



## Refugee Sponsorship @ Bow Valley Christian Church

### General Update - World Refugee Day is Sunday, June 20.

The UNHCR reports that there were 79.5 million forcibly displaced people worldwide at the end of 2019. Of these, 20.4 million were, or still are, under the UNHCR mandate.

Open Doors Canada, which monitors and reports on countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith, reports that both the countries from which the two families that BVCC is sponsoring have fled (Syria & Pakistan) are on the top 50 Watch List. And, even the countries in which they are currently in asylum are on the Watch List. Open Doors estimates that 309 million Christians are suffering from high or extreme levels of persecution because of their faith.

Processing of Refugee applications has been slowed by COVID and the Canadian government is no longer giving the estimated wait times for processing of applications. The federal government's stated goal is to welcome between 39,500 – 62,000 refugees in 2021. So, we wait and pray that these two families would be included in that number.

Data sources: <https://www.unhcr.org/figures-at-a-glance.html> ; <https://www.opendoorsca.org/worldwatchlist> ; <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/departmental-plan-2021-2022/departmental-plan.html>

### A, B & Z (from Pakistan)

This family has had a very challenging 3 months. Twice they've had to move because they were no longer welcome to stay in their housing. Refugees are not welcomed by the general population & so they are refused housing. Praise God, He has provided housing for them. The couple said, "our believe is that God provided us this place and He will arrange everything. He did, does and will do miracles with us. We have a lot of testimonies." Thank you for praying Bow Valley.



### Rangin, Abde & Jala (from Syria)

Even though they are no longer in Syria, this family's life is still not free of war. In February, 14 rockets were fired into Erbil (where they are currently living in asylum) killing two people and injuring others. While a USA military base was the target, residential areas were also hit and civilians were injured. Fortunately, Rangin, Abde & Jala were not physically injured. The USA retaliated with bombings several days later. Please pray for their safety and stability in the region.



### Financial Update

Goal: \$80,000.

Raised so far:

\$69,774

87%

Thank you!

Praise God for the faithfulness and generosity of the BVCC family.

### Prayer Items

Praise God for

- Local Christians that help & support refugees
- Protection from bombings
- Provision of housing

Ask God for

- Provision of basic physical needs (jobs, housing, food, health)
- Speedy government processing of paperwork
- Strong and growing faith in Jesus
- Strength & encouragement as they face the uncertainty of not knowing how long they will have to wait & how to live/plan in this interim period

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

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

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