



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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## Thanks & Giving

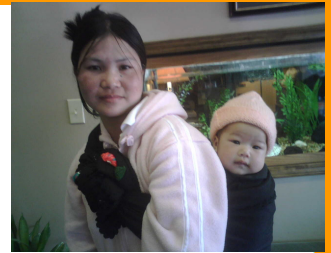
Thanksgiving is a time to remember our families and friends. Having thankfulness in our hearts for all God has done

in our lives is a way we bring peace and happiness in our souls. The act of giving is the evidence that God is moving in our lives. He knows the needs of everyone and who can meet the needs.

**Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."** As we prepare to connect with the refugee families in St. Louis for the holidays we position ourselves to give with our time, treasure and talents. We may be the only people reaching out to some of these refugees who have not seen their families in years and need a special touch from a real person. **We can be Jesus to the broken hearted, lonely people** all year round. This season can be the door that will open to meet a new family and welcome them into our hearts.

**Please let us know if you would like to connect with a refugee family for Christmas.**

We will give you the information you need to know to be a blessing to the whole family. Some of these families have never had an American family reach out to them. More than anything, **they need a friend.** Give us a call or email us as soon as



## Important Deadline Nov. 29

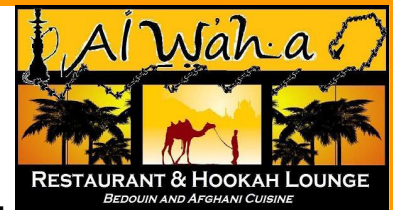
Our desire is that all of the families we know are blessed for the holidays. If you would like **to donate toys** for the children, please bring them to Oasis by **Monday, November 29th. Toys (Price \$5.00 - \$10.00) should be wrapped, marked boy or girl and age appropriate.** These toys will be given out at the outreach on December 11.

## Night of Worship and Prayer

**Thursday night November 18th 7-8:30 PM** we will have a worship and prayer time at Oasis. We want to pray for revival in our city, the refugees and Oasis International. Our basic prayer needs at Oasis are for volunteers, finances, the completion of building projects and building relationships between the refugee families and American families, especially during the Christmas holidays.

## Special Day at "The Oasis"

Al Waha is Arabic for "The Oasis". Our friends, Riyad and Wail have prepared a wonderful buffet for you.



For **\$12.00** you will enjoy a great lunch and the proceeds will go to Oasis.

Date: **November 14th** Time: **Noon to 3PM**

Place: **Al Waha Restaurant** located at:  
**3191 S. Grand Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63118**

**Would you RSVP by Nov. 8 to help us order food!**

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**“ ...Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”**  
**1 Timothy 6:18-19**

## Better Business Bureau

We have been honored to be selected by the Better Business Bureau to be an authorized member for our business practices. We also have the privilege of displaying their logo on all of our signage. Integrity is one of the things for which we want to be known. It is great to be recognized by the Community.  
**All For the Glory of God!**



## Getting Ready For Winter

**“Winter Is Coming”**. Refugees have already been asking for winter clothes, coats, gloves, hats, socks, blankets and space heaters. **You can help by getting people at work, church or family to begin collecting these items for the refugees.** You don't have to wait till Christmas for these items to be donated. We need them now. Drop the items in our clothing bin at Destiny Church 1809 Des Peres Rd. St. Louis 63131 or bring them to Oasis.



## In Memory of Renee Elaine Ploen



Words could not express the shock and sadness of the untimely death of our precious friend and pastor, Renee Ploen. Renee & Mike Ploen, have been our “go to” people for counseling, visitation and encouragement at Destiny, our home church. Rene went to be with Jesus on September 30, 2010. She was only 56 years old. We miss her so much. Our prayers go out to Mike and the family.

As Mike and her children wrote,

*“Dear Family & Friends, Thank you for celebrating the life of Renee Ploen with us. Renee always made us laugh and for that we are eternally grateful. Her wish was that her life would be joyously celebrated with family and friends worshipping God together. Her passion was for Jesus Christ, for people and for Heaven. Your prayers have been deeply appreciate and your love has touched our hearts.”*

*Mike Jenny, Ray, Krystal, Jay, Kaila, James and Family*

*“I'm asking God for one thing, only one thing; to live with Him in His house my whole life long. I'll contemplate His beauty; I'll study at His feet.” Psalm 27:4 (The Message)*

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