

CVBB Family Arrives and Settles In

The immigrant asylum-seeking family whom the Chippewa Valley Bridge Builders is sponsoring **has arrived here safely!** Negative COVID tests after crossing the U.S. border sped up their trip here last week. CVBB members met them at the Minneapolis airport and provided a meal and initial groceries. Weary but relieved, they settled into their furnished apartment that evening for a good night's sleep. The family consists of a mother, father, an elementary-age child, and an infant who already have filled CVBB members' hearts.

They are **so** grateful for all that you have provided to make them feel welcome and comfortable. CVBB members are working closely with the family to acclimate them to the city — a quick overall tour this past weekend — their apartment's features, laundry facility use, and grocery shopping, for starters. They will be connected to community services and continue to receive CVBB support. A lawyer has been hired to file their asylum-seeking case. Medical care is being arranged.

Financial donations are gladly accepted for the family's ongoing expenses. Here's an estimate of some:

- \$100/month for diapers, if not available at a food bank
- \$50/month for the water bill
- \$50/month for cell phone
- \$75/month for internet
- \$70/month for household and hygiene items
- \$100/week for groceries and baby formula (in addition to what they can get at the food pantry)
- \$75 to buy bus passes for three people

Make checks payable to First Congregational UCC with *CVBB* or *Chippewa Valley Bridge Builders* in the memo line. You also can give electronically through First Congregational's website, www.firstucceauclaire.org: Select the Missions fund and put *CVBB* in the memo.

Any amount is appreciated. Thank you to givers so far!

You also are invited to share a skill with the family: Contact Greg Barnes at gregleebarnes@gmail.com or 715-491-1471.