

Ep 28 – Welcoming the stranger

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25:35 This episode follows MCC Ontario staff as they sponsor a refugee family for the first time and what it takes to truly welcome the stranger.

Transcription is here:

Discussion Questions:

Have you ever had any experience with refugee sponsorship?

What are other ways besides refugee sponsorship that we can “welcome the stranger”?

What if the newcomer isn’t showing gratitude or enthusiastically jumping into life in Canada? How do we handle that? What would Jesus do?

What Bible passages can you think of that might have something to say about the topics covered in this podcast? What do these passages teach us about how we should approach this topic?

Resources and Next Steps

Email refugee@mcco.ca to get an auto-response that answers many frequently asked questions about refugee sponsorship

Learn more about refugee sponsorship at the government of Canada website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/sponsor-refugee.html>

Be Inspired

Read the written story about the Salazar family and MCCO (includes photos):

<https://mcc.org/our-stories/we-are-strangers-no-more>

Read about how MCC started the world's first refugee sponsorship program:

<https://canadianmennonite.org/stories/consider-it-resettled>

Read about how MCC’s Bill Janzen received the Order of Canada for his work in developing refugee sponsorship:

<https://mcc.org/our-stories/founding-ottawa-office-director-bill-janzen-honoured-order-canada>

