

Refugee ministry update



It has now been 4 months since we welcomed Malcom (originally from Democratic Republic of Congo but taking refuge in Botswana) and his sons Chris and Craig to Brandon and 2 months since we welcomed Ruta a young lady originally from Eritrea but taking refuge in Sudan.

It was a busy time for the refugee ministry team helping to welcome and getting them settled into their new home and community.

Within 2 weeks of their respective arrival, Malcolm and Ruta attended the 2 week "Welcome to Brandon" program at Westman Immigrant services (WIS). They are presently both enrolled at English classes at WIS and the Samaritan house and Malcolm has begun applying for jobs. Malcolm's sons are enjoying classes at Kirkaldy Heights school.

In July the boys attended day camp at WIS for one week and in August they participated in the summer program run by the city and YMCA called YAC. It ran Monday - Friday afternoons. Thanks to several individuals from the refugee ministry team who gave of their time to drive them to and from the day camp.

Members of the team and other parishioners have shown their hospitality by taking them to the spray park, Clear Lake, Minnedosa beach, the car shows, music in the park, dentist appointments, barbeque, anniversary celebration to name a few. Ruta's brother lives in Brandon and so resettling in a new community has meant there is less need for introducing her to the sights and sounds of our city, though she is hoping someone will volunteer to help her practice English (??coffee date anyone)

St Vincent de Paul Society has been most helpful in providing furniture, household items, linens etc. to help get the necessities needed for day to day living. A computer, desk, bicycles and helmets, beds and bed frame, school supplies etc. are some of the items donated as well.

Your financial donations to this ministry have meant we are able to assist in covering the costs of day to day living.

In James 2:15-17 it is written that faith without action is dead. Through these actions mentioned above it is evident that our faith is alive! We at St Augustines' said YES and the Holy Spirit has worked through us.

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