

PWS&D

A very special project

With support from the Rev. Jeff Veenstra Memorial Fund of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, PWS&D will embark on a new project in Malawi in Jeff's name. Through the Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health project, which will be implemented in two separate regions of Malawi, existing antenatal and labor wards will be renovated and extended, health professionals will be trained, and "safe motherhood" committees will be established in villages. By investing in both infrastructure and people, this wonderful new project will have a lasting impact in the lives of communities. In addition, The Government of Canada will match every dollar donated to this project four to one.

Donations may be made using the white envelopes located in the pews. Please mark them "PWS&D-Rev. Jeff Veenstra Memorial Fund."



Canadian Network for
**Maternal, Newborn
and Child Health**

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Sponsorship update

The Federal Government publishes notices on their website of the current expected delays for the arrival of resettled families. From Lebanon that time period is about 8 months between acceptance of the application and the families being called for interviews. Action Réfugiés Montréal informs us that private sponsors in Quebec such as The Church of St Andrew and St Paul are notified 2-4 weeks before their families are interviewed. If all goes well with the interviews, there is a further delay of some 4-6 months as transportation is arranged.

Our applications to sponsor the seven members of two Syrian families of Hanan and Fadia Zidan were accepted by the Federal Government on June 1, 2016. According to these guidelines, we can expect our families to arrive 12 to 14 months following the applications being accepted by the Federal government—around mid-summer 2017. But, we are also told, there are always surprises! The Sponsorship Core Committee will provide updates as we learn more.

Our families continue to live in very difficult circumstances outside of Beirut and we pray for their safety and stamina. We are working with Action Réfugiés Montréal to ensure that our families have phone and email access, and they have the phone number of an acquaintance in Beirut should they need assistance. The kind organizers of this year's Fall Fair allowed us to make a selection of kitchen items, and half a dozen boxes full have been set aside at the church until needed by our families. Salam, the sister living in Laval, has asked us to please pray for the

Zidan families.

Urban Charities

As government involvements dwindle, local charities find that there is growing need for assistance from the private sector. The Mission and Outreach Committee financially supports thirteen urban charities in their work in the community. Please join us as we celebrate this dedicated work at our annual Celebration Sunday, which takes place following worship on Sunday, January 15th, 2017.

There is always a need for helping hands at many of the charities. The Mission and Outreach Committee welcomes your involvement to help improve the lives of so many in our city.

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Each year at this time the church prepares for a busy Christmas and, as we celebrate our peaceful and plentiful lives, we remember the needs of others, whether in regions torn by war, famine or natural disaster. Presbyterian World Service and Development works in all these fields, fulfilling its mandate, "Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, Presbyterian World Service & Development envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world."

Please join us for the many Christmas events at The Church of St Andrew and St Paul and give generously. All donations received at the Children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 4th at 4:30 pm, and at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Saturday, December 24th at 11:00 pm, will be sent to PWS&D for their ongoing work in the world.

Contact

Whether for a single event or for an ongoing cause, Mission and Outreach always welcomes volunteers. Please contact Brian Merrett, chair, The Mission and Outreach Committee (outreach@standrewstpaul.com), and let us know how you would like to help in the community. Many hands make for light work and the need is immense.