



Our mission is to love and care for those seeking refuge from war torn countries.

2014
Year-End
Report



Oasis International

Refugee Settlement In St. Louis

"He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live... God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him."
Acts 17:26,27

Each night our news is filled with tragedy, killings and displaced peoples all around the world. Millions have fled the ravages of war, leaving their friends, family, jobs, their homes and countries to end up in refugee camps. The Bible repeatedly tells God's people to pay special attention to the needs of the orphan, widow and the alien.

America has the most resettled refugees in the world. **St. Louis has more diversity of nations represented than almost any other city in the United States.** This year has brought many new refugees to Oasis International with stories and experiences of great loss.



We believe this is Acts 17 coming to life. God is bringing these refugees to St. Louis today, so that with your help, Oasis International is helping them to see Jesus and to experience Him personally. Oasis International is changing the statistic in St. Louis that says **"less than 10% of these refugees will ever have an American friend."**

Rev. Mark S. Akers
Founder/Exec. Director

Making A Difference & Impacting Nations

Our biggest need is more monthly donors. Would you consider joining the work of Oasis International with your donation? **\$1.00 per day will provide a new language, furniture, clothing, job skills, love, encouragement, and most importantly hope to a refugee family.**

When Jesus fed the 5,000, He cared about the people because they were hungry and He asked the disciples to become a part of the miracle. **They simply gave what they had.** Jesus blessed it, and He gave it back to them to distribute to the people. We believe that when your gift is given to Oasis International, Jesus will bless it, and refugees in St. Louis will have what they need. You will be a part of the miracle of helping the broken and needy.

We are excited about 2015. We are looking forward to sharing the love of Jesus and impacting lives for eternity. It is a privilege and joy for us to make new friends from around the world, giving them what they need. They will become productive citizens and will grow in our hearts at the same time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and considering your gift to us. May God richly bless you and your family!

Sincerely,

Mark & Joani

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Education - Let's Learn Together



Welcome - Friend to Friend

Our Volunteers, Staff and Board members made it happen!

Many individuals from multiple churches and universities volunteered thousands of hours to accomplish much. Moving furniture, sorting clothes, making kitchen boxes, assisting with BBQ outreaches, eye glass clinics and prayer meetings. Our volunteers assisted with job applications, dentist and doctor appointments, visiting in refugee homes, picking up English students and children, helping with driver's training, baby showers, giving flu shots and repairing refugee homes. Oasis International served 303 refugee families from 27 nations.

Building Projects Completed

Website, awnings, truck signs, mural for toddler room



Thank you to **Empire Media** for designing the artwork for the website and truck, **Signature Signs** for giving our truck a facelift, **Lawrence Awnings** for their excellent work of design and installation, and **Webster University students** and **Amer from Iraq**, for painting the mural.

Why become involved with Oasis International?

When we obey the Lord we don't really think about what's in it for us. We are just doing what God says; **but the expression of love and thanks that comes back to us is our greatest blessing.** Our faith has also grown as we see the humility, trust and faith in God that the refugees display everyday as they seek the help of the Lord.

We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to Oasis International to help us build a strong community of loving, grateful refugees willing to give their lives for their new community and country. The goals and amounts listed below are what Oasis International needs to successfully continue to help refugees in the St. Louis area:

Our goal in 2015 is to connect every refugee family with an American Christian family. We hear many heart breaking stories every day and want to be there for the families that come from the atrocities of war. Everyone can be a mom, a dad, a brother or sister to someone who has no family here. You will be blessed to meet these families and probably enjoy some coffee, tea or even ethnic foods – and help bring healing as you do! Your smiles and compassionate hearts will multiply back to you in life long relationships. **(Annual organizational need: \$300,000 for mortgage, utilities, operational costs, staff expenses, office management, and building maintenance)**

Providing Jobs for Refugees

After learning English, finding jobs is the number one need of the refugees. Truck drivers, English class helpers, childcare workers, office assistants, janitors, furniture repair and helping in the clothing store are just some of the part-time job opportunities we can provide to the refugees. **(Annual need: \$40,000 – to create part-time jobs at Oasis International)**

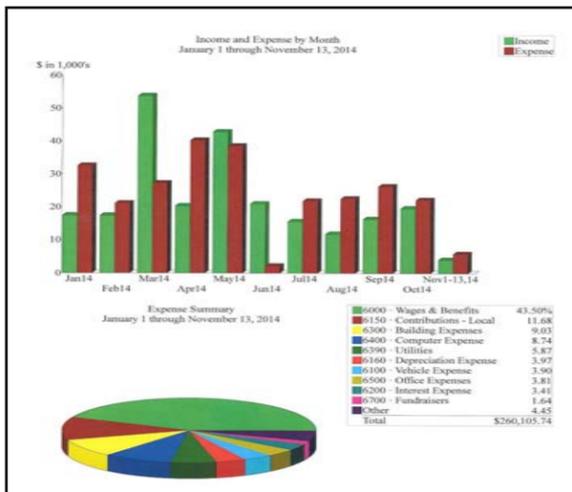
Completing Building Projects

We desire to make Oasis International an inviting Community Center where refugees come for classes, social interaction and daily needs. To do so, we must complete renovation to our building with updated lighting, a new fire escape, roof access hatch and security systems. **(2015 need: \$40,000 – to complete construction projects)**

2014 Financials

Summary Balance Sheet As of Nov. 7, 2014

ASSETS	
Current Assets	52,856
Fixed Assets	<u>350,169</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	403,025
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	198,679
Equity	<u>204,346</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	403,025



Profit & Loss Summary Jan. -Oct. 2014

Income	
Contributions - Designated	90,966
Contributions- Undesignated	<u>144,454</u>
Total Income	235,420
Expense	
Wages & Benefits	111,612
Vehicle Expense	9,874
Contributions - Local	30,107
Depreciation Expense	10,330
Amortization Expense	1,914
Interest Expense	8,858
Education	3,001
Building Expenses	23,475
Insurance	1,529
Travel & Ent	1,477
Utilities	15,274
Computer Expense	22,737
Office Expense	8,353
Fundraisers	4,198
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>7,367</u>
Total Expenses	260,106