

REFUGEE SUNDAY

“This is what the Lord Almighty said: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor.’”

Zechariah 7: 9-10



Linda's story

When my cousin emailed me and asked me if I would consider sponsoring a young man named Ambes who had fled Eritrea, I thought, "No, I can't do this." All I saw were the many obstacles, like time and money.

But my son urged me to start the process. He asked me, "Aren't we called by God to help others? How can we say no?" And when I shared the story with my church, it was amazing to see how eager people were to help.

And so I contacted the World Renew Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement team to explore the idea. And soon, we were not only working to sponsor Ambes, but his brother Kidane too.

I can't explain just how much the experience has impacted me and my family.

We shared the brothers' story with the local Christian school. The grade 5 and 6 children wanted to help. I admit, I wondered just what a group of 10 and 11 year olds could do, but when they managed to raise \$10,000, I knew that God was in this.

It's been a tremendous gift to learn more about Ambes and Kidane and the struggles they have lived through. I am thrilled that we were also able to bring Kidane's wife and two boys to Canada as well. After almost 14 years of separation, they are a family again.

If you are considering sponsoring a refugee family – let me encourage you. You will be much richer because of the experience. The team at World Renew is there to walk alongside you.



Pray for refugees worldwide. Pray for families seeking a safe place to rebuild their lives that doors will open so they find renewed hope.

For more information on World Renew's Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Program, visit worldrenew.ca/refugee-sponsorship