

Afghan Family Update

This week it was time to celebrate the Mother of our family! It was her 34th birthday and a wonderful time was spent shopping for some Spring clothes for Mother and a few things for the rest of the family. Your generous donations helped to give her these necessary items. Mia Walters had a tea after the shopping trip and Mother opened her gifts from some of our Family Support partners which included a new sewing box, some beautiful silk fabric, a pincushion and new fabric scissors, plus a gift certificate to JoAnn's fabric. After the tea, they stopped by JoAnn's Fabrics and Mother was so excited! This is definitely her passion but fabric is quite expensive so, if you would like to help, we would love to give her gift cards to JoAnn's (it's located in Maplewood at 3200 Laclede Station Road). You can purchase the cards and just leave them in Beth Kaslauskas' mailbox at church.

We've been spending some time taking various family members to the dentist. It's been found that, between the four members who have gone to the dentist so far, there may possibly be over 40 separate visits to the dentist as we were told that only one cavity per visit can be addressed. Sue Davis has taken on the Herculean task of calling to schedule these, as they will not schedule them all at once. Each visit must be scheduled separately and we were advised that our best chance is to call every day after noon to see if there is a cancellation for the following day. Otherwise, they will have to wait months in between appointments. Such is the case when a family can't afford private insurance.

Last Sunday, the Davis's and Scott's took the entire family to Tower Grove Park to have an afternoon outing while Allan Scott took the Father grocery shopping. Mother ran into a friend while there and she was so happy to talk with her. The kids absolutely loved the playground and no one wanted to head home when it was time to leave. We're so glad that the Spring weather cooperated.

Jean Magre is hard at work planning a garden with the father for part of the back yard. In the meantime, the father has started working on the front to beautify their home. It's so wonderful to see them embracing their neighborhood and taking pride in their home. We feel blessed that they are in a good place.

As for the car that we have been asking for, we feel that we are getting very close to finding one. The father has been driving diligently with Jean and he is making great progress. A Missouri driver's guide was recently published in Pashto so now the father can read the "rules of the road" in his own language. Thank heavens for small miracles.

In Partnership,

Sue Davis, Sue Scott and Noreen Mayfield