

## **Afghan Family Update**

The end of Ramadan on Monday, May 2 was marked by a celebration called Eid al-Fitr, the "Feast of Fast-Breaking", which is one of two major religious holidays of the Muslim calendar. Our family celebrated as well and the photo accompanying this article shows the feast that they prepared. Father was so pleased and proud that he could provide this for the family, given everything that has happened to them since the last time Eid occurred. As you may have learned from Sue Scott's Minute for Mission talk last Sunday, we are still providing quite a bit of support but progress is being made for our family to become more self-sufficient. Many thanks go to our Mission Commission for approving continuing financial support to the family. Your financial support has made it possible for them to make sure that there will not be a shortfall in funds for the next year. May is the first month that the family must pay their own rent and, without our support, it would be impossible for them to put gas in their car, pay their utilities, etc. So, thank you once again for all your contributions.

Sue Scott has been working hard to find a preschool option for the 3 year old next Fall as she is not only a very active and engaged child, she is close to her 5 year old brother who will begin Kindergarten, thus leaving her without a playmate. It's challenging to find something that isn't full-time care and has room available but Sue has a lead! The parents and child will go to tour the facility this week so prayers that they find it desirable and the school finds her to be a good fit.

Baby Sara is thriving at home and her last checkup showed her gaining weight and catching up to brother Mansoor. Thanks be to God for watching over this little girl and thanks for your prayers.

The older children had their last Saturday of futbol (soccer) and received new soccer jerseys and balls from IISTL. They were so excited! Many thanks go to the volunteers who took the children each week and stayed the whole time. It is a marker of how far we've come in trust that the parents allowed us to take the children without them coming along. We are glad that we are able to give the children time to play and the parents time to rest by helping provide activities for them.

One last bit of good news is that all the family members old enough have now been fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

Yours in Partnership,

Sue Davis, Noreen Mayfield and Sue Scott