

REFUGEES IN EUROPE – A FENCE OR A BRIDGE?
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List of Speakers

Adrian Brixey is Coordinator of Muslim Ministry for [European Christian Mission](#). He has been reaching out in love to Muslims with the gospel for over 15 years, in Asia and now in Europe. Married to Antonia, they have 6 children and live within a local Muslim community in the UK sharing their lives. His current role with European Christian Mission involves coordinating ministry amongst migrants and Muslims across Europe, assisting the teams on the ground to strategically develop their work and ministry.



Nabil Costa is the Executive Director for the *Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development*, (www.lsesd.org/) a faith-based organization which serves the Church in Lebanon and the Arab World. He is also the General Secretary for *the Association of Evangelical Schools in Lebanon*.

On the regional and global levels, Nabil currently serves as the Middle East representative on the Executive Committee of the European Baptist Federation, and was previously Vice President for the Baptist World Alliance (2010-2015).

In recognition of his contributions, Nabil received an honorary Doctorate from Samford University (AL, USA). In 2015 he was especially recognized by the Haigazian University for his years of involvement in the humanitarian field, in service of the community. Nabil has co-authored a book on *Successful Governance*, and is currently working on another.



Anthony Joseph, was born in Sri Lanka in 1960, and came to Switzerland in 1985 as an asylum seeker due to the war in Sri Lanka. He is married to Deborah and has two sons. Since 1992 he has been employed by *MEOS Evangelical*



Mission as a Tamil missionary and he is the founder of TCF International ministries (www.tcfinternational.com).

Martin Lee is passionate about social justice issues and for most of his career he worked for a Christian relief and development sector, focusing on refugees and those caught up in conflict. He is currently Executive Director of [Global Connections](#) and is Vice Chair of the EEMA. He is married to Georgina and they have three children.



Lucas da Silva was born in São Paulo, Brazil and studied Film/Media, History, and Business at Calvin College. He has worked in marketing, film production, and audience research. Da Silva now lives in Vienna, Austria, where he works for [TWR Europe](#). As the Refugee Ministry Coordinator, he plans the media strategy, content production, and promotion for TWR's refugee media. This content is designed to help refugees to find hope in the midst of trauma, loneliness, and societal marginalization.



Nikolaos Stefanidis has been Director of *Helping Hands* (www.helpinghands.gr) ministry to refugees in Greece since 2003. Prior to that he was the Senior Minister of the largest evangelical church in Greece. He holds an M.Div, has been on the staff of a Bible College and written several books and articles.



Kari Tassia is the regional co-facilitator for *Refugee Highway Partnership Europe* (<http://refugeehighway.net>) and a member of the global Council of RHP (Global Partner of the World Evangelical Alliance). He represents RHP Europe



in various European mission networks, linking ministries and churches working among refugees. Kari has served in Youth With A Mission since 1984: several years as a church planter in the UK among Punjabis and as the national director for YWAM Finland and the European regional coordinator for unreached people's ministry and staff care. At the moment he is the regional coordinator for refugee ministry in YWAM Europe.

Kari is married to Maija and lives in Finland and Spain. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.