Explore <i>Welcoming the Stranger</i> curriculum | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a point person • Move toward embracing a statement on immigration • Participate in training on biblical perspectives on immigrants and immigration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a point person • Statement on immigration • Participate in relevant training on biblical perspective of immigration, unauthorized practice of law, introduction to immigration law, specific training on new legislation, use of specific technology, etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify an attorney to supervise the site OR • Identify a non-attorney who will pursue Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) accreditation • Requirements for accreditation are outlined below under the 401 level |
| Examples of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to <i>Welcoming the Stranger</i> Learning Group curriculum, designed to facilitate small group or Adult Education classes in exploring immigration from a distinctly biblical perspective • Access to additional educational and media resources for discipling Christians toward a biblical perspective on immigration • Access to consultants and guest speakers to assist | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the support listed for 101 and: • Referral resources to help local churches to identify volunteer opportunities for their members with partner churches/ministries in their community • Assistance with advocating and interacting with elected officials and their offices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All support listed for 101-201 and: • Access to electronic resource library • Periodic trainings on immigration law updates • Training and access to software to assist immigrants with online pre-screening tools • Opportunities to host coalition facilitated group processing workshops | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All support listed for 101-301 levels and: • Assistance with Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) applications • Program management guidance • Ongoing training and technical support • Access to centralized functions as they are developed by the coalition <p style="text-align: right;">www.worldrelief.org</p> |

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