

WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter



In this newsletter:

Latest sponsorship
information, our purpose,
and more. Keep Reading!

We Are All Immigrants!

I wonder. If you were to look back on your ancestry, what is your country of origin? I think very few of us can say that Canada has been our family home for generations before us. Most of us came from another part of the world.

My ancestry goes back to German-occupied Poland (this may explain some of my stubbornness!).

Let's face it, most of us come from immigrant or refugee families.

According to the 2021 census, almost one in four people in Canada (23%) are immigrants. (www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship)

I say all this to remind you, when you see the rich cultural diversity around you, celebrate it!



Helping Families Locally & Globally!

At CCOS, we are deeply committed to supporting newcomers as they settle into their new lives and become active members of our community. Our website features a heartfelt video showcasing the inspiring journey of a refugee family whom we have successfully guided through settlement, and helped integrate into their new environment here in Surrey. Their journey highlights the power of community support and the compassionate services we aim to provide.

Allow me to share the story of another family we are currently assisting. For their privacy and safety, their names have been changed. This family arrived facing many challenges, including language barriers, unfamiliar cultural norms, and the daunting task of rebuilding their lives from scratch

Their journey illustrates the kinds of families we are dedicated to supporting and highlights the increasing need for generosity in all its forms—time, resources, kindness, and advocacy—to help these families thrive.



More Resources

REFUGEE ADOPTION

More insightful articles about displaced families and ways we can support more refugees that need our help!

<https://www.unrefugees.org/how-to-help-refugees/>

<https://bethany.org/resources/7-ways-to-welcome-refugees-into-your-community>



Janbee's Story

(NAMES WERE CHANGED TO
PROTECT IDENTITY)

Janbee was born in the Congo. Her parents both died when she was in her late teens so one of her uncles decided to stay with her and her brother at their home. Every night her uncle would send her out to the lake to fish.

This insured he could take advantage of her and he sexually abused her repeatedly, threatening to kill her if she told anyone. Eventually she became pregnant and he beat her up so badly that she had a miscarriage.

Janbee fled to Kenya where she lived in a refugee camp. Here she met her first husband, and they had two children. Unfortunately, he was poisoned by an unknown person and died.

With the help of a well-wisher named Owiti, she fled this camp to find a safer place for her and her children. Owiti, however, took advantage of her and she became pregnant. Janbee refused Owiti's demand to get an abortion so once again she had to flee.

She found herself in another camp in Nairobi where she met her current husband, Bakari and had two more children.

They faced daily food shortages, lack of clothing, no access to public health care, and no funding for school. It was during their time of crisis that they heard of our work with refugees and reached out to us.

We have been able to provide resources for food, schooling and we are currently working with another organization to help them set up a small business. Currently, they are living in a small home in Nairobi.

Please keep this family in your prayers.

Contact & Support

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Your support --whether through sharing our message, volunteering or donating--makes a lasting difference in the lives of those seeking safety and hope!

If you are able, please consider making a donation today! Every contribution brings vital resources, services and opportunities to displaced families looking for a fresh start.

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