

But for COVID restrictions, by now members of the Parish would have been able to have a Welcome Reception for the newcomer family at the church. In fact, not all the members of the settlement team have been able get to know them. It's been a difficult time to show them what the community of Fredericton has to offer.

Safwan, Samaher Al Yamani and their 4 children have been enjoying good health since their arrival in Canada in September 2020. The Medical team has been fortunate to find health care providers for the family and has been very busy with check ups, vaccinations, dental care, eye exams.

The 3 school-aged children are being tutored regularly by members of the Education team. School reports show that the children are settling in well, making friends and making expected progress in English language speaking, listening, reading and writing, math, and other subjects. The mother and father have been attending half-day English classes four times a week and are progressing well.



(l to r) Hajer, almost 12; Kantar, almost 2; Safwan, dad; Bassam, 7; Khaled, 9

Summer is coming. The 3 older children now have bicycles and the youngest has a trike. The Al Yamani boys - 2 sons of Safwan and the son of Kentar – have been registered with the Fredericton District Soccer Assn. All are on the same team and all games will be played at the Barker Street field. The Social team is in touch with the Multicultural Assn. regarding summer camp programs.

Until the Canada Child Benefit started to flow in February, the budget was very tight. Compared to our first Syrian family in 2016, rent is higher and the children are older, pushing up food costs. Gifts in kind from parishioners of household items such as

furniture and utensils kept start-up costs quite low. We did need to bump up the monthly stipend to relieve the stress.

When we did fundraising in 2017, we received some sizable pledges to be paid when the family arrived. Not all of those pledges have been received, leading to a current shortfall of \$2500. If you should wish to contribute to see the family through to September 2021, please contact Finance team member Leo Johnson at stoney_crossing@me.com.

Thank you to all parishioners and team members for the achievements in helping this family resettle in Fredericton!

Holy Family Settlement Team



(l to r) Safwan; Kantar; Samaher; plus Sundus, Kantar's youngest child