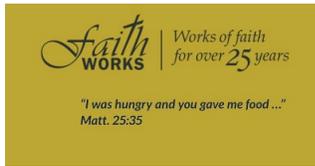


Faces of FaithWorks – FaithWorks Focus



In this quarter, **April through June**, our 'Faces of FaithWorks' Campaign has concentrated our focus on our neighbours who live in Ontario and those who may be coming to join us here. We will highlight cultural issues, such as the welcoming of refugees and supporting workers' rights. The two Partner Ministries our 15% of donations received will enable are: the Anglican United Refugee Alliance (AURA) and the Durham Region Migrant Workers' Ministry.



The Durham Region Migrant Workers' Ministry provides Support for migrant workers who come to the farms of southern Ontario from their homes and families in other countries of the world. Here they might have faced less than ideal living conditions, alienation from their community, discrimination and a language and culture that isolates them. The Durham Region Migrant Workers' Ministry fights to change that situation. This ministry is run from St Saviours Church in Orono. The Rev. Augusto Nunez with the support of many churches and organizations welcome migrant workers to Canada annually with welcome bags, food and clothing donations, transportation and legal and translation supports. They run an Alpha program, offer religious services and cultural events such as fiestas and sporting opportunities, as well as medical clinics. The workers are formed into a cultural and worshipping community that shares a common language, worships God, celebrates fiestas and life events, provides medical services and plays together (sporting events, etc.). In all a brotherhood of love surrounds these "strangers" in our area through this ministry. This is truly loving our neighbour. Rev. Nunez will speak to us on Sunday May 15th.



The Anglican United Refugee Alliance (AURA) provides a welcome for those who come to Canada as refugees. AURA provides support for teams sponsoring refugee families. In Lakefield St Johns sponsored, with the community of Lakefield, the Daniels family, refugees from Ethiopia, who are now successfully employed and integrated into their Peterborough neighbourhood. With local fundraising and a \$15,000 grant from AURA, we were not only able to help this family for over two years with housing support, an income, rides, language assistance and fellowship, we were



able to return over \$5,000 back to AURA for another family. The current sponsorship crisis involves Hazara families from Afghanistan, as promised to them by our government this fall and Ukrainian refugees. Canada is also experiencing an influx of refugees from Ukraine. Most of these refugees will be here on a temporary basis of 2-3 years, but will still need help finding food, shelter, language skills and employment. AURA is expected to be involved in their settlement as well.

Last quarter St. John the Baptist received \$1016 in FaithWorks donations. We sent \$864 to FaithWorks and retained \$152 for our Parish Outreach funds. Of that money sent to FaithWorks, One Roof Community Centre, Peterborough received \$126, One City Peterborough received \$20, Flemington Park Ministry, \$40 and PWRDF \$600 (\$100 of which was designated to Ukraine). Thank you so much for your generous donations to your neighbours in need.



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