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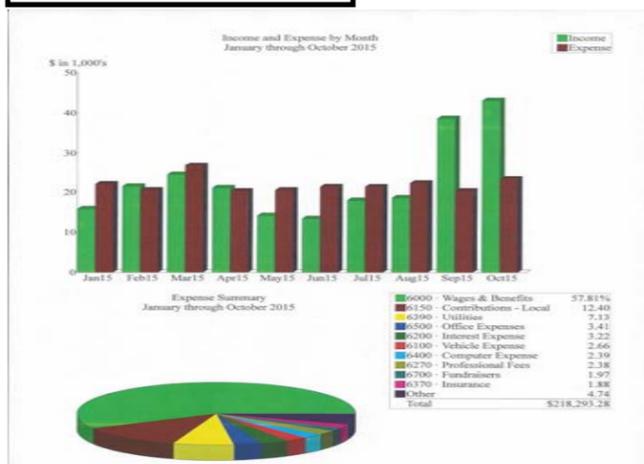
**SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET**  
 as of November 11, 2015

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	90,789
Fixed Assets	350,169
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>440,958</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	190,507
Equity	250,450
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>440,958</b>

**Financials**

**PROFIT & LOSS SUMMARY**  
 January—November 2015

<b>INCOME</b>	
Contributions—Designated	58,884
Contributions—Undesignated	169,258
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>228,142</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Wages & Benefits	126,203
Vehicle Expense	5,807
Contributions—Local	27,074
Professional Fees	5,200
Interest Expense	7,040
Education	2,409
Building Expenses	3,824
Insurance	4,103
Travel & Ent	1,768
Utilities	15,568
Computer Expense	5,214
Office Expense	7,442
Fundraisers	4,296
Miscellaneous Expense	934
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>218,293</b>



Once, Jesus was asked, “Who is my neighbor?” He told a story about a traveler – a person in a country not his own – who was in great need. Jesus said three people had the opportunity to help this traveler. Two were too busy or thought that the traveler’s problems were none of their business. Only one put action to his compassion and cared for the traveler – bandaging his wounds, securing his safety, personally providing for his care – in his time of greatest need. Jesus ended his story by saying, “Go and do the same.”

Oasis International daily finds modern travelers and refugees in great need. We have compassion on them, loving them with Jesus’ love. But there is work to do and we need your help.

Will you help Oasis International bind the wounds of these brokenhearted travelers who have lost spouses, children, friends, home, job and country?

Will you help Oasis International provide safety and comfort to travelers who must start anew in a place with a strange language, strange customs, where very few people look like them?

Will you help Oasis International give the love these travelers need with the resources God has given to you?

Would you join Oasis International with your monthly donation? A commitment of \$1.00 per day will provide a new language, furniture, clothing, job skills, love, encouragement and most of all hope, to a refugee family.

With your prayers and support, we are sharing the love of Jesus with people from every corner of the world, in St. Louis City – right in your backyard. It is a privilege to love and serve these weary travelers and to see Jesus change them with His love from the inside out. With your help, we are making an eternal difference in people’s lives. May God richly bless you and your family!



**Connecting with Compassion to the Refugee Crisis in the World.**

**Compassion:** a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) 59.5 million men, women and children are displaced by unthinkable crises around the world. An estimated 9 million Syrians have fled their



(Migration Policy Centre)

homes since the outbreak of civil war in March 2011, taking refuge in neighboring countries or within Syria itself. The UNHCR says that over 3 million have fled to Syria's immediate neighbors: Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq and 6.5 million are internally displaced within Syria. Meanwhile, close to 150,000 Syrians have declared asylum in the European Union, while member states have pledged to resettle a further 33,000 Syrians. The vast majority of these resettlement spots – 28,500 or 85% – are pledged by Germany.

Oasis International is on the front lines here in St. Louis with refugees arriving almost daily, desperate to find a new life free from war and torment. **It’s not enough to feel bad about people in desperate situations. The feeling must be accompanied with a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.** This year has been a very difficult one for millions around the world. Refugees come to St. Louis with nothing tangible to start a new life. With your help, Oasis International is actually alleviating the suffering through our many programs and through our compassionate staff and volunteers. Oasis International provides a safe place to come and receive personal love and care as we help new families navigate a different climate, culture and government. Although there are many differences, we help people look at the similarities of family life, friendships and the need for love common to all people everywhere.

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**Our Mission:**

is to love and care for those seeking refuge from war torn countries with the heart of Jesus.

## We Give The Love

When we asked the staff what was different about Oasis International than other organizations, Haider, one of our drivers of our truck, quickly replied, "We give the love!" Yes, we are motivated by the love of Jesus. We want everyone to know that it is the love of Jesus they feel when they come to Oasis International. So when they receive a whole house full of furniture from us, it is given with the love of Jesus. This year we have served **over 300 families from 31 different nations**. One Iraqi man told us he loves to come to Oasis International because "You love everyone the same."

### Furniture and Clothes:

Michael Luaders, Haider Kadhim, and Ghassan Al Badri are the ones that pick up the furniture from our donors and deliver to our new refugee families. Imagine bringing our Oasis International truck to a new family with a sofa, chairs, TV, lamps, kitchen table and chairs, pots and pans, plates, glasses and silverware. That will help alleviate some of the suffering! Your donations of furniture and household items, clothes for all seasons, especially winter coats, hats, scarfs and gloves are always needed to bring comfort to each family.



### Driver's Training:

**Ben Settle and Glen Beigstrom** are our faithful driver's training instructors. We say Ben and Glen have more faith than anyone. Ben has a classroom at Oasis International to teach the basic

English: "Stop", "Turn Right", "Turn Left" and rules of the road. Ben and Glen work with each student until they receive their license. When you give to Oasis International you are helping to provide this special service so refugees like Solomon from Ethiopia can get a better job.



### Community BBQ Outreaches:

Each month from April—October we have a community BBQ. A different church sponsors the event and provides volunteers, games, worship music and prizes. Your donations help provide a social event for the refugee families and an opportunity for them to meet their American neighbors.



### University Community Service:

Another way your donations help is by teams coming to Oasis International to do building projects, collecting supplies, and meeting refugee families by helping to deliver furniture.

## 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.

When we talk about compassion and alleviating someone's suffering, there are so many needs, it can be overwhelming. These sweet people have very little, but Oasis International has been so blessed to be able to serve the refugees. Here is just a glimpse of what we do to be compassionate and alleviate the sufferings of our friends.

**English Classes:** This year we are serving **45 students in 6 different levels and providing childcare for their many children**. One of our first year teachers shared this story.

I have been a public school teacher for a few years, but these students are some of my favorites. One student has never had any education in her own language. She cannot read or write. She is from Afghanistan and moved here with her husband and four children. I cannot imagine the difficulties she faces on a regular basis. How does one navigate the school system and advocate for her four children, when she cannot understand what is being spoken or written?

Yesterday, we worked on saying 'Thank You'. What does it mean to say 'Thank You', and when do we say it. So many are here alone, suffering from post-traumatic stress, and weary from living in a foreign land. A woman in my class asked to write a thank you to God. She said 'Thank you God for my three children, my health, and my family and friends. Thank you for my teachers who taught me how to write my name, S-A-O.' What a gift to know how to write your own name. This is what Oasis International does. God is so in love with these people. He knows their names and is passionate for them to know His.



### Hosting A Baby Shower

Loving, American women host baby showers for our new refugee moms almost every month. How the refugees miss the support of their own families when their new baby arrives. We come to their home with gifts, food and lots of baby advice! How thankful they are for women who will be a support to them even after the baby is born. This is a picture of San from Burma and her new baby boy, Sang Pi. San's husband has been here for two years and San just came to St. Louis in January of 2015. One of the things she told me she liked about America was that she had running water in her house!



## Leviticus 19:33-34:

**"When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God."**

## Matthew 25:35-36

**"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."**