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There are two members who attend bi-monthly meetings regularly, one of whom is a member of the Cathedral. Ellie Fleming kindly looks after our bookkeeping.

Le Ministère de l’Immigration de la Diversité et de l’Inclusion closed their offices in Quebec City and moved to Montreal. Communication has become more difficult as a result.

In the summer we got word from the Montreal refugee lawyer, Mr. Goldberg, that there wasn’t any hope of getting Therese and her family from South Africa to Canada. Once the Canadian government decides negatively about a case there isn’t much chance of them going back on their word.

Most of the year we were pushing the Federal government to advance Aloys’ file. They had their interview April 2014 but didn’t arrive until January 2016. This was a long wait. In December they had their medical exams so by then we knew that they would be arriving soon.

The S.A.R.Q. files are finished as their sponsored refugees have all arrived in Canada.

We continue to help Marianna and her family who have been in Quebec City for some time. The children need help with their homework and from time to time there is a skating party or a picnic. A couple, members of our church, generously gave them bunk beds and to Marianna a sewing machine so she can improve her skills in this domain and maybe find work. She also got experience cleaning a condo regularly last winter.

Helping refugees from the other side of the world find their place in Canada is rewarding work.

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