

Afghan Family Update

We began writing this Flash update last Saturday, with a lead paragraph about the bountiful donations that our family picked up last week. Well, picking up the donations was done just in the nick of time because (drum roll, please) we'd like to welcome Sara and Mansoor, 5lbs. 12 oz. and 6 lbs. 3 oz, respectively! As of this writing, babies are doing great but mom had a few complications that make her recovery a little slower. Once again, we're thankful for the outstanding medical staff at Barnes that surrounded mom and babies. Father was able to be present for the births and cut the umbilical cords. Sue Davis spent anywhere from 8 to 16 hour days at the hospital in order to help Mother feel secure and to help them with governmental benefits while the other two Core Partners managed children and still took some to dental visits and worked on the car licensing process, along with continuing to teach Father about bill paying. It's been a long, exhausting, exhilarating, illuminating and, ultimately, joyful week for both our family and those surrounding them. When we think of how everything worked out, we are thankful for the power of prayer and the goodness of God. Please continue to hold in prayer this sweet family and your Partners and Support Team as the sleepless nights for mom and dad begin and we strive to help them each day to the best of our ability.

Wednesday before last the mother and father, plus the two youngest children, visited our church to look at and pick out the donations from our congregation for their new babies. Your donations were so generous that it took multiple trips to deliver all the items! Yet another example of great generosity and caring. Thank you to Brenda Dribin for her work in organizing the items as it was set up so that the parents could see exactly what was there. A double stroller was a big hit with the two littles (just wait til they realize it's for the babies) while mom looked over all the clothing and dad checked out the other items.

Dental appointments continue for the whole family and progress continues to be made. If you are a patient of Dr. Crews', please thank him for all that he's doing for the mother and father. Mom will have to postpone her dental work for now but we will get her to the dentist when it is possible for her to get about and she's feeling better.

Father is preparing to take his driver's license on Thursday (yesterday). He has been practicing often with Jean Magre and Jean feels confident that he is ready. The timing would be fantastic as there will be lots more doctor visits, given two new babies. We are thankful for all the donations made to the Mission Commission as expenses getting the car ready to give to the family include insurance, title registration, etc. are being covered by your generosity. A shout-out to General Grant Car Wash on Watson Road for a free car detailing (they only asked for a tip!) Thank you to Allan Scott for securing that donation. We would love to give the family some BP gift cards when we give them the car so, if you would like to help, that would be a blessing. Just leave these in Beth Kaslauskas' mailbox. We have already received two \$100 cards from one of our congregants and we are so appreciative.

We look forward to sharing the continued growth of this family with you. It has been such a journey and we have learned so much in these few short months that it feels as though we've known them for years sometimes. Father calls the three of us "mom" and that's makes us happy. The trust level continues to grow and we are beginning to really see the personalities of each family member bloom. Thank you, our church family, for providing us with the means to do some very special things for the family and for your prayers, which we have felt so many times.

In Partnership,

Sue Davis, Noreen Mayfield and Sue Scott