



## God's Provision Comes In A Big Way



**Oasis** has been very low on furniture and household items for the refugees since the beginning of this new year. We have been praying for God's provision. We know that God hears us when we pray and that He has the resources for all that He has called Oasis to do. Eph. 3:20 says, *"That He is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all we can ask or think according to the power that works within us."* **And that is exactly what He did!**



A friend of Oasis was sharing about the ministry and our need for furniture at his church. One of the men in the congregation just happened to be the person in charge of donating all the furniture and items in the Millennium Hotel which had just recently closed. He contacted Mark and the great furniture move began! Mark alerted churches and friends of Oasis for help. We needed trucks, warehouse space and volunteers. Of course God provided all we needed to receive this big blessing. We are so grateful to God for His provision. **We thank Millennium Hotel for the gift of all the furniture and for everyone who helped to bring this great blessing to the refugees.**



### 2014 BBQ OUTREACHES NOW ON THE THIRD SATURDAY

Beginning with April through October our BBQ will start again. What a great time for refugee families to meet American families. Food, games, bike give-aways and some fun times for our new friends to enjoy St. Louis.

Here is a great opportunity for churches, universities and organizations to sponsor a Saturday BBQ outreach.

Each sponsor gives \$500 for food and provides 10-20 volunteers to host the event. If you would like to sponsor a BBQ Outreach call our office or email us.





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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



What a joy it is when we get to see our refugee friends become United States citizens. Refugees must be in the United States for 5 years, know how to speak, read and write English and pass the Citizenship test to become an American citizen.

*This is Pan Sing and Ciang's story:* Pan Sing and Ciang were married in Burma in 2002. Their son, Mong Pi was born in 2003. In 2005 Pan Sing had just finished two years of college and they had many of their friends over to celebrate. Days later the military came to their house and accused them of trying to get people to come against the government. They told them they were watching him and would put Pan Sing in jail if they gathered people together again. Pan Sing knew that his life and his family's life was in danger. He left Burma and went to a refugee camp in Malaysia.

Later the military came back to their home questioning her about Pan Sing. Of course she did not tell them he had fled the country and they threatened Ciang with imprisonment if they ever found out he was out of the country. Ciang knew she must leave too. She and three year old Mong Pi traveled by bus, boat and on foot to get out of the country and to the refugee camp. The family was reunited in Malaysia. They spent one year in Malaysia and came to St. Louis in 2008. God has blessed them with two more children. They have learned English and Pan Sing has sushi bars at two Schnucks stores. They have been a great blessing to many of the other Burmese families that have relocated to St. Louis, helping them to adjust to their new life in America. They are a wonderful family and so proud to be American citizens. We love them so much.



**"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