

There are many ways to give towards this mammoth project! If you would like to help, you can use some of the following:

- 1. Designated giving- via check or money, make sure to write "Refugee Sponsorship" on the check or money envelope.**
- 2. You can give on-line at <http://www.crbaptist.bc.ca/pages/giving> click on the choice "Refugee Sponsorship"**
- 3. Push pay- and easy to use app that lets you give on the go! Text: crbaptist to 77977 to give instantly, without the need of setting up an account.***

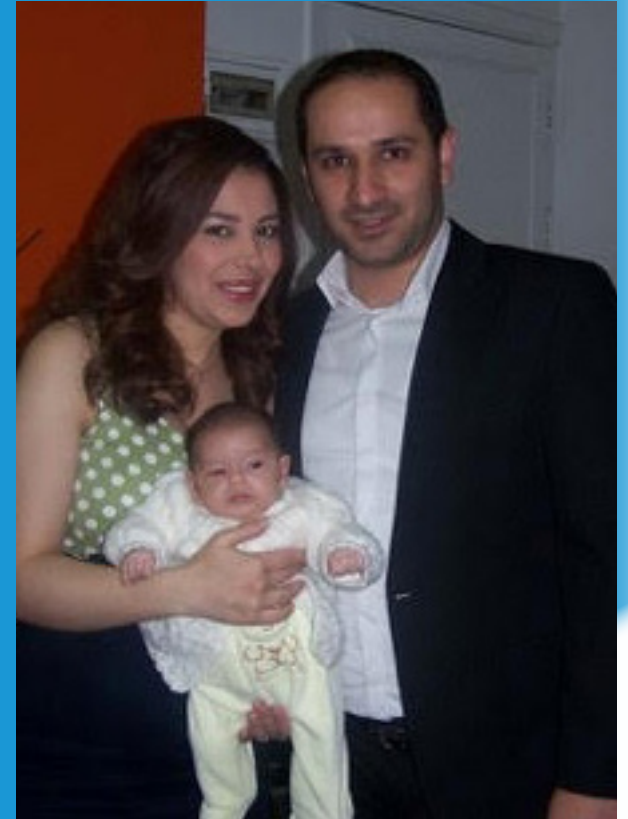
Any cash donations are tax detectable through the Baptist Church, and must be designated towards the Syrian Refugee team.

*When you send 'crbaptist' to 77977 you will receive a one time reply containing a link to give to CRBC (1msg/request). Please be aware that Msg & Data rates may apply. For full Terms & Conditions please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help reply HELP or STOP to cancel.

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INTRODUCING



THE AWAD FAMILY

Imagine if all of Vancouver Island's homes and buildings were leveled? A destructive group of people indiscriminately have imposed their beliefs through fear tactics by destroying homes and property, and ultimately killing people. You gather with your neighbours, anxious to hear about your family at the other end of town. You manage to pool your resources, and feed each other for a week or two - always fearful of the marauding troops that may decide that your neighbourhood is next for pillage.

Then a rumour starts, there are a few homes left standing and a grocery store with some food in Port Hardy. You are not sure if it's true, but you decide to take your chances. When you arrive at the government wharf, you see masses of others who have also heard this story of hope. Some have decided to band together and fill a dinghy with the few possessions they can fit in back packs, and the family they know have survived.

Is this a chance you want to take? They are going to try to get through the narrows with a half tank of gas and a prayer? Others have already headed out on foot - you have nothing to lose now, and you join the long line out of your beloved home town.

Shadi and Jandark Awad are a young couple in their 30's & parents to a baby girl named Talin, now 13 months old who share a similar story - having to flee their happy home and careers in exchange for their lives.

They have recently managed to get out of Syria and are now residing in Jordan. Here they anxiously wait for their application to be processed, and for us to raise the funds for them to emigrate and settle in Campbell River.

Shadi has an uncle, Faoud, here in Campbell River who owns and operates Baba Gannouj. Shadi is a dental implant specialist. Jandark is a bookkeeper. Both have skills that are very transferable to needs here in Campbell River.

A small group have come together out of the Baptist Church to take on the task of raising \$40,000 to help this young family get to safety. But it's really more than money, the responsibility of helping them settle, and get connected in our community means walking alongside them. Guiding them through cultural changes & helping find childcare and preschool, helping navigate our banks, and day to day living that we take for granted are a list of a few items we'll do.

The commitment goes beyond the large task of raising funds, it will be years of making sure they are well sheltered and cared for.

We are always open to anyone who is interested in joining us long or short term, many hands make lighter work.

Please look for us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/Campbell-River-Syrian-Refugee-Support-Committee-512325562260041>

Where we will be updating fundraising projects in the many months ahead, as well as progress reports from our young family.

