



## Refugee Sponsorship @ Bow Valley Christian Church

### Welcome to Canada



### Rangin, Abde & Jala

The Sidi family arrived in Calgary on December 2, 2021 after 36 hours of travel. A small group of Bow Valley family met them at the airport with banners, cheers, and waves. Tears of joy were shared, though hugs were deferred because of COVID.

Their 2 week quarantine ended on Dec 16 - at the same time that the cold weather arrived in earnest. What a shock for them.

Thank you so much to the group of about 20 men and women from BVCC who moved and set up the apartment in preparation for their arrival. They are overwhelmed with gratitude for the generosity shown them by the BVCC family.

Does anyone know of a Mom & Tot group in NW Calgary that Rangin & Jala could join? Having other children her own age to play with would be good for Jala and Rangin would love to visit with other moms.

With their arrival we need to remember that it was the just the exciting completion of the first step. Now we are their stepping stones to become fully integrated into Canadian life. This involves building friendships and involvement in day to day activities, conversations to help with language development, explaining and modeling the customs and culture. 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.

B has been able to find some part-time work again as COVID restrictions are lifting somewhat. The whole family was able to receive a COVID vaccine before Christmas. Praise God for these blessings.

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 has a fulltime job, bought a vehicle, a townhouse, enrolled in university to finish his degree and sends money back to help support his family.



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, Bow Valley family!**

We have reached the goal and have all the funds needed at the present time. 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.