



Refugee Sponsorship @ Bow Valley Christian Church

Financial Update

Goal: \$80,000.

Raised so far:

\$81,722

100% plus

Thank you, Bow Valley family!

We have reached the goal and have all the funds needed to sponsor these 2 families. Praise God for His faithfulness and the generosity of you, the BVCC family.

We plan to sponsor more refugees going forward. For those who feel called to continue giving, your donations will now go towards raising the necessary funds to support the next family.

A, B & Z are living in very precarious financial circumstances. They are living in a city, not a refugee camp, and that means they must somehow find housing, pay rent, buy food, etc. All those normal things. Prior to COVID-19, he worked at odd jobs and was able to provide the necessities for the family. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and government shutdowns work has dried up. Governments are not providing any assistance, and certainly not to refugees. They are relying on the charity of others for survival.

If you would like to contribute funds to help cover basic survival needs for this family, you can make a donation to that end. Canadian tax laws do not allow a church to issue tax receipts for monies that are given to individual people. Therefore, any donation for this purpose is non-tax-receiptable and cannot be funneled through the church.

If you are interested in helping in this way, please contact Kristin Briard for more details.

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Rangin, Abde & Jala (from Syria)

Their arrival is imminent!!! Abde, Rangin and Jala have completed all of the required pre-travel steps. All that's left, is that they be issued a plane ticket to travel to Canada. We anticipate that they will arrive in the next 1 or 2 months. Typically we would be given about 10 – 14 days notice of their arrival. And so, they, and we, wait with eager anticipation. Pray that government processing of final travel plans would proceed smoothly and quickly.

Now that their arrival is imminent, we do need baby supplies for them. Jala is 15 months old. If you have a gently used or new crib and crib linens or toddler bed & linens, highchair, stroller, car seat (with expiry date to see Jala through), or winter snow suit, little girl clothes (18 months & up) toys, books please contact Ann Williams at btnne@hotmail.com or 587.352.9386

Pray for safe travel and their adjustment to Canada in these first months.



A, B & Z (from Pakistan)

Little Z is now 4 years old and ready for Kindergarten. But, being ready for Kindergarten and having access to one are not the same thing. This raises a new kind of concern for her parents. They want her to have the benefits of education and know that there is an optimal age for learning. Pray that they would find some access to education for their daughter.

They are still awaiting the first government interview. Pray that would happen quickly and that they would be accepted by the Canadian government.

Khalid, Enaam, Noor, Ahmed & Wajdy (from Syria)

Introducing the new refugee family.



These are members of Jamal's family. Jamal is the young man that BVCC sponsored in 2018. Jamal has settled into Canada well – learning English, working, buying a home & now going to university. His parents (Khalid & Enaam), brother (Ahmed, 18) and cousin (Wajdy, 26) are fleeing the Syrian war and are currently in asylum in Lebanon. His sister (Noor, 25) is in asylum in Russia. BVCC has agreed to help with this sponsorship. Jamal and his 2 aunts living in Calgary are providing the financial resources to facilitate this sponsorship. BVCC will provide instrumental & social support.

Praise God for Jamal's positive settlement into Canada.

Pray for these family members – safety from war, provision of basic needs, acceptance of their refugee application.