

Newcomer Dawit Maherai Moves to Saint John

You may recall the very succesful drive last winter to collect household effects for Dawit Maherai, whom this parish sponsored in 2021. You may also recall that Dawit married Yorsalim Debesay in early 2024 when he visited his and Yorsalim's family in Ethiopia.

Yorsalim's application to move to Canada, sponsored by Dawit, is in its final stages. Yorsalim insisted that she wanted to liive in a city with an Eritrean Christian Orthodox church. Well, Fredericton does not and Saint John does have such a church. So, Dawit found an apartment in Saint John and, this past weekend, moved all his effects, including all the wonderful household items given by this Parish, to Saint John. See photo of Dawit and friend after they completed packing the moving van early last Sunday morning at Holy Family, where the items have been stored.



Also, by way of follow-up, Dawit has completed his first year training to become a carpenter. Currently he is qualified to do roofing and siding work. He can do further training sessions in Saint John, starting in 2026. Yorsalim should be able to find work in hairdressing after she arrives.

