

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

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What a wonderful year we had with our English students! One of our students from Iraq said, *"Before I came to English class at Oasis, I was afraid to have a conversation with an American. Now I feel that I can speak and understand and I am not afraid."* Another student from Liberia said, *"I was so proud that I could fill out the information form without any help. I remembered how my teacher taught me in class."* We have great students who are eager to learn and loving and caring teachers and child care workers who make it all possible.



Honoring Men and Women of the Nations!

The refugee ladies celebrated Women's Day in May with the generous help from ladies of **Bonhomme Presbyterian Church** from St. Louis, **Hope Church in Waterloo, Illinois** and **Berkley Med employees**. The ladies enjoyed delicious food, sharing stories about God's faithfulness and making crafts to take home. Mark took the men out to lunch with the Berkley Med men who generously bought lunch for everyone. Thank you so much to all who helped.



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"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

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

Oasis In he City: "Stories from the heart."

"oasis" a pleasant or peaceful area in the midst of a difficult place.; calm in the city."



Haroun, from Sudan, comes to my office a couple of times a year to say thank you. A few years ago we gave him a laptop for his family. He and his wife are both medical doctors. They are going back to school. He brought me his letter from school saying he was on the deans list.



Yousef, on the left, and his family of six children and one on the way, from Eretria, were excited to see our truck bringing furniture to their home. They also came in to Oasis to receive the clothes and household items they needed. Yousef also won a bicycle at the BBQ. We are praying for a computer for them and a ladies group to host a baby shower for his wife. When I visited them, I realized the children did not have toys, so we made another visit bringing toys.



It was an honor to speak at Shammah Church, a French speaking, Congolese Church.

I was so grateful for Pastor Beni Kibombi, a refugee from the Congo, for interpreting for me. Most of the people in this church and other churches represented at this meeting are refugees. The Spirit of Christ is so evident in the music, passion for the Word of God and the

redemption of each life that has lost so much.

