

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



Oasis International

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It was a great Thanksgiving celebration

Delicious foods and ethnic delicacies from around the world prepared by the teachers and students were the hit at our Thanksgiving celebration.

The Equinox Chamber players entertained us once again with beautiful music. How fun for the English teachers to share the heart warming story of the first Thanksgiving with their students.

Our hearts are full of gratitude to all of our supporters! God has blessed us with people like you who give to Oasis so that we might carry out God's mission to reach the nations in our city. What joy we have in partnering with you to bring Jesus to the "stranger in our land."



Year End Giving Opportunity

65 million people have fled their countries around the world. Last year in 2015, over 500 refugees arrived in St. Louis. This year, 2016, over 1,200 new refugees have arrived in St. Louis. Since January over 3,500 individual refugees from 34 countries have walked through our doors needing help. We were here to provide needed furniture, clothes, English classes, driver's training, baby showers and the love of Jesus. Relationship is our priority in everything we do. A great way to support Oasis International is by taking advantage of year end gifting strategies which have the benefits of income tax deduction, capital gain savings and other financial incentives. There are many ways to contribute a gift including donating highly appreciate stocks/investments, real estate, life insurance, IRA assets, annuities and charitable trusts. With your financial support we can continue to provide services to more and more refugee families in 2017. **You can make a tax deductible gift by check or go to our website www.oasis4refugees.org and make a donation with your credit card or pay pal account.**

We have found that refugee families really need a friend when they come to St. Louis. There are so many new things that refugees are faced with when they come to a new city. We want to help change the statistic that less than 10% of the refugees will ever be befriended by an American. Let's make a difference in 2017! Go to the website for the **Good Neighbor Initiative** to see the requirements and the commitment.

www.goodneighborstl.com

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“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

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."



Every New Refugee Child Receiving Christmas Presents

We are so excited for our new refugee children. For some of the children this will be their first Christmas and first Christmas gift ever. Several years ago the Lord put it on our hearts to give a Christmas present for every new refugee child that came to St. Louis. We just didn't want to give a gift, we wanted give an American family too. Relationship is just as important to the refugee family as the gift. We heard it many times when we would come to visit, **"You are our gift!"** We are so grateful for our partners who are helping us provide the Christmas gifts this year.



On December 12th all of the presents will be brought to Oasis International from Crosspoint Church, Abiding Savior Church, Life Community Church, Calvary Fellowship, and Kurt Warner-First Things First Ministries. They are providing over 400 gifts this year. Then on December 14th a group from Bancorp will come and organize all of the deliveries. December 17th teams from Southgate Church, Bancorp, Calvary Fellowship and others will deliver the presents personally. Oh What Fun!!!

