

Afghan Family Update

We are incredibly happy to share with you that a car has been donated for our family! It is a 2014 Chevy Traverse that can seat 7 people. While father still needs to take his driver's test and the car needs to be re-titled and plated, we are hopeful that, within a few weeks, the family will have this gift of independence. The family who donated the car wishes to remain anonymous but here is what they had to say: "The anonymous donation of the car is just a part of all the work that members of WGPC have done to provide for the family's needs. Gifts of furniture, clothing, tutoring in English, rides to school, to work, and to many appointments are just a few examples. We have shown them winter fun sledding, entertained them by visiting the Magic House on Spring Break, and taken them to futbol (soccer) so that joy and fun can become a part of their life in St. Louis. By our actions and prayers, our congregation has welcomed this family to our community as Jesus asks us to do. In the coming months, the team will share their joys and challenges with our congregation as we help the family settle into St. Louis."

We are so thankful for this generous gift, along with all the gifts that this congregation has given, both in time and monetarily. Not least, thank you for the prayers as we have felt them surrounding us. There have been some rough patches we've encountered but somehow an answer is always found to any dilemma and the problems are solved. That speaks volumes to the power of prayer...and the devotion that those partnering with the family possess.

If you are wondering what you might do to help at this time, gifts of gas cards from BP would be most helpful. Gas prices are going to have quite an impact on the family's budget so any help would be welcome. You can leave those in Beth Kazlauskas' mailbox at the church.

This past Saturday saw the beginning of Ramadan. The parents will abstain from eating and drinking before sunup and until after sundown. This lasts until May 3. As mother is pregnant, she will have the choice to eat and drink or not. Children are also exempt from fasting until they are 14 years old. We as volunteers are abstaining from eating or drinking in front of the family so as to be sensitive and show respect for this holy time in the Muslim faith. If you are interested in learning more about Ramadan, [please visit this link](#).

Dental appointments continue to take much time, but progress is being made. We are thankful for the advice to enroll the children at Accent Dental in Brentwood as they have been wonderful to work with. Additionally, the best news is that Crews Dental, right across the street from our church, has offered to treat the parents pro bono. One of our team members was talking to her dentist, Dr. Crews, about the difficulties facing the parents as Affinia Dental only would fill one cavity per visit and Medicaid didn't cover a crown, even though a root canal was needed. Dr. Crews then offered to take care of all the parents' needs for no cost...more prayer answered!

The mother is beginning to tire easily as her due date draws nearer. The partners are working on plans to provide occasional meals to the family to help ease her workload. We will know soon if there will be a scheduled delivery of the twins. Prayer is definitely requested for this very challenging time for both mother and the entire family.

In Partnership,

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