

Minister of Immigration,
Refugees and Citizenship



Ministre de l'Immigration,
des Réfugiés et de la Citoyenneté

Greetings from the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend my warmest greetings to the readers of *mosaic*, and to commend the Canadian Baptist community for their ongoing and significant work in support of the Syrian resettlement project.

Since November 4, 2015, Canada has welcomed more than 34,000 Syrian refugees. This is an extraordinary achievement, which could not have been possible without the overwhelming generosity of Canadians like you. Canadian Baptists are themselves responsible for the sponsorship of more than 70 families—upwards of 200 people in total—with more yet to come.

Your commitment to helping those displaced by the ongoing conflicts in Syria and the region is a wonderful example of how Canadians are continuing our most cherished humanitarian traditions. By helping refugees begin a new life here in Canada, you ensure that we uphold our international obligations and, at the same time, build stronger communities and fulfil the promise of Canada—the most welcoming nation in the world.

I would like to express Canada's gratitude to you for the important work that you are doing, and I wish you the greatest of success in your future endeavours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John McCallum".

The Honourable John McCallum, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

