



## Connecting With The Bosnian Community



Sabilj, Sarajevo

We are excited about the new **Sabilj** (pronounced Sabee) being built for the park across from Oasis. The President of Bosnia came last year to dedicate it as a gift to St. Louis. The Sabilj is a replica of the one in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina that was built in 1753. The beautiful water fountain will be a great addition to the park and the community.

**Sabilj also means "Gateway"**. It is a gift to the city by the Bosnian Chamber of Commerce and the United Bosnian Association for the 250th anniversary of St. Louis.

**\$15,000 is still needed to complete the project.** It will be in the center of the park where the Oasis BBQ Outreaches will be held, so we would like to contribute to the completion of this project. What a great way to connect with our Bosnian neighbors.

**Would you consider a donation toward this community project? Write "Sabilj" in the memo of your check.** Let's bless the community as we help bring all the nations together.

### 2014 Oasis BBQ Outreaches

We have sponsors for June (Vineyard Community), July (Destiny Church) and September (North County Community).

Remember that this year we are doing our outreaches on the **THIRD SATURDAYS**, April-October.

Sponsors give \$500 for food and provide 15-20 volunteers to set up and tear down tents and tables, do kids games, serve food and meet people from all around the world. You can also bring your worship band, do a craft for the kids, make cakes for a "cake walk", do sack races, water balloon toss, egg toss, and bring your acrobats. :)



Kiev  
Ukraine

### Please Pray for the Syrians and the Ukrainians

I took this picture (right) off of my TV from the nightly news of Syrians in Damascus going to get food. It is difficult to see the devastation of the buildings and realize the devastation of the hearts of the people. Many of our refugees from Iraq went to Syria for refuge from the Iraq war. Syria used to be one of the biggest receivers of refugees. Now they are fleeing to Jordan, Turkey and even Iraq.



Damascus, Syria

Also the people in Ukraine are in a very precarious position with the Russian government. These are serious times and demand that we pray to for God's intervention, wisdom and peace. Just watching the news should drive us to our knees to pray to God. See back page to come to Oasis for Prayer for All Nations on Sunday March 30th from 2-5 PM.

### 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. **Jason Imig, Financial Advisor-Edward Jones Investments**

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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



**Julie Bliss** is a triple blessing!! Julie teaches English and after class, helps one of her students with driver's training. Now that is going the extra mile. She also is helping us host some baby showers for the refugee mothers to be. This is Julie's first school year and she has

jumped in and helped wherever the need is. Thank you Julie for your heart to care for our refugee families.



**Haider Kadhim** (Left) is our newest addition to the Oasis staff. He has only been in the U.S. 2 months but he has already made a great impression on all of us.

**Ahmed Habib** (right) came on staff in October. He is our driver of the Oasis truck. Both Ahmed and Haider (from Iraq) will be the

smiling faces of Oasis International to the people who donate furniture and to the refugee families we give the furniture to. We always say that our staff is a gift from God. Thanks men.

# Prayer For All Nations

Sunday, March 30th 2-5 PM

Join us as we worship God and pray for the nations at Oasis International!

"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