

Great Thanksgiving Feast



We had so much to be thankful for as 90 students, teachers and children gathered to celebrate with a Thanksgiving feast this year. There was a plethora of food. **State Farm Insurance** employees provided the delicious traditional food catered by The Squire Restaurant. Of course our students brought their tasty ethnic food from their own country. And we were wowed by the **Equinox Chamber Players from the St. Louis Symphony** performing music from around the world and even some classic Scott Joplin to keep our toes tapping and fingers snapping!



Christmas - A Time To Give

Once again, **Windsor Crossing Church** blessed Oasis with **98 baskets filled with blankets, gloves, hats, games, toys and books to give to our refugees for Christmas.** Our Christmas delivery will be Saturday, December 14.

Members of **Southgate Church** will be having the joy of visiting our refugee friends and bringing them the gift baskets.

Destiny Church also donated toys to 66 refugee children .

Middletree Church will deliver those toys on the same day.

One of our refugee friends from Iraq said, *"In America every month there seems to be a holiday or something to celebrate, but Christmas is the best of all. There is so much love."*

And of course we said, **It's Jesus!**



Thankful To Have Heat In Their House

A special thank you to **First Baptist, Arnold, Mo. and First Baptist, Columbia, IL.** for coming to the aid of one of our Iraqi families. Their home had a boiler system furnace with radiant heat. There was no heat for their family as the temperature plummeted to freezing. With a few calls from Oasis, the two churches worked together to get the furnace going again.

Special thanks to Mark Walter and James Southwick.

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OUR MISSION is to love and care for those who seek refuge from a war torn country with the love of Jesus.

Oasis In The City: "Stories from the heart"

"oasis" a pleasant or peaceful area in the midst of a difficult place: calm in the city

"My Family Is Finally Coming From Burma After 5 1/2 Years"

Five and a half years ago, we met Khual Pu. He had just arrived from Burma. We delivered furniture to him and we quickly became friends. Khual Pu was here by himself but we learned that he had a wife and five children still in Burma. Khual Pu has been working and preparing for them to come. He told us that after much paperwork they were arriving the first week of December this year. Two weeks ago he rented a much bigger house and Mark and I and some men and children from Redeemer Church delivered furniture to him for his whole family. We sat and visited after all the furniture was brought in. We prayed and at the end of the prayer he asked Joani to read

Matthew 25: 31-46. Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?

When did we see you a stranger and invite you in?...

The King will answer, I tell you the truth, whatever you

did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me.

We were all in tears. Khual Pu just wept. It was such a Heaven moment.

We love Khual Pu and can't wait to meet his family.

They arrived safely here on Wednesday night.

With God, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!



Tax Deductable Year End Giving

Please let everyone you know that they can give to Oasis International Ministries for their year end tax deductible gift. It is a great way to help others have a place to give and will really help Oasis fulfill our needs for the end of the year. You can give a check and make it out to

Oasis International and send it to the address on the front of this newsletter or go to our website and give through PayPal. We appreciate every gift and it will help us reach more refugee families for the new year. God bless you! Mark & Joani

"This is what the LORD Almighty said:

Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another.

Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor.

Do not plot evil against each other." Zechariah 7:9