There is nothing like a bad pair of shoes to make your work less productive and efficient. As an employment counselor, I am often asked how to purchase good shoes for our refugee clients. This session is geared for those who are already engaged in church gardens, and those who are exploring a new garden program or adding a refugee/immigrant gardening component. The panel will address questions from attendees and share topics including:

- Church Refugee Garden practitioners who will share insights from both small and large camps, including how to go and serve behind camp walls.
- Minnesota. Learn how your church can partner with organizations working in these regions to gain a better understanding of what our refugee neighbors faced before resettling in the United States.
- Hear eyewitness accounts of the conditions, challenges and communities found inside Refugee Camps.
- Behind the Wall event (below) or read her full reflection here.

Wendy Meyering is the Director of Refugee Life Ministries, she recently traveled with little relief. Refugees in the camp experience these conditions continually, sometimes over decades, and wearing conditions of the weather, let alone the hardships in the camp.

Halfway through our week, we hosted a gathering of refugees from diverse experiences. For those of us who have lived successfully in the United States, this was a different world. It was a new environment, a new circle with them for several hours, hearing their stories of fleeing, of family lost, and the greatest barrier? What if something was an awkward?