

Immigrant Hope

BROOKLYN

6501 6th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11220

www.immigranthope.org/brooklyn

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About Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn

Immigrant Hope is a National EFCA - Evangelical Free Church of America - initiative to bring the HOPE of the gospel, HELP with a path to legal residency and a HOME in a church that cares, to immigrants and their families. The Brooklyn site of Immigrant Hope is the launch site for this initiative with the intention of making Immigrant Hope a nationwide ministry of the EFCA.

First EFC (66th St. Church) hosts the Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn offices in its church building. First EFC was originally started and built by the many Norwegian immigrants that came to Brooklyn in the early 1900's. Now God has drawn folks from the Middle East, Mainland China, South and Central America, Albania and many other parts of the world to the 66th St. and 52nd St. Church neighborhoods. He has given us the wonderful opportunity to minister to the needs of those He has placed on our doorstep, through Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn.

Winter Training Equips Volunteers for Casework



Volunteers Who Want to be Caseworkers at Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn are Attentive at Our First Training Session in 2012.

In answer to the prayers of many, Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn officially began seeing clients this September! With that came the need for training volunteers to help with casework - interviewing and taking information from clients so we can help them with their immigration paperwork. We have had good interest with 13 students attending the first training session on January 3, 2012.

Later in January, we had a volunteer student group come from Grace Fellowship EFC in North Stonington, CT, to help our staff post flyers in storefronts in the neighborhoods around First EFC (66th St.) here in Brooklyn. First EFC generously hosts the offices of Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn and is set in the middle of a number of immigrant neighborhoods. The Grace Fellowship junior high and high school stu-

dents - with their youth leader Paul Fuller - helped us post about 200 flyers. We have had many more inquiries about our services since the flyers went up!

In February, volunteers returned for additional training as caseworkers. This training included instruction in evangelism, since giving our clients the hope of the gospel is an important part of the mission of the Immigrant

Hope ministry. We look forward to gathering again in March for a third training session that will help our caseworker volunteers to complete necessary USCIS (United States Customs and Immigration Services) forms that will assist us in serving our clients.

If you have interest in volunteering as a caseworker or a language interpreter for Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn, please don't hesitate to contact our volunteer coordinator, Renee Young, at: renee.young@immigranthope.org



Taking Notes During our Training on Evangelism - One Important Part of the Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn Ministry

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IH Staff in Focus



The next few issues of the Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn newsletter will take time to focus on a different staff member, their ministry and some of their personal life, so that you can get to know our staff a little bit better.

To start this feature column off, we thought we'd include the photo to the right, picturing the present Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn staff. Any and all of our staff are available if you would like to have us come to your church, missions conference or Sunday school class to talk about the ministry of Immigrant Hope, and specifically the Brooklyn site. Simply contact us at the information below and we'll be happy to set up a time to be at your church or group function.



The Staff of Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn. Left to Right:

Roy Larsen - Site Director; BIA Accredited Representative

Lisa Yeung - Legal Director; Immigration Attorney

Ben Johnson - Assistant National Coordinator; BIA Accredited Representative

Renee Young - Volunteer Coordinator; Office Manager; Bookkeeper

All Immigrant Hope-Brooklyn Staff are Missionaries and/or Ministers with the EFCA.

Immigrant Pathway Institute

Do you want to make a tangible, life-long impact on the lives of immigrants? Immigrant Pathway Institute is a 40-hour Basic Immigration Law training offered in collaboration by Immigrant Hope and World Relief. This class will survey a wide range of topics in immigration law, including naturalization, family-based visas, admissibility and deportability issues, and legal ethics and practice.

Immigrant Pathway Institute is offered by and designed to serve Christian faith-based organizations, but all are welcome to attend and should benefit from the training. The course will touch on all areas of immigration law and practice, but will focus on topics most relevant to those serving and representing low-income immigrants.

Immigrant Pathway Institute Information		
Where:	Trinity International University Deerfield, IL	
When:	May 14-18, 2012	
Cost:	Registration	\$433
	ILRC Curriculum	\$170
	Housing and food	\$300 (optional)
	Total	\$903

For more information, go to the national Immigrant Hope website at www.immigranthope.org or contact Ben Johnson at the info to your right.

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