

In the next 2 seconds someone will be forced out of their home.

Here are just a few statistics to help you understand the breadth of the refugee experience:

- 79.5 million people around the world have been forcibly displaced. 26 million of these people are refugees. 45.7 million remain in their own country, but have lost their homes. 4.2 million are seeking asylum, living in uncertainty while they wait for refugee status.
- Developing countries host more than 80% of the world's refugees.
- 1.4 million vulnerable refugees urgently need resettlement. Less than 5% were resettled.
- Resettlement is a life-saving measure for those at risk and in need of protection.

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Refugee Sunday

FOR SOME PEOPLE

HOME IS NOWHERE

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”
... Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your
God with all your heart... and love
your neighbour as yourself.”

Luke 10:25-37



EBENEZER

Christian Reformed Church

Glorifying God & Loving All People

May 2, 2021

Welcome to our Service

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer either in person or livestream. Today we welcome Pastor Cecil Van Niejenhuis to our pulpit.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *Praise Is Rising*

GOD'S GREETING

SONG — *Build Your Kingdom Here*

READING & CONFESSIONAL LITURGY

SONG — *Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*

PRAYER

SONG — *Sanctuary*

REFUGEE PRESENTATION

THANK OFFERING 1 - Ebenezer Ministries

2 - Syrian Refugee Support

SONG — *Renewing, Reforming*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Children ages 3-5 are released for Sunday School*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE — PSALM 46

SERMON — *message*

SONG — *You Shine*

PARTING BLESSING & CLOSING SONG — *The River Is Here*

Church Family

CONGRATULATIONS to **Gerard & Wendy B** who will celebrate 35 years of marriage this week, and **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Derek & Jackie D** who will celebrate their 20th anniversary this week. We praise God for all of you and we thank Him for His faithfulness through the years.

Please continue to keep **Margaret & Jim T** and **Abigail C & her family**, and **Konrad & Edith B** in your prayers.

*If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties,
please speak to your district Elder, a Deacon or contact the church office.*

We want to support you on your journey.

EMPLOYMENT NEEDED—Employment is needed for a member in the congregation. Please consider how this need may be blessed by you. For more information regarding this, please contact Fred K or Brett L.

NOTICE FROM ADMIN TEAM: The Admin Team is looking for a new committee member. If you are interested or for more information, please contact the church office.

THE CHURCH HAS A NEW MAILING ADDRESS

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REFUGEE CORNER

LEARN – Did you know that the current COVID-19 pandemic has impacted refugees? Refugee Travel is NOT classified as essential by the Canadian Government. Read this article to understand how you can advocate and use your voice to change this policy: <https://worldrenew.ca/our-stories/life-in-limbo-refugees-wait-to-make-canada-their-home>

TODAY IS REFUGEE SUNDAY. It is a time to explore different ways to give - through your gifts to this morning's offering or by participating in our upcoming fundraisers. The funds raised will all be used to help support our Refugee Family.

Please continue to pray for our family as they journey toward hope.

Father, Hussein, age: 54

Mother, Faten, age: 44

Brother, Mohamad, age: 19

Brother, Bashar, age: 16

Twin Brother & Sister, Ali & Marwa, age: 14

ACT – What can we do to help?

1. Send an email to your member of Parliament using the link above. Pray that God would use the Christian community to effect change.
2. **Participate** in our upcoming fundraisers to help our Refugee family reach their goal:
 - **Big Box of Cards - 33 Greeting Cards:** : \$33 for 33 cards! View the Individual Cards at the church or online - <https://www.bigboxfundraising.com/product/>. Use this online form to place your order: [Greeting Cards Order Form](#) or stop by the church to fill in the paper form. Contact: Leanne K
 - **Save the date for our Mother's Day Plant Sale - May 7 & 8:** Contact: Grace D. Can't wait for the sale? There are a limited number of tomato plants available at the church office for purchase! Stop by to get them while they last!
 - **Stand With Refugees Silent Auction - DATES: Online auction - May 12 - May 17; deadline to submit donations - May 7th** Submit your donations with this form: [Auction Donation Form](#). Contact: Nicole V.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, May 2 @ 10:00 am **Worship Service**
In-person or Livestream

Wednesday, May 6 @ 7:00 pm GEMS On-Line

Sunday, May 9 @ 10:00 am **Worship Service**
In-person or Livestream

Thank You To Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Volunteers

NEXT WEEK: Jordan

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Volunteers

NEXT WEEK: Dan/Ted

NURSERY: Lauren T, Christine H, Lily H

NEXT WEEK: Brett L, Carol W., Rebecca K

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Kennedie H, Klaret K

NEXT WEEK: Kennedie, Klaret K

SERVING ELDER: John W

NEXT WEEK: Wilbur H

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE (ebenezercrc.com) for a **LINKS** page where you can find links to News, Resources and Announcements for our Classis (AB North), CRCNA, CRC Network, World Renew, the Today Devotional, The Banner and many other resources.

THE MAY/JUNE TODAY DEVOTIONALS are available and can be picked up at the registration table. **THE APRIL BANNER** is available and can be picked up at the registration table. If you normally get the large print books, you will find a copy in your church mailbox. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy of either of these publications put into your church mailbox.

Deacon's Corner

1st Offering: EBENEZER MINISTRIES This offering is used to cover day-to-day expenses of the church, fund the various ministries at Ebenezer, cover the salaries of staff, and contributes to the ministry shares that we are committed to as members of CRC Denomination.

2nd Offering - SYRIAN REFUGEE SUPPORT What a blessing it is to support a refugee family! Please check with the refugee support committee how you might support the work they are doing and the progress that has been made so far!

NEXT WEEK 2nd Offering - DIACONATE The deacons are called to encourage and motivate the members of Christ's church to faithful, obedient stewardship of the resources they have received from a loving God. The deacons serve the needy folks within the church family and in the larger circle of community outreach. Along with assistance the deacons are supporting members with caring deeds and counsel leading people to see the grace of our loving Savior: recognizing the Lord through whom all blessings flow.

Collections for March 2021	Amount
Ebenezer Ministries	\$23,831.00
Ebenezer Deacons	\$2,870.00
GEMS Head Office	\$25.00
Cadets Head Office	\$25.00
Calvin Seminary	\$346.00
Coupons	\$200.00
Debt Reduction	\$900.00
Hope Missions-Edmonton	\$20.00
Leduc Hub	\$25.00
Missionaries	\$25.00
Race Relations	\$25.00
Rehoboth	\$20.00
Resonate Global	\$120.00
Social Justice	\$255.00
World Renew: Canadian Foodgrains Bank	\$790.00
Total Collected for March	29,477.00

Denominational News & Resources

EDMONTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS 28th Annual Auction – We are excited to be hosting our annual auction again this year. Shop from the comfort of your home and support Edmonton Christian Schools. We hope you can join us. The Online Auction will be held May 5 – 12, 2021 More information can be found here: <https://www.edmchristian.org/auction2021/>. Click this link to view auction items: <https://www.32auctions.com/ecs2021>.

JOIN REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES FOR THE 30TH ANNUAL STONY PLAIN GOLF CLASSIC on **June 5, 2021** at The Ranch Golf and Country Club. Registration is open, accessible with this link: <https://www.rcmflourish.ca/events/golf-tournaments/> or through www.rcmflourish.ca Please note registration deadline is May 21st. We look forward to sharing this day with you.

EMMANUEL HOME, MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Emmanuel Home's [annual membership drive](#) is underway. This is your chance to renew or begin your membership in support of our mission to provide housing and care for seniors in a supportive and vibrant Christian community. Membership packages are available in the church foyer or go to our website to make an online donation: www.emmanuelhome.ca/donate. Thank you for your support!

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP SERVICES Join us May 4th at [7PM EST](#) or [7PM PST](#) for our Effective Gifting Tools webinar & May 13th at [7PM EST](#) or [7PM PST](#) for our Will & Estate Planning seminar! Go to <http://www.csservices.ca/events.php> to visit our events page and register for more of our complimentary webinars.

JUC ONLINE SUMMER INSTITUTE [The Summer Institute](#) is a 6-week virtual study experience beginning mid-May. During this time, you can participate in up to three intensive study classes, meeting once a week and taught by our own renowned JUC instructors. Each study will be taught live online, with interactive elements incorporated throughout each lecture. To learn more details about these studies, you may visit us online at [JUC Online Summer Institute](#).

NOTE FROM DEACONS: Our congregation and local community are noticing the impact of Covid-19 restraints. The Deacons are scheduling additional collections in the next few months to meet anticipated needs. We look forward to your continued financial and prayerful support.

E-transfer Information: to send a donation via e-transfer, please use Jen F's email—jen@ebenezercrc.com. Thank you!