

Afghan Family Update

It's been a time of incredible happiness, but also worry, for our Afghan family. As of this writing, Baby Sara remains at Children's Hospital as doctors try to figure out her temperature and feeding issues. We pray that this will be resolved soon and that she can join her brother, Mansoor, and the rest of the family at home. But, on the bright side, father got his driver's license and the next day was given the donated car. What a gift of independence for this family! God is so very good. We have been praying that the car situation would be resolved by the time that the babies were born as we know that even more doctor's visits will be needed. And there were still so many other needs that required our assistance in driving...grocery stores, work, emergency drives when the school bus didn't show up, etc. Once again, God answered our prayer and His timing was impeccable. If we had to list all the answered prayer in regard to this family, it could change a doubter's mind about His existence. If you feel called to do so, gifts of BP gas cards would be extremely helpful as gas costs continue to rise. Any cards can be delivered to Beth Kaslauskas's mailbox at church.

Mother continues to heal and we are giving her assistance and respite on the days that father goes to work. Our Support Team is pairing up and are at the house before father leaves for work and they stay until after the older children return home from school. The older children are extremely responsible and we feel confident that mother then has enough help until father returns home at night. Additionally, we have been delivering food from an Afghan restaurant a few nights per week so that cooking is covered and some of our volunteers have brought food as well. If you would like to donate financially to the Refugee fund, that would help towards covering some of the cost for meals purchased for the family. We know that they truly appreciate the gift of food.

Jean Magre and father continue to make great progress on the garden. Two large, raised beds are complete and a few items have already been planted. The produce will be a great help toward reducing food costs as the family eats a lot of fresh fruits and vegetables. Canned vegetables are not something they seem to be familiar with and use. When mother is feeling up to it, she makes their bread (naan) and they don't eat a lot of meat so the garden is a bonus.

Please continue to keep the family and those of us supporting them in prayer. And thank you for everything you've given and continue to give. As one of our Support Team said, "makes me a bit teary thinking of being Christ's hands and feet during such a tenuous time in the world". Indeed, we are fulfilling the promise to God that we make as Christians to help others less fortunate than ourselves.

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