

# Minneapolis

When combined with its twin city (Saint Paul) right next door, it has a population of approximately 3.6 million people. Additionally, it has a theater system second only to New York, has a city park system that comprises almost 17% of the city, essentially having 770 square feet of park per resident of the city. Minneapolis is also one of the most walkable cities, ranked 9 out of the 50 major metropolitan areas. Finally, Minneapolis is one of the most educated cities, has some of the lowest rates of unemployment and is one of the most philanthropic cities in the United States with over 40% of the residents actually giving time to volunteer in charitable work.

In other words, Minneapolis is more than what initially meets the eye. This is true of the needs in the city as well. While the city does have some of the best social services, it also has a lot of need. According to the United Way, in the Twin Cities, 680,000 people are living in or at the edge of poverty and 32 percent of those are children. Additionally, there are over 10,000 homeless people in the Twin Cities and at least 2500 unaccompanied youth on the streets each night.

Another aspect of Minneapolis that few people know is the diversity that exists in the city. In the last three decades, it is estimated that 95,000 refugees from over 90 countries have been resettled in the Twin Cities area. In fact, the Twin Cities has the largest Hmong and Somali communities of any other city in the United States.

## Ministry Partners

**In Minneapolis we serve in many ways. Some of the ministries you may be involved with are:**

- \* Working with the growing community of people from some of the most truly marginalized and oppressed countries worldwide.
- \* Helping at a low-income community center
- \* Home visits to refugee families
- \* Sports camps for low-income apartment complexes
- \* Helping local churches reach out to their neighbors
- \* Street Homeless Ministry

\*\*Each week's ministry will reflect the needs of our ministry partners. Your team's schedule will be communicated to you by the Kaleo City Director.

Visit our website at [KaleoMissions.org](http://KaleoMissions.org) for more photos, blog entries, etc.



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## Sample Schedule

### Sunday

- Arrive in Minneapolis
- Dinner
- Opening Service

### Weekdays

- Breakfast
- Morning Devotions
- Kids Club with refugee children
- Lunch
- Serve at Homeless Youth Dayroom (rotate between ministries each afternoon)
- Dinner
- Team Discussion

### Wednesday Night

Free time

### Final Night

Worship Service

### Final Morning

Clean Kaleo center and travel home