

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



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E-Free Church—St. Louis

March Gladness

We always look forward to March because we have college students come on their Spring break to serve at Oasis International and connect with refugee families. Many deliveries were made to new refugees because of these awesome young people.



Dort College—Iowa

Worship and Prayer Night

Wednesday, April 19 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Praying for the nations in ST. Louis, our president and government leaders,



Stretching and destressing

Stress Relief Seminar

Tracy Knoll, and Reta King are two wonderful nurses who hosted our Stress Relief Seminar for our refugee students. The students enjoyed a morning of simple "destressing" activities: stretching, deep breathing, coloring, sculpturing with playdough and lots of laughing.

After the morning activities one of our students said, "Could we do this everyday?"

YES! Everyday we need to do something that helps us get rid of the stress we pile on our shoulders and try to carry by ourselves.

We remember that Jesus said, 'Don't be anxious for your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear.' Matt. 6:25

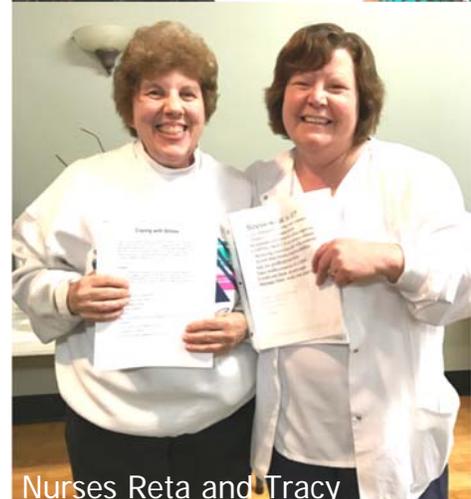
Your financial donations are making an investment in refugee lives by taking away anxiety and stress and helping them become healthy, strong, productive citizens.



Twe Twe and San San from Burma



Our Liberian



Nurses Reta and Tracy

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Your donation is an investment in the lives of refugees becoming productive citizens of the USA!



They're Back!! Monthly BBQ Outreaches

Here we go again every **THIRD SATURDAY** we will have a great time with good food and entertainment for the whole family. **April 15th** will be sponsored by **Midtown Church** and will be joined by the **Bevo Association**.

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

Now That's A Miracle! Often something really special happens at Oasis. We say miracles happen every day. **Like Jesus feeding the 5,000, He always wants the people to participate in the miracle. That happened March 22nd when a group from Concur Technologies came to help for a few hours.** Bob's father was arrested in Ethiopia and died in prison because he was part of the opposition movement. The government sent hunters after "Bob" and he fled all the way to Kenya...Not long after arriving in Kenya he learned that his mother had died too. Now living in a refugee camp with no family or friends, Sophia reached out and took him in as her own son. Bob & Sophia spent over 5 years there and Bob began working with UNICEF in the refugee camp. He developed friendships with the UNICEF Staff and when he learned that he could go to America as a refugee he convinced them to let Sophia come with him as his mother.

Bob & Sophia have been in the U.S. since October. Bob has a low paying job and Sophia is elderly and has some physical handicaps that don't allow her to work. Bob has been caring for Sophia with the little money he has and has been sending most of the money he makes to his brothers and sisters back in Ethiopia. He thought he would be receiving rent & utility assistance for several months and didn't think he had to worry about rent & utilities yet. When he received notice that his rent and utilities are behind and his rent had not been paid in 3 months he had nowhere else to turn but to Oasis.

Oasis had no benevolence money to help that day, but the folks from Concur were listening to the story. They went to their banks and personally paid one month's rent, all the electric bill, all of the gas bill, and both of their plane ticket reimbursement bills (\$35.00/month each). Even when Oasis doesn't have the funds, God sends someone that can help. **MIRACULOUS!**

