

# **Welcome Home Ministry United Presbyterian Church Cuyahoga Falls**

We are a mission minded ministry that assists immigrants in our congregation with setting up their new homes. The bible tells us both in the old and new testament to care for the widow, the orphan, and the alien among you. In our case, here at UPC, not aliens but brothers and sisters in Christ. We want to support those who are here to make a better life for not only themselves and their families, but also for those they have left behind.

Besides monetary donations, we are looking for the following items:

- Pillows (standard size)
- Twin, Full and Queen size sheet sets
- Twin and Full size blankets
- Twin and Full/Queen size comforters or quilts.
- Mattress covers - Twin, Full and Queen size
  
- Towel sets - Bath, Hand, Washcloth
- Stacks of multi-pack washcloths - Can be found at Target or Homegoods/TJ Maxx
- Shower Curtains, hooks, bath mats
- Any slightly used small kitchen appliances/dishes, cookware

## **Our Story**

About seven years ago our first family from the country of Cameroon visited our church. While once a safe country, that is no longer the case. There is much crime and fighting between the British Colony descendants and the French Colony descendants, with killings, kidnappings, and rampant discrimination. In order to get a Visa, they must enter a lottery system, which can take years to have their name drawn. Oftentimes parents must leave their children behind with loved ones to get settled and make a new life here, before bringing them over.

Since our first visitor, the number of our brothers and sisters in Christ from Cameroon has grown to more than 30. We are so blessed to know these spiritual and joyful people and to have them as part of our church family. We realized that starting over is a huge undertaking and quite expensive. To help alleviate that burden, the Welcome Home Ministry was created.

(If you have any questions or would like to donate please contact Lorrie Mariani - email - [mlmariani33@yahoo.com](mailto:mlmariani33@yahoo.com))