



**Paul
Carline**

Who? Paul Carline was born in England but spent his younger years in Kuwait and the Bahamas before moving to Hampton, New Brunswick, in 1975. He accepted Christ as his Lord and Saviour at Hampton Bible Camp, and was baptized at Hampton Baptist Church. After graduation, he furthered his education at Prairie Bible College, Moody Graduate School, and Carey Theological College. In 1995, Paul and his wife Kelly joined Canadian Baptist Ministries as Global Field Staff in Kenya. For 16 years, they were involved in rural and urban integral mission within East Africa's Muslim Somali community.

When? In September 2012, excited by opportunities for cross-cultural interaction and integral mission in Atlantic Canada, and thanks to a partnership with CBM, Paul became the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada's Director of Intercultural Ministries.

Where? Working from the CBAC office in Saint John, New Brunswick, Paul serves the Atlantic Canada area.

What? As a CBM Strategic Associate, Paul is assigned a specific portfolio. As the director of the intercultural ministry, he works jointly with CBM and the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada. In this capacity, he works closely with CBAC's executive minister and associate executive ministers, speaking to issues such as racism. He provides sensitivity training and coaching on inclusion, while helping to create new ministries and strengthen existing ministries that serve the diverse ethnic groups in Atlantic Canada.

Paul says, "We are encouraging churches [to] further a movement of cross-cultural hospitality, by building relationships with historic and newcomer communities. This includes Indigenous peoples, Francophones, new immigrants, refugees, and international students. It's as simple as a cup of coffee or a meal in a home.

"This past year, the CBAC has helped sponsor 80 refugee families to Atlantic Canada. Many of our churches have also assisted government refugees. Many of these are Syrians, and many are Muslims.

"As Syrians enter our country, we are being given the

chance to enter their lives—to learn about Syria, the ancient church and Islam, [and] to learn Arab culture and Arabic. We're being given a chance to be laughed at by children as we blabber and butcher their alphabet. While paternalistic concern might cause us to furnish someone's apartment, love gets us on the couch, drinking tea and sharing faith.

"For many of our groups, the hard work of sponsorship has begun. Families have arrived and teams are now absorbing the pain and sharing the burdens of people who have lost so much and who have so much to find.

"Do not be afraid. Christ's life is indestructible, and it is in you. He is still being small, dwelling in us and being present in the world through us. As you lose your life in the lives of others, you gain and multiply it. You will find yourself with new friends, sisters, and brothers."

Why? Reaching out to strangers is exactly what Christ did for us!

Prayer Requests

- › for thankful, fearless Christians wanting to share the love they've received from God
- › that the church would be a window to the kingdom of God, showing the diverse and united community he can create
- › for eyes to see potential relationships, even with people we've overlooked for a long time
- › for refugee families to be reunited with loved ones
- › for Muslims to experience the love and Lordship of Jesus Christ
- › for revival in our churches.

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