



## Church Plant Profile

### Faith Evangelical Mission Church

**Location:** Faith Academy School, Matheson Ave. Winnipeg, MB.

**Community:** Multi-cultural, focusing on African Refugees

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**Start Date:** May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007

#### Description:

History: It was in 2004 when I was ministering at Pilgrim Baptist Church, some individuals from these African families attended our Sunday worship. They sought permission from the church leadership to conduct their own service in Swahili language which they are familiar with on Saturday evening. Their request was granted, so they immediately started a Swahili service. This went on for a year or so, but their leader left for Calgary after completing his high school classes. I used to preach time to time at their Swahili service upon their request. The Lord did put a burden on our lives that is my wife and I for these people, since we could very well understand both their physical and spiritual needs because we come from the same continent and culture. So when my contract with Pilgrim Baptist Church ended in April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The Lord led us to begin this ministry of serving these African Refugee Families. This started in May 2007 and since then we have seen lives being changed and individuals beginning to appreciate themselves as human beings. We have seen some coming to know the Lord as their personal Saviour and being baptized which was an emotional moment for everyone who was present that day.

Vision/Mission: We members of Faith Evangelical Mission Church, accept wholeheartedly the Scripture of the Old Testament and New Testament as inspired by God and confess the faith therein set forth. It is the purpose of Faith Evangelical Mission Church Inc of Winnipeg, Manitoba to be part of the significant Christian community that will impact the city of Winnipeg and ultimately the whole world, with the life changing message of Jesus Christ, without partiality for race, economic or social status in obedience to the Lords Great Commission found in Matthew 28: 18-20; Acts 1: 8.

Ministry Focus(s): To reach these families with the message of good news of Jesus Christ in order for them to surrender their lives to Christ. To help them to rehabilitate and integrate their lives here in Canada, since they have lost the value of life because of what they went through in their war torn country as well as in the refugee camps in foreign countries. This includes learning English language because they know only French and Swahili. Counselling them on financial matters and family life issues how to deal with them because they have come here carrying heavy baggages of trauma, lost of their loved ones and being displaced.

**Worship Times:** Sunday service is between 9:00 am- 12:30pm

**Current size:** Our congregation is between 30-40 including Sunday school children, adults are around 25 as per January 2010.

**Prayer & Practical Needs:**

- Pray for our financial need to meet the church needs which includes the salary for the pastor.
- Pray for us to have our own permanent place of worship, this will enable us to carry out other activities which we cannot do at the moment. This includes things like seminars, counselling sessions for individuals and families.
- Pray for job opportunities for both the young adults and adults too of these African families because some of them are still on government assistance since they do not have job yet.