

Our mission is to serve and assist refugees who have relocated to the St. Louis area with the love of Jesus

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The Crescent Project

Having English class twice a week provides opportunity not only for the students to learn English, but it also creates a place for friendships to develop, student to student and student to teacher. **Thirty to Thirty-five students come each Tuesday and Thursday, along with twelve to eighteen children each class session.** One of the Iraqi young women told me this is the only place she sees her friends to talk. Two thirds of our students are home everyday with young children and no transportation to get out and be with other adults. Many of our students are Muslim and we are so happy to get to know them and be their friend. Christians have responded to Muslims in many ways, but often without the compassion of Jesus. Before Mark and I really knew any Muslims we were mostly indifferent or afraid. **March 9 - April 20 we, along with Brian and Jessica Ohlendorf, will be facilitating a study group called, The Crescent Project, at Destiny Church on Wednesday evenings at 7:00.** This study helps to replace fear and intimidation with love and gentle boldness reshaping the way Christians view and respond to Muslims in their community. Sign-up will be at destinychurch.org, in mid-February. **We would love for you to join us.**



Applications for Summer Interns



We are getting ready for a great summer in the middle of a really cold winter. We are now accepting applications for summer interns for the Oasis office in St. Louis city and for the Oasis Farm in Columbia, Illinois. Interns will help with projects at the Oasis office including: office work, furniture moving, visiting refugees in their homes, and providing transportation for refugees. Interns for the farm will assist with planting, cultivating, fertilizing and watering. Transportation to and from the farm will also be needed for refugees.

Community Outreach

Your church, university, women's, men's, college or youth group can sponsor a community outreach on the **second Saturday** of the month, March-October. The cost is \$400 to purchase all of the food and each group will need to provide 20-25 volunteers to set up tents, tables and games. Some of the volunteers will deliver furniture to new refugees during the outreach as well. This is an opportunity for your group to share the love of Jesus with the nations of the world right here in St. Louis. Many of the refugees are just looking for a friend. You could be their best new friend. Only three months (June, August and September) are available right now.



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“If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever. Jeremiah 7:5-7

Furniture Delivery Every Saturday

We have had many requests from churches and universities that want to help on Saturdays. We have decided to start **scheduling teams** to come **every Saturday** from **9:30 to noon**. **If you would like to sign up your organization for a Saturday, let us know**. We currently are about **40 refugee families behind** on delivering furniture to them. Some have been waiting over a month. With your help we can meet every need!

We already have teams set up for furniture deliveries every Saturday in February, three weeks in March and three weeks in April.

Thank you to First Baptist Church of O’Fallon, IL, South County Christian Center, Washington University, and Missouri Baptist University. Call or email us to set up a Saturday for your group.



Special Needs

People ask us all the time, “What do you need right now to help the refugees?”

Well, here are the furniture items we need the most. This would be a great project for a small group.

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| 1. Kitchen tables | Kitchen Boxes (containing) |
| 2. Kitchen chairs | 4 Dinner Plates |
| 3. End tables | 4 Salad Plates |
| 4. Dressers | 4 Glasses |
| 5. TV tables | 4 Cups & saucers |
| 6. Coffee tables | 4 Knives, forks & spoons |
| 7. Pillows, blankets & sheets | 4 Steak knives |
| 8. Towels (bath & kitchen) | Serving bowl |
| 9. Heaters | Cooking utensils |
| | Coffee Pot |
| | Toaster |
| | Measuring cups |
| | Measuring spoons |
| | Pots & pans |
| | Mixing bowls |

Monthly Prayer & Worship

Friday February 11th at 7PM at Oasis International we will have prayer and worship. Come join us to pray for the nations here in St. Louis. Our city needs prayer. One refugee told us he learned that St. Louis was #1 in murders and violence. He said, “I did not tell my wife.” His son told him after they moved here, “I hear gun shots, daddy.” We can make a difference in these families lives and in our city. Come pray and see what God will do!

“This is what the LORD Almighty said:
Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.” Zechariah 7:9