

Afghan Family Update Week 4
February 4, 2022

It seems impossible to us that we're just now in Week Four of partnering with our Family. They've quickly become a part of our lives and we are learning more and more about them, including another surprise. While we were visiting with the father to go over some paperwork, he got his cousin on the phone who speaks English beautifully and has been living in Colorado for the past three years. He is more than willing to help us communicate the more challenging things with the family. While the father does his best to communicate with us, his English is limited and some topics just require many words to fully understand what we are trying to convey. His cousin will help things proceed more smoothly and quickly. This is such a blessing!

On Saturday, we had the pleasure of celebrating the two January birthdays, ages 3 and 6. We picked up the whole family and brought them to Webster Groves where the Scott's had set up a fun birthday party with balloons, cupcakes, noisemakers, and lots of time for play. The kids played a lot of ping-pong, miniature basketball, and card games (Sue Davis comes up with the best!). While the mother is quieter and more reserved, it was clear that the entire family was happy to be out and about. The father had such a big smile on his face throughout. The three year old girl received two babydolls, a boy and a girl, with lots of accessories. The six year old boy received a large box of MagnaTiles, which all of the children will be able to play with, even the little ones. We then took them home but got to show them our hometown so they have a sense of where we live

On Tuesday, Sue Scott took the father to the grocery store to prepare for the upcoming weather situation and to explain that we will monitor the possibility of schools closing. We have worked on understanding WIC and found that we have further work to do on that. Please keep us in prayer as these funds are extremely important to the family.

Next week will have us continuing to work on their finances and the International Institute's further role in helping with rent and utilities, along with more healthcare issues. Everyone in the family has doctors appointments plus two dentist appointments so we'll be busy.

A special thanks to Tom McNeely for assembling a desk for the family. Tom will be a backup driver for us and he is also diving into researching what is needed to get the father a drivers license. We are grateful for his help in these ways.

You may notice that we are aren't including the Sign Up Genius link in the Flash this week's Friday Flash. That's because, through your generosity, everything was filled! Thank you so much! The family is so grateful for the many things we've brought to them. We are still working with the family to assess their finances but we already know that they will be needing money, as their rent and utilities become their responsibility. If you would like to help support this family, please go to wgpc.org/give. If each of us contributed a little bit each month, the family would be in good shape.

In Partnership,

Noreen Mayfield, Sue Davis and Sue Scott