

## Agape Christian Church—Kalamazoo, MI. A Great Team—A Whole Week Of Blessings



What an awesome team we had from Kalamazoo, Michigan the second week of August. They brought the cool Michigan weather and were able to complete many projects in the building, deliver furniture to several refugee families and even sponsor our Saturday BBQ. They came to work, serve and love the people.



The projects included painting bathrooms, basement doors, stair walls, fireplace, ceiling and even around the map of the world in the front classroom. Our steps leading to the basement were even covered with new hardwood. My laptop computer was even fixed. Some of the girls took inventory of all materials in our ELL closet and typed it out for Joani. They cleaned the building and disinfected all of our kids toys. The most important part of teams serving is meeting new refugee families from different countries.



A Big Thank You to The Crossing and Destiny Churches who gave over 130 book bags with school supplies.

What a great productive week! The other important thing is meeting the great team members. They are an inspiration to us!!



Cotton Boll is our regular at every BBQ. He loves to make balloon creations for the kids.



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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**

## **"I walked from Eritrea to Ethiopia"**

We were getting ready to close for the day. A young man, about 27 yrs. old, rode his bike up to the door. He needed furniture for his new apartment. We took his information and said we could deliver next week. It was Thursday and we were going to be closed till Monday. We asked him if he had a bed, he said no, no furniture at all. We do not want anyone sleeping on hardwood floors so I said I can put a single bed in my van and take it to your apartment. I said, "How far did you ride your bike?" "Not far" was his reply. It was actually 3 miles. We loaded my van with as much as we could; bed, linens, TV, vacuum, dishes, a pan and his bike. When we arrived we found out he did not have any food. "No food?" I asked. "No, but I have food stamps coming Sept. 1st. (It was August 21st). We took him back to Oasis and then to a grocery store and bought him food. As we were taking him back home, he told us that he was the only one in his family that came to the U.S. He walked from his home in Eritrea to an Ethiopian refugee camp. He was there for 8 years. He had to make his own hut out of mud bricks. He is happy to be in St. Louis. He has an eye disease and needs healing. He has been here for a few months but does not have a job. Someone gave him an apartment to live in for free, but it is in a very dangerous area. We continue to be his friend and pray for him. We are praying for churches to come along side young men and families like this young man and help them make it in America.

## **"PRAY FOR THE CITY"**

*Friday night*

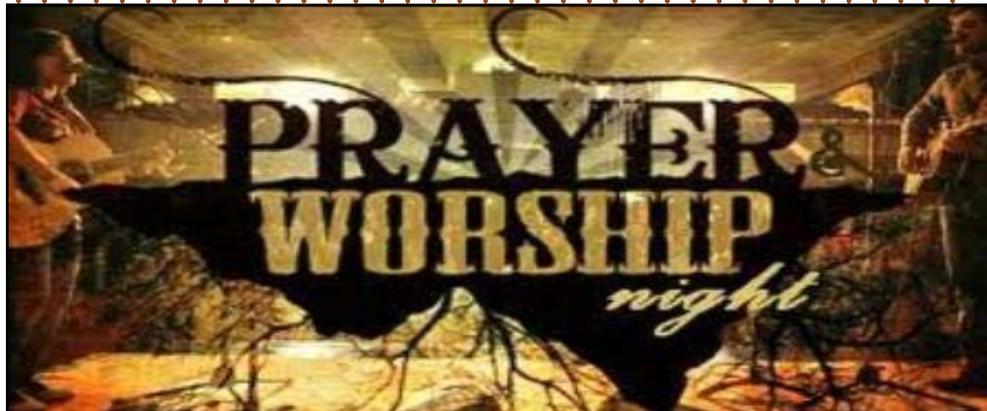
*September 13th*

*7:00—8:30 PM*

*At Oasis International*

*Church at Bevo*

*Worship Team*



**"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**