

If you've lived in Buffalo for any length of time, you may have felt the enormity of the needs this city has. Both the east and west sides seem to face huge challenges economically and spiritually that may, at times, overwhelm the concerned citizens. But in the city of Buffalo there are many rays of hope.

One of these bright rays of sunshine is Jericho Roads Ministries' Priscilla Project. The Priscilla Project reaches out to some of the cities most forgotten: recent refugee women. After waiting for up to ten years in refugee camps, these women face challenges large and small. They range from complicated pregnancies to how to use American cleaning supplies to finding work and learning English. Sometimes, they are still battling hunger-caused issues like malnourishment. In need of all sorts of help and often weighed down with different pressures, these women become a part of the Priscilla Project. They know that being here will give them a chance to learn and grow. But they also become a part of the Project for a much simpler reason: to gain a friend.

That is where you come in. Each week, women from all over the greater Buffalo area come together with a refugee woman, to mentor them and guide them through this difficult transition. They help them navigate the new culture, go to different sources for help, and to understand and follow the doctor's orders regarding their pregnancy. But the most important thing that a mentor does is not any of those things. The most important thing she does is *love*.

Mentors come from all walks of life. Some are in the work force, some are retired, some have only just graduated college. The only requirements to be mentor are a patient, caring heart and time to meet once a week. If you are interested in investing in the lives of these vulnerable women, please get in touch with us at Jericho Road Ministries. Our number is 716-881-6191. Make sure to say you are calling about being a mentor and ask for Nicole. You *can* change Buffalo with God's love!