



Refugee Sponsorship @ Bow Valley Christian Church



Rangin, Abde & Jala

Survived Their First Winter in Canada

The Sidi family is settling into Calgary and Canadian life. They are learning to navigate the city and shop for necessities. Medical, dental and optometry needs have been addressed. Fun outings to parks with playgrounds for Jala and a trip to the Zoo, all on mild winter days, have shown them that enjoyable life in winter is possible. After the frigid blast of late December and early January passed, Abde even said “Oh it’s nice today. Only -10.”

They are attending church at Bow Valley regularly and making friends in the process. They’ve enjoyed lunches, hiking trips and coffee with BVCC family. Thank you to all who have reached out to them in friendship.

Rangin started English classes in mid April. She is eager to learn English so that she can communicate more easily with new found friends. But Google translate and body language work amazingly well, so don’t be afraid to approach her and start a conversation. Abde started English classes in May. While his English is good, and conversation with him is easy, he does want to improve his English in order to pursue a professional career.

They are wanting to buy a used car. If you have a used car in good repair that you are ready to sell, or know of someone who does, please talk to Abde or someone on the Refugee Sponsorship team.

Remember, we are their stepping stones to becoming fully integrated into Canadian life. This involves building friendships, having conversations to help with language development, explaining and modeling the customs and culture of Canada. This is an opportunity for all of us at BVCC to unleash love!



A, B & Z (from Pakistan)

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

Little "Z" turns 5 this summer and should be starting kindergarten in Sept. Pray that they would be in Canada in time for her to start school.

Praise God for the local Christian church that is supporting them emotionally, spiritually and with some finances. Praise God for their strong and growing faith.

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

We are co-sponsoring the refugee applications of Jamal's immediate family and cousin with him and his aunts who live in Calgary. Jamal, a young man originally from Syria, was the first refugee Bow Valley sponsored. He arrived in Canada in 2019 and has done very well for himself. He is currently enrolled in university to finish his degree.

The applications for these family members have been submitted and are in the earliest stages. We anticipate a 2 to 3 year wait before their arrival.

Pray for their protection and safety. Pray that God's love would be evident to Jamal and his aunts here in Calgary as we work with them to bring their family members to safety.



Financial Update

Thank you for the generosity that you, the Bow Valley family, have shown toward refugees. Your financial gifts and gifts in kind have been overwhelming and are a testament to God's goodness through the faithfulness of His children.

Now we are once again asking for your generous donations.

There have been some unexpected expenses for the Sidi family related to health care needs. This caused us to dip into the funds that were originally designated for A, B & Z. Consequently, we are now a bit behind in the funds needed for A, B & Z. The fund for A, B & Z is now at \$30,500 and we need a minimum of \$40,000 for their sponsorship. Ongoing donations to bring us back up to the required amount are greatly appreciated.