

Oasis International

Volume 25
Issue 7
July
2013



“When You Come to America... The Christians Will Help You.”



I remember exactly where I was, speaking with a young Iraqi refugee on the noisy South City street, when that statement was spoken. He was full of hope, anticipating a new life in America, unaware of the many struggles he and his family would face ahead. What an impact his words had on me. All I could do was say a silent prayer. “Oh God help us. We can’t do this alone.”

Doing this alone was never God’s plan. What a joy it is to see the body of Christ in action, being a witness of the love and power of Jesus, making a difference in people’s lives for eternity. You will be blessed by the following stories. These are just a few of the many churches and individuals who are helping us now.

Asfaha, Eretria - Asfaha was imprisoned in Eretria for no reason and kept in solitary confinement for 9 months. He was beaten every day without cause and then released. His captors said, “You can go, but you are not free.” He sought refuge and **came to St. Louis, desperately needing kidney damage and was put on have both removed. He will placed on a waiting list for new four children. Oasis has bunk beds, for his two bed-have. A man from First Baptist, he could share Bible stories excited for him to come back.**

**His captors said,
“You can go, but you are not free.”**

to start a new life. He arrived with dialysis. He just recently had surgery to continue to be on dialysis and his name kidneys. **He has a lovely wife and given him furniture, but he needed room apartment, which we did not Arnold visited him at home and asked if with him and his family.** They were Asfaha told him his children needed bunk beds. The need was shared with a friend and this man made the bunk beds and will deliver them to his house this week.

Ali and Hind - Iraq Wounded from the Iraq war, Ali has struggled to make ends meet to provide for his family, but his greatest concern has been **for his wife, Hind who is battling cancer.** A friend of ours from Ladue Chapel has **called others to raise money for this family** to help them meet their basic needs. She has also helped to get Section 8 housing and is working on helping their son get into a good high school.

Hamida -Iraq Please read on page 2 how Vineyard Community Church, First Baptist Arnold and Metro Christian Worship Center are blessing Hamida.



Mark & Joani Akers
5035 Gravois Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63116



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

A couple of months ago we told you about Hamida and her three beautiful girls. She bought a house that needed lots of work on it. Praise the Lord, the Body of Christ in St. Louis has come together to help her. Members of Vineyard Community Church, Metro Christian Worship Center and First Baptist Church-Arnold have banded together to help her with home repairs. They are working on electrical and plumbing issues, repairing windows and hooking up her stove. She just told us that someone came to her house and gave her a window air-conditioner. She said it was the first time she had a good night's sleep. We say all the time that it would be great to connect an American family with each refugee family to help with needs and walk with them in their new life, in a new city and country. We can make a difference right now!



Would You Agree in Prayer With Us for:

1. The revelation of Jesus to the nations in our city. Many of the international cultures know about Jesus, but do not know Him as God or that they could have an intimate relationship with Him.
2. More monthly partners to increase our financial base.
3. The healing of our friends on page one, Hind (battling cancer) and Asfaha (new kidneys) and resources for Hamida's home to be completed.



**"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**