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Called to Wonder

A Gift Opens Doors... Proverbs 18:16a



Students hanging out at Gateway's after-school program.

A place for hugs

More than 70 Muslim and Christian children from Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Iraq, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Sudan and Canada come together in our after-school program, creating unique opportunities for exploring what it means to be in partnership with each other. We offer six main projects: homework support, leadership training, health and nutrition, arts and crafts, dance and structured play.

Without prayers and generous financial support from Presbyterians Sharing, congregations and individuals, we would not be able to do this critical work in urban Toronto. We give thanks to the Lord and make known what God has done to the nations (1 Chronicles 16:8).

*Rev. Paulette Brown
Gateway Mission*

Now that you are back in school, you may be seeing some new faces. More and more, Canada has become a place of hope for many people around the world looking for a better place to live and raise a family.

Perhaps you have a new teacher this year. Or you're in a new classroom. Perhaps you're even in a new school. It can be scary facing new challenges. Imagine starting fresh in a new country, too! What are you doing to help these newcomers feel welcome?

The Presbyterian Church in Canada understands. That's one of the reasons why Presbyterians Sharing (the national fund supporting the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada) supports places like Flemingdon Gateway Mission as it reaches out to about 25,000 people living in Flemingdon Park, one of Toronto's most multicultural and densest neighbourhoods.

Gifts of Change

Gifts of Change is a way to provide special gifts to programs such as the Flemingdon Gateway Mission supported by both Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service and Development.

Presbyterians Sharing Sunday is September 26.

Why not challenge your friends at church, your family or even your friends at school to do something to make the newcomers in your class, church or school feel more welcome? Even if it's as simple as praying for them!

Or, you may choose to do something on a more global scale. For inspiration or projects to support, download the **Gifts of Change** catalogue at presbyterian.ca/sharing#giftsofchange



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