



Refugee Sponsorship @ Bow Valley Christian Church

General Project Update

At the start of the COVID lockdown the Canadian Government halted the processing of all refugee applications. That created a significant set back for our 2 families. Now the government is once again processing refugee applications in some, not all, Visa Offices. It is still likely a 2 – 2 1/2 year wait before either of these families will arrive in Calgary.

The Project Team is focused on fund raising and awareness raising, COVID style. We need volunteers to:

- Manage the budget/finances
- Maintain an online/social media presence
- Assist with fundraising efforts

For more information & to volunteer, email: refugees@bvccchurch.ca

To learn more about these families visit the church webpage:
<https://bvccchurch.ca/bvcc-refugee-sponsorship-landing-page/>



A, B & Z (from Pakistan)

The COVID lock down in their country of asylum has been particularly onerous. For 5 months they were not allowed to leave home other than for essentials like groceries. B used to work at odd jobs to try and earn money to support the family, but those jobs have dried up. Their country of asylum is unstable, contributing to even greater stress and uncertainty. They rely on the support of local churches for survival.

Z is an energetic 3 year old who loves to play outside and draw.



Rangin, Abde & Jala (from Syria)

Jala arrived safely on June 30. Mom & babe are doing well. Her arrival has brought much excitement and happiness. However, it is difficult for Rangin & Abde to be first time parents with no extended family to support them nor to share their joy.

They are from Aleppo, Syria, a city that dates back to the 6th millenium BC. The 'newness' of Calgary will be a striking contrast for them.

Currently they are in Erbil, Iraq, awaiting processing of their application.

Financial Update

Goal: \$80,000.

How are we doing so far?



Thank you!

Prayer Items

Praise God for

- The safe arrival of Jala
- Protection from COVID

Ask God for

- Work for the men
- Provision of basic physical needs while they await immigration
- Speedy government processing of paperwork
- Faith & trust in God
- Coming together of finances at BVCC to support these families