

# Our Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis

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- Since 2011, 4 million Syrians have been displaced.
- Worldwide, 20 million refugees hope for a new life and a new home.

### The CABC continues to be committed to respond to this refugee crisis.

Canadian Baptists are committed to sponsoring 100 families affected by the crisis in the Middle East. Atlantic Baptists are committed to sponsoring 50 families. We are excited to see CABC churches responding to this call:

- 40+ CABC churches are currently involved (many collaborating with other churches/groups);
- 30+ refugee sponsorships in process;
- 9 groups have or are about to select families.

Intercultural Ministries Director Rev. Paul Carline has been overwhelmed by the response from our churches. On a daily basis he is receiving inquiries from CABC churches, other denominations, municipalities and media outlets. This is exciting and encouraging, but the extra demands on Paul's time and the CABC resources are being stretched to the limit. We need your help!

### Here's what you can do:

- <u>Pray</u> God is clearly leading us and we have been presented with this
  incredible opportunity. Pray that we will be good stewards and that
  more churches will answer the call. Also Remember CBM and the
  Lebanese as they help 20,000 refugees in Lebanon.
- Sponsor Your church could be directly involved helping refugees.
- <u>Support</u> If you're not involved in sponsoring you can still come alongside others that are and offer support.
- <u>Advocate</u> Write a letter or email to your MP. Solutions need to be found in the Middle East but Canada needs to be much more welcoming. We're working on a template letter which will be available on our website soon.

#### Donate

Our Director is responding to every request for assistance and desires to continue to do that. However our financial resources are limited. We will continue to respond but YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT will enable us to do more. PLEASE CONSIDER a special gift to the CABC to help during this critical opportunity. Give now: http://baptist-atlantic.ca/donate.





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