

Refugee Sunday

**Communities welcoming new
Canadians rebuilding their lives.**

Two of Anyieth's children, Deng, 10, and Guet 13, enjoy a church picnic at Maranatha CRC, Lethbridge, AB

A Journey to Safety

Meet the Mabiors, a family who fled conflict in their home of Sudan in 2015. They moved to Kakuma, a refugee camp in Kenya originally established for the “Lost Boys” of Sudan in 1992 but now home for up to 200,000 refugees from around the region.

“Being a woman in the camp is difficult,” says Anyieth, 31. “You’re taking care not only of your own children; other family members pass away and you are the one taking care of all these children, too.” Anyieth felt the weight of responsibility in an environment that wasn’t safe. Women in Kakuma are particularly vulnerable to violence, making it difficult to even go collect firewood.



Anyieth has been caring for her three younger siblings and her three children since 2015.



Bol: “There are many people we left in the camp who have a lot of potential.”

When the family got word that they would be resettling to Canada by way of a World Renew sponsorship through Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in Lethbridge, they were delighted. But that doesn’t mean the move was easy. “We didn’t have neighbours here at first,” explains Anyieth. “The church members would come and visit and introduce us, and after that we got to know more people and make friends.”

“The help that you’re providing to people in need is not going to end in vain. Those people will help the country one day,” says Anyieth’s brother Bol, 24. “I want to tell Canada to keep doing the work that they’re doing, helping people,” adds Anyieth. “Don’t stop with us.”



“I’m very grateful for the church.
They made us part of their family.”



- Bol