



## **MCS Visitation Ministry**

The MCS Visitation Ministry provides assistance for Newcomer families and individuals who are at risk. Home visits, emotional supports, and guidance in accessing appropriate public services are services offered. Our Visitation workers walk with families as they journey in a new land, and offer support for complex family situations. They also help newcomers find a place of worship in their new community that meets their needs and aligns with their faith tradition. They seek to help families and individuals make sense of difficult and complex problems and open doors for change.

### **What is the goal for the Visitation Ministry?**

- To connect with those that are finding it difficult to adapt and connect to Canadian society and/or are finding it difficult to connect and feel at home in a Canadian church. To listen and encourage.
- To assist newcomers, that are referred by staff, with assistance to appointments outside of the office that they may learn to cope in society on their own.
- To notice those who are not coping well alone and are on their own to navigate in a country that is still new to them even though much time has already elapsed.

### **How are these goals accomplished?**

- By taking referrals from staff, their families and churches and arranging visits in the clients' homes, at their friends' homes, neutral places, or the office.
- Driving and/or interpreting at medical and legal appointments, bank, post office, food bank & shopping.
- Spending time with clients so they may feel worthy, at home, and welcome in the community they have chosen to call and make their home.

### **Issues for which Visitation Ministry provides support:**

Domestic Violence	Loss and Grief
Teen Relationship Violence	Addictions
Parenting	Self-Care
Complex Family Situations	Disabilities
Illiteracy and Language Barriers	Education
Transportation & Interpretation for Medical and Legal Visits	

**Thanks to the churches  
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Ministry**