

Afghan Family Update

The twins had their one month checkup last week and both are doing very well, we're happy to report. Mansoor weighed in at over 8 lbs and Sara is over 7. That is great progress and we're especially pleased how Sara is picking up weight. We were able to locate 10 cans of formula (Sue Davis got some from Children's Hospital and Beth Kazlauskas found 4 at a Schnucks store), but it goes quickly with two babies to feed. Please keep your eyes open for this vital food for the twins. A picture is included here of the exact type that we need. Should you locate some, one can would be helpful. The cans may be left in the Fellowship Hall. Please notify one of us, if you would, so that we will know to pick it up and deliver it to the family.

Our Mother's Helpers continue to support mother and younger children in the afternoon until the older children get home from school. They are there three days each week, while English tutoring happens on the other two days of the week. A huge thanks of gratitude to these caring individuals who demonstrate their dedication with the gift of time.

Our little girl had a follow-up visit to the preschool and the financial assistance forms have been submitted to the school. The visit went well, and we should know in a few weeks if it will work out for her to attend this preschool. Please keep it in your prayers as she is a bundle of energy and a smart little girl who needs the stimulation and activity that preschool can give her.

Sue Davis helped to take the family to the Welcome Neighbor STL indoor picnic this past weekend. She said that everyone had a good time, even though mother was tired from having been up through the night with the twins. Sue then took the older children to soccer, where they had a wonderful time playing together and working out lots of energy.

A note of celebration for us all: as of this past Tuesday, all the children and father are finished with their dental concerns and now they just have regular checkups ahead of them. That is huge as dental care was non-existent in Afghanistan so there were significant issues for several of the children. Mother still has several dental visits but she will be finished by July. Upon the recommendation of the children's dentist, the oldest daughter will be having a consultation with an orthodontist. Please keep this in prayer as the decision of whether any orthodontia is covered by Medicaid must still be reviewed and approved.

In Partnership,

Sue Davis, Noreen Mayfield and Sue Scott