

# Refugee Sunday

Building  
Bridges  
with New  
Canadians



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**Walk alongside refugees  
rebuilding their lives in Canada...**

**When Linda received a letter from her cousin in the Netherlands about helping an Eritrean refugee, Kidane, settle in Canada, she set the idea aside. That sounded like a lot of effort!**

Her cousin's sons had met Kidane while they were backpacking. He had lived in Israel for ten years on a temporary visa and could be deported at any time. Moved by his story, they wondered if Linda in Canada would be willing to help.

Canadians have a very unique opportunity to sponsor specific refugees through Canada's Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program (PSRP). This was the only option available for Kidane.

Linda was hesitant. Then her son challenged her: How can you say no to this? Is this not what the church is all about—helping those in need?

It was a lot of work but there was immense joy! Even students in the local Christian school helped out by putting on a talent show and raised \$10,000!

**When Kidane walked through customs, hugs were coated with tears!**

"The whole experience has opened my eyes to the plight of so many refugees in the world," Linda explains. "I fretted over the money, but I knew God had a plan in place, I just had to trust Him. We can so easily live in our insulated bubbles and ignore the need around us. We were amazed at how God answered our prayers!"



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