

## **Afghan Family Update**

The twins have begun crawling and have quickly advanced to pulling themselves up. They've been fascinated by the stairs and, unfortunately, Sarah took a tumble down a couple of the lower steps. Sue Davis went shopping and found a nifty setup that not only keeps the babies from climbing the stairs but can also be used as a playpen. This past week's warm weather allowed Mother and Father to take the little ones outside and still kept them safe.

Father has also returned to his previous job of ten hour days/four days per week. His employer was happy to have him back as he is a very good worker. While the hours are less than desirable, the change was a necessary one for father. The Muslim faith calls upon believers to pray five times per day at set times. The last employer would not allow the second shift Afghan employees to pray at the required times. Though the employees received a ten minute break, they were asking for two five minute breaks in order to comply with their faith but permission was not given. Some of the Afghan employees switched to the first shift, which only requires prayer one time during the shift. But father wants to maintain working the second shift because it allows him to be home to help the older children off to school. As there are still issues with the school bus, he is able to take them to school when needed. And he can help with doctor and dentist appointments and attending school conferences, grocery shopping, etc. It also means that, mother is only alone for an hour and a half before the older children get home. From those of us who have babysat the twins and young daughter, it is no easy task to keep up with these little ones so it is admirable that father is willing to sacrifice sleep in order to help his wife.

We want to thank the church members who have been so faithful in giving gas cards to the family. This is a huge gift that takes a burden off the family and allows father to work and take his family to the grocery store, school, and activities. If anyone else would like to contribute, BP gas cards are greatly appreciated. Please give any cards to Beth Kazlauskas.

In Partnership,

Sue Davis, Sue Scott and Noreen Mayfield