

Afghan Family Update July 7, 2023

Things are mostly good with the family these days. The older children just finished up with Summer School and we hope to be doing some fun things with the kids, like swimming and going to the park, etc. However, they have already done a few fun things so far, including attending a Cardinals baseball game, going to see Circus Flora (where they got to ride on a camel!), and seeing the Webster Groves fireworks display with the Scott family.

The family finished a four-day celebration of Eid al-Adha, also known as Big Eid or the “Festival of the Sacrifice”. To quote Welcome Neighbor “Big Eid honours the famous story of the willingness of the prophet Ibrahim (known in the Christian Old Testament as Abraham) to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to God’s command. However, before Ibrahim carried out the heartbreaking request, God, known as Allah in Islam, produced a lamb for him to sacrifice instead. To commemorate this, an animal is traditionally sacrificed and divided into three parts in an act known as Qurbani. One part of the sheep is given to the poor, one to the immediate family at home and one is reserved for relatives.” It is a big celebration for our Afghan friends and a time to gather with friends and family.

We would ask the congregation for prayer on a couple of issues. First, all of the kids have been fighting various illnesses, especially the twins. Also, Father is back on a very hard schedule at work where he is getting home extremely late. Now that the children aren’t in school, hopefully he can get more rest as he often had to be ready to take them to school as the transportation has been so unreliable. Please pray for their health and for Father to get the rest he needs in order to continue to provide for his family.

Thank you for your continued support of this lovely family. They are gaining independence but still need our financial, emotional, and practical support. The Scott’s and Davis’s have put many, many hours into assisting the family with a multitude of needs. Additionally, many members of our Support Team are vital to making certain that the Family can get to various events. If anyone is interested in joining our team, please reach out to Sue Davis, Sue Scott or Noreen Mayfield. We would love to have more babysitters and drivers and we can tell you what you would need to do in order to become a part of this mission.

In Partnership,
Sue Davis, Sue Scott and Noreen Mayfield