



Refugee Sponsorship @ Bow Valley Christian Church

General Update

What is the process for refugees seeking asylum in Canada you ask? Here are the steps that need to be accomplished.

The following have been completed:

- ✓ **BVCC submits application to Ottawa**
- ✓ **Refugees submit application to Ottawa**
- ✓ **Ottawa verifies that both applications are complete**
- ✓ **Refugees' applications are sent to overseas Canadian Visa offices in respective countries**

The following are still pending:

- Visa office reviews applications of refugees
- Interview conducted with refugees to verify eligibility status
- Criminal record check and security screening of refugees
- Medical exam of refugees
- Final decision re approval and Visa is issued
- International Organization for Migration books travel arrangements
- Refugees depart for Canada
- Upon arrival in Canada they are immediately granted Permanent Resident status. They are no longer refugees, but rather, they are then New Canadians.
- After 3 years of permanent residency they can apply for citizenship.

Welcome to Canada.



A, B & Z (from Pakistan)

Their country of asylum is still in COVID lock-down making day-to-day survival very difficult for this family. Praise God the local Christian community is reaching out to help them. They were blessed to be invited to a pastor's home the week before Christmas where they were able to partake of food and 3 year-old 'Z' was given a gift of a toy. A & B are so happy that their daughter has a toy to play with.



Rangin, Abde & Jala (from Syria)

This couple has a heart for serving others. New refugees arriving in Erbil from Syria have contacted them. Rangin and Abde take them in, provide food and shelter, and help them register with the UNHCR to get the help needed. Abde says to us, "just like you helping me and my family and I have to help them. This is the soul of Jesus Christ." Praise God.

Financial Update

Goal: \$80,000.

How are we doing so far?



Thank you!

Praise God for the faithfulness of BVCC.

Prayer Items

Praise God for

- Local Christians in these 2 countries that help & support refugees
- Protection from COVID

Ask God for

- Provision of basic physical needs while they await immigration
- Speedy government processing of paperwork
- Strong marriages
- Coming together of finances at BVCC to support these families

To learn more about these two families visit the church webpage:

<https://bvccchurch.ca/bvcc-refugee-sponsorship-landing-page/>

Email: refugees@bvccchurch.ca