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Kia ora Parish Secretaries & Parish Administrators

Afghan families arriving in Wellington

Amongst the grim news reports on the Afghanistan crisis, a ray of light shines for some families who arrive in New Zealand this week - some to resettle in Wellington.

Please can anyone help?

We are desperate to find rental housing for the Wellington bound families, so our call is to all parish communities.

We have just a few weeks to find them accommodation. Stable housing is a key way families can settle well in the Wellington region.

Anywhere in Wellington will help - City, Hutt Valley or Porirua.

Any 1–4 bedroom houses, flats, units that can be rented for at least 6 months and ideally longer.

We are also seeking basic furniture and household packs for the families including bed linen, towels, kitchen utensils etc and pantry items like rice, cooking oils, canned black/kidney beans, tea and coffee etc.

Every action, small or large, helps individuals and families fleeing a desperate situation and seeking safety in New Zealand. Together we can assist families to settle well in the Wellington region.

We will be unable to collect any furniture or household items until we are in Level 2. We will be working with the Red Cross to match up donations to families in need.

We know many parishes and people have been wonderfully supportive of the Refugee Resettlement Programme over the last 5 years but wanted to acknowledge the urgency of the situation in Afghanistan, hence our call for help.

If you can assist with:

1. Rental housing

2. Household and/or pantry items
3. Basic furniture like beds, drawers, dining table, then:

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