



## In Loving Memory and Honor

Our great friend, Paul Douthit, went to heaven on Monday March 24, 2014. His smile and heart of compassion will be greatly missed by all.

I will miss one of my best friends and definitely the tallest. Paul was a great encouragement to so many people and his smile was infectious. His sense of humor kept the laughter to a maximum. He was my "go to" guy for help at Oasis International in the office. He was our Board Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator and English teacher. Talk about a true Man of God. He loved Jesus and his life was continually pouring out that special love that only God can give to everyone.

He loved all of the refugees that came to Oasis International. He recently orchestrated the receiving of furniture to Oasis International from the Millennium Hotel in the coldest part of the winter. He organized the volunteers from different churches and universities, the trucks and drivers and even the warehouses.

I was always honored to be in his presence because I knew that he was a Vietnam hero. He knew personally what it is like to lay down your life for friend and country. With almost continual pain in his body, he did not complain but continued to smile and look at the best in life.

My heart is broken again at the loss of another loved one, but I don't grieve as those who have no hope. Our hope is in the fact that Paul gave his life to Jesus Christ and believed that Jesus died on the cross for his sins and made a way for him to inherit eternal life in heaven. I miss him greatly and look forward to the day I see him again in heaven.

Thank you Paul for making a difference in my life. I am truly blessed because you were my friend and brother in Christ. Our prayers are with Paul's wife, Pam, and his children and grand-children.

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8*

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## Edward Jones—A New Way To Give To Oasis International

What if you could look beyond strictly cash donations and could make a larger, more significant gift, a gift that would benefit Oasis International? Donating appreciated assets, such as stocks, is often an overlooked opportunity for organizations and individuals.

As you know, April 15th is the deadline for filing your income tax (How could we forget that!). Now you can contact Jason Imig with Edward Jones and let him know of stocks, bonds and securities that you would like to donate to Oasis International.

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Happy  
Birthday  
Joani Akers  
April 4th



**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

One of our favorite things to do is to attend the citizenship ceremony of our friends that we have known over 5 years. Congratulations Ahmed and his wife Aseel, and Gofran, from Iraq and Harry from Bosnia.



## 2014 BBQ Outreaches 3rd Saturdays

April 19th — **Canceled due to construction**

May 17th — **No sponsor yet**

June 21st — Vineyard Community Church

July 19th — Destiny Church

August 16th — Grace Union Church

September 20th — North County Community Church

October 18th — **No sponsor yet**

If your church would like to sponsor a BBQ for May or October call the Oasis office.

"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