

Break-Through Blessings In 2011

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



Genesis 12:1-3 has been one of the scriptures we have prayed for our family and Oasis for years. God's Word to Abram was that if Abram obeyed God and would go to the place He would show him, God would bless him so much, that Abram would be able to extend that blessing to the families of the earth.

In The book, *Culture of Honor* by Danny Silk, the author refers to a wealthy mindset as "**noblesse oblige**". It is a French term for the idea that people born into nobility or upper social class must behave in an honorable and generous way toward those less privileged. This is in no way, a license to have a prideful attitude, but it is in fact, a truth for the child of God to embrace. The Bible says in 1 Peter 2:9 that we are a *chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation* and because we are also the seed of Abraham, we are a recipient of the covenant God gave to him.

We are blessed to be a blessing.

"It is the blessing of the Lord that makes rich and He adds no sorrow to it." Proverbs 10:22 Because the Lord's blessing is upon us, we can reach into the resources of God to touch a hurting world. We can bring **genuine peace** and the **presence of God** in the midst of the storms of life. Because of God's provision for us, we can be generous with our money and resources and give to those who are without. When faced with decisions, all we have to do is ask, and the wisdom of the Creator of the Universe is available to us. For every situation of life we have hope, because we serve the God of all hope.

As 2011 begins we are **more aware of who we belong to**, the **great blessings we have because we are His children** and the **responsibility we have to touch a hurting world**. We believe Oasis will experience a break-through year in 2011 that will impact the lives of many in our city. Thank you for blessing us so we might bless others.

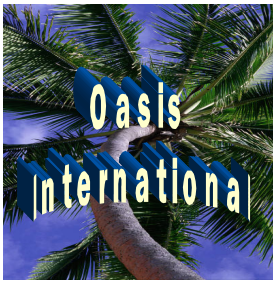
Furniture given in 2010

Thank you to all who donated and delivered furniture to the refugees. **Here is some of what we gave to the 300+ refugee families who relocated to St. Louis in 2010.** **Living Room** - 109 chairs, 81 coffee tables, 111 couches, 88 end tables, 138 lamps, 80 TVs. **Bedroom** - 124 beds, 106 dressers, 106 pillows, 117 sheets, 123 blankets, 24 night stands. **Kitchen** - 78 tables, 331 chairs, 81 sets of dishes, 30 sets of pots & pans. **Call or email us if your organization would like to do a furniture drive for us.** **We would appreciate it so much.**

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“ The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.”
Genesis 12: 1-3

Sponsor Our 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 25-30 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.

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 your organization up 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!**



Many ways to support Oasis in your daily life.

- * **Escrip** Go to www.escrip.com Where it says, "Make a Difference in four easy steps", click #1 Sign Up - it's free! Search for Group name "Oasis International" or use Group ID #500007319. Click on Oasis. Use it at **Schnuck's Markets, Nordstrom, Dell, Staples, EBay, and many more places.**
- * **Donate Monthly** Send a check to Oasis monthly to support all of our programs.
- * **Volunteer** Give your time to Oasis one or two hours a week. We can always use regular volunteers who come in and help the same time each week. Office work, picking up & delivering furniture, child care for English classes, and visiting refugees in their homes are some of the areas we need assistance. We are also on VolunteerMatch.com and Crowdrise.com to volunteer and donate finances.

**“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**