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World Relief Upstate South Carolina Announces New Office Director, Brandon Baughn

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Today, **Brandon Baughn** was announced as the new office director of World Relief Upstate South Carolina (SC). Before joining World Relief Upstate SC, Brandon worked in community and educational development in Pakistan and Indonesia for nearly 15 years. In Pakistan, Brandon managed a mobile literacy school program for nomadic groups in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. For the past four years, he has been working as the program director for Yayasan Internasional Cahaya Fajar's refugee education program, Roshan, in Jakarta, Indonesia. In this role, Brandon supported a national and refugee team in providing safe learning spaces for children, youth and adults from Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq and Somalia.

World Relief Upstate SC's dedicated staff and volunteers assist newly-arriving refugees with initial resettlement, employment and job training opportunities, English speaking skills, and school registration and placement. These services help move refugees from stability to integration.

"While complex, I believe the global refugee crisis is one of the most pressing issues facing us today and feel privileged to be able to join World Relief's work in welcoming refugees to South Carolina," said **Brandon Baughn, World Relief Upstate South Carolina office director**.

Originally from Ohio, Brandon holds a master's degree in International Education Development from Columbia University's Teachers College in NY, New York.

"Brandon has extensive experience in creating safe learning spaces for urban refugees who were waiting indefinitely for resettlement, and we celebrate him in his newly-appointed role at World Relief Upstate," said **Misty Huey, World Relief Upstate South Carolina program manager**. "Under his leadership, our team is working together to ensure that the families we resettle are warmly welcomed and generously served with the love and compassion of Jesus."

World Relief Upstate South Carolina has worked to mobilize the local church and community to serve and resettle refugees in the Greenville and Spartanburg areas since its opening in 2015. Since then, the office has resettled 538 refugees.

"Over the past four years, Brandon led Roshan through an amazing period of growth and transformation into a thriving education program for refugee children, youth, and adults," said **Scott Arbeiter, president of World Relief**. "Our team at World Relief Upstate, led by Brandon, envisions refugees being empowered to rebuild their homes and lives as we come alongside them to bring hope, healing and transformation."

To learn more about World Relief Upstate South Carolina, visit <https://worldreliefupstatesc.org/>.

About World Relief Upstate South Carolina

World Relief Upstate South Carolina is a nonprofit evangelical organization that assists refugees as they transition to new lives in America. From housing and medical assistance to ESL classes and employment services, World Relief Upstate SC provides refugees with essential opportunities to move from becoming self-sufficient to integrated in our community.

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