

Afghan Family Update #5

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Everyone managed to survive the Snowpocalypse...along with school closings and virtual learning! Sue Scott jumped into action and took the father to three different grocery stores on Tuesday in order to have enough food to make it through Saturday, as the news was suggesting. The kids stayed home through Friday and the father's work closed for at least two days. Imagine a family of eight confined to a three bedroom house for days on end. The family is thankful that Julie and Jim Wood donated a brand-new Smart TV so the children were entertained. And then On Sunday, Sue and Glenn Davis, along with Allan and Sue Scott, took the entire family to Francis Park so they could experience the joy of sledding. Due to the generosity of Matt and Jamie Scott, Todd and Julia Ringkamp, and a few of Sue Davis's family and friends, they borrowed enough sleds and tubes so that everyone had the equipment they needed to enjoy the day. Lots of downhill sledding and a snowball fight later, the kids got to be kids and their parents were able to share in a fun event outside that all enjoyed.

On Monday, the three of us went over to their house and Sue Davis took the parents to the bank in order to open a checking account...success! A little more work has to be done in order to get the right documentation for the mother to be on the account but we will fix that this Wednesday (so we learned that, even if you have a Federal I.D., you need a State one, too, in order to have a bank account).

We've had a few bumps in the road with landlord issues and International Institute issues but we are working hard on these. Please keep us and the Family in prayer... you all are pretty good at that as last week's request for your prayers to help with their WIC issue was resolved with no problem! We're hoping that your combined prayers will smooth our path and help us to resolve some pretty big problems that we're currently encountering.

On Wednesday, we'll be doing a "dry run" for exactly where to take the mother to the hospital for her delivery, should we need to do that. We'll also be visiting the International Institute to pick up more items that the Family needs.

On Thursday, two of the children have dentist appointments and on Friday, all the children have doctor's checkups.

In closing, we'd like to thank Tom McNeely for his help in assembling and delivering a computer desk donated by Jeanne Doll. Tom met the Family and has volunteered to be a backup driver for us. More thanks go to Sue Davis's sister, Nancy Holekamp, who is donating two couches to the Family and to Sue and Glenn for getting them to the Family.

The link to donate to a fund for the Family is wgpc.org/give. Your concern for, and generosity to, this Family is incredibly important. We wish that you could hear the gratitude that is expressed to us every time we are with them. They consider us and by extension, you, to be their family and that has such a strong impact on all that we do for them. The father and his family are willing to work hard for the American Dream but without the support that comes from a strong family, that is a near impossibility. If we are truly their family, we believe that they can do and achieve anything and we are here to support them in this pursuit.

In Partnership,

Noreen Mayfield, Sue Scott and Sue Davis