

Our Mission is to serve and assist new refugees who have relocated to the St. Louis area with the love of Jesus.



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## 2013 Vision - Fixing Our Eyes

**"Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." Hebrews 12:2**

No matter where we have come from or where we are going, our eyes are fixed on Jesus. **He is the reason we serve the refugee families.** We love with His love and serve with His heart of compassion. It is wonderful to see that love poured back into us from the people we serve. They have been broken by war and have experienced painful loss and yet they have smiles, kindness and love that they give in return. Our faith is in Jesus, that He will heal every broken heart, reveal Himself as Savior and cover a multitude of sins. We also pray for the peace that passes understanding through Jesus Christ for every family as well.

**So everything we do at Oasis is done through the love of Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith.** Our faith in Jesus is in the belief that He will put it on peoples' heart to give financially and to pour resources into our hands, such as; furniture, clothes and everything else we need to serve these people. He said **"He has give us everything we need according to life and Godliness."** 2 Peter 1:3

### What do we see with the eyes of faith for Oasis in 2013?

#### Refugee Visitation - Building Relationships with New Families

We have heard this from many refugees, **"Thanks for smiling!"** We have a new **Refugee Visitation** packet to help you connect with a refugee family. You will be blessed to meet these families and probably enjoy some coffee, tea or even ethnic foods – and help bring healing as you do! Having an American friend can make the transition in a new country so much easier.

#### Teaching English

Six English levels are available to refugee adults. More classrooms are needed, as well as more teachers, child care workers, and drivers to pick up students. We keep classes small for more effective teaching and learning. You will not find more eager students than our international friends.

#### Providing Furniture and Clothing

We are always in need of furniture to be donated to be given to new refugee families as close to their arrival as possible.

#### New Internet Café

Computers have been provided so that refugees can Skype and/or call their family members. Computer classes and help with on line job applications are needed too.

#### New Oasis International Kitchen

We are excited to have the possibility to have our kitchen installed this year.

#### Providing Jobs for Refugees at Oasis

Finding jobs is one of the greatest needs of the refugees. We are praying that we will be able to hire some new refugees for jobs around Oasis International too.

#### Completing Building Projects

We desire to make Oasis an inviting place where refugees come for classes, social interaction and daily needs. To do so, we must complete renovation to our building.



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# 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



**A Miraculous 2012**  
 Refugee Families Served—Over 300  
 Nations—27  
 Churches & Organizations—86  
 Volunteers—500  
 Volunteer Hours Served—over 12,000  
 English Students—45  
 Teachers & Child Care Workers—30  
 Driver's Training Students—11  
 Farm Volunteers—30  
 Farm Volunteer Hours—1,200  
 KOV Kids Camp—19  
 Christmas Gifts Given—over 100 families  
 Building Projects Completed—6  
 BBQ Outreaches—6  
 Weekly Staff—7



**Furniture Given:**  
 Couches & chairs—280  
 Coffee Tables & End Tables—240  
 TV & TV Tables—205 Lamps—236  
 Kitchen Tables and Chairs—450  
 Microwaves—31 Kitchen Boxes—150  
 Beds—133 Heaters & Fans—65 Bikes—200  
 Washers & Dryers—22



God can do a lot with just a little. It is about passion for the mission God has called us to. People, real lives: that is what this is all about. They have names and difficult stories but we have laughed and cried and loved so much. Faces of volunteers from grade school to grandmas and grandpas all making a difference giving time, talent and treasure. Many languages have been spoken and yes, true communication. It's truly MIRACULOUS!! AND ONLY GOD CAN DO MIRACLES! ALL GLORY TO HIM!



"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