

# **Send Relief Canada Report for CNBC National Leadership Board Meeting**

**May 27–28, 2025**

## ***Accomplishments***

Send Relief Canada advanced its mission of Meeting Needs, Building Relationships, and Changing Lives, rooted in Isaiah 61. Aligned with the Missionary Task—Engage the City, Make Disciples, Plant Churches—we empower churches to serve vulnerable populations, especially refugees. This year, we focused on three key areas: Acclimatization, Case Management, and Training Churches.

### **Acclimatization:**

Send Relief Canada supports over **230 refugees** in adjusting to life in Canada. Our twice-weekly English classes, using the government-recognized ELLI curriculum, serve beginner and intermediate learners, with **20 volunteers from 5 local churches** fostering relationships. This led to **4 professions of faith** and **50+ refugees** connected to churches and their volunteers for discipleship. Canadian culture seminars, covering topics like tenant rights, helped 15 refugees secure stable housing. Monthly résumé workshops, led by a university instructor and church volunteer, provide one-on-one coaching. Church members opened professional networks, helping many refugees secure full-time employment. Beyond jobs, we provide holistic support through partnerships. For example, Send Relief secured transitional housing near our centre for Pastor Joseph, who fled persecution in his home country. Working with Send Network, we connected him to a local church residency, equipping him to plant churches and advance the Missionary Task in Canada.

### **Case Management:**

Through partnerships with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), we hosted monthly Ready Tours—webinars offering up-to-date information on refugee hearings and Q&A sessions. These tours require only basic tech and space, and we now have churches nationwide considering how they might facilitate similar opportunities.

Our staff also provided one-on-one case management support, guiding refugees through forms, legal processes, and government systems. In the first half of this year Send Relief was able to celebrate with 13 individuals or families who received protected status in Canada!

## **Training:**

This spring, we launched the Engage Your City pilot and are in the process of helping 10 local churches train their leaders to use English Cafés, as an outreach. These are casual gatherings in public spaces using simplified Bible stories. Participants are then invited to more formal English classes like we host at the Ministry Centre, where their church volunteers can build relationships, share the gospel, and connect newcomers to discipleship and church life.

## ***Challenges***

The demand for our services is growing rapidly, stretching our resources as we seek to meet the needs of a diverse community. We urgently need more Spanish, Arabic, Ukrainian, and Swahili-speaking volunteers to share the gospel effectively across linguistic barriers. Furthermore, recent changes in Canadian immigration policies have created fear and uncertainty among our refugee neighbors, who worry that restrictive measures like those in the United States may take hold here. These challenges underscore the need for continued prayer and provision to sustain our mission.

## ***Vision for the Future***

Looking forward, Send Relief Canada is pursuing a bold, God-sized vision to raise funds for a new center. This facility will include 30 units of transitional housing for refugee claimants, providing a stable foundation as they encounter Christ through our programs. The center will also serve as a training hub, partnering with Send Network, Send Relief, and IMB to equip individuals and churches to proclaim the gospel and make disciples among refugees. This initiative will amplify our ability to reach the nations for Christ and empower CNBC churches across Canada to join God's mission in their communities.