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“I Bring You Good News of Great Joy... For All the People.” Luke 2:10

Dear Family and Friends,

DON'T WE ALL WANT TO HAVE THE BEST CHRISTMAS EVER?

Here's a suggestion! Find someone who is needy or poor and bless them. Mark and I are finding such joy in our lives as we reach out to the refugees. This Christmas we want to give gift baskets filled with chicken, rice, beans, lentils and Christmas candy to the families. We would love for you to help us with this Christmas blessing. Any donation will be appreciated. Matt. 25 tells us, as we reach out to the least of these— those who are hungry, thirsty, naked and strangers we are ministering to Jesus, Himself! Wow, what a privilege!

Oasis has had an exciting year!! Just last November in 2006 we purchased the building on Gravois. This past week-end we celebrated our first year with an Open House that was a such a blessing to us. More than one hundred people came to see the facility and encouraged us in this new ministry. Our children, Adam & Jessica and myself honored Mark on 25 years in ministry. It truly was a wonderful night.

We continue to help the new refugees with furniture, household items and clothes. Three times a week mentors reach out to young African children and teens to help them with their school work and to be a source of love and encouragement to them. We continue to ask God to help us to build relationships with the new refugees and to all the people He sends our way.

We want to thank you for your prayers, financial support and friendship to us through the years. You cannot imagine how much we love and appreciate you. We could not do this without you!

Have a Wonderful Christmas, Mark & Joani

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Open House, November 25, 2007



The waterfall in the reception area.
In memory of Joani's mom.



Pastors Jim & Jessica and Phil & Linda Stern praying for the Oasis team, Jim Doiron, Mike Luaders, Worku Geremew, Joani & Mark.



Mark & Joani celebrating 25 years in ministry!



More than 100 people came to see the Oasis building and to celebrate and support us.

In Memory

MaryAnn Gibbs, our sister in law and Vinny Lorusso, our dear friend's son went home to be with the Lord. We will miss them. Please pray for their families.

Projects to be completed: **(Approximate cost)**

- Floors \$15,000
- Air Conditioner and Furnace \$20,000
- Bathrooms \$20,000
- Kitchen \$35,000
- Fire Escape \$10,000
- Awnings \$ 5,000
- Monthly Expenses \$ 4,000

With God all things are possible!

"You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation." Revelation 5:9