

Crisis in Afghanistan

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Dear Friends,

Many have asked **WHAT** is OASIS doing during this crisis in Afghanistan? And **HOW** can I help?

We are (just like you) heart-broken for the evil that is going on in Afghanistan. We personally know and call great friends, so many young Afghan men & families in St. Louis that helped the U.S. military as translators, drivers, bodyguards, electricians, accountants, cooks and more years or decades.

What is Oasis doing?

- We are praying and continuing the work of loving in Jesus name as we have for the last 20+ years
- Oasis is actively at work, comforting and supporting our Afghani friends
- We have welcomed 3 new Afghani families in this past week and are helping them set up homes
- We are working with a local Marine who is sponsoring 10 SIV (Special Interest Visa) families
- We have submitted ID information to Senator Josh Hawley office to hopefully get our refugee families approved to evacuate
- Preparing to receive as many families as we can (***see our needs below***)

What can you do?

PRAY:

- Pray for BIG miracles as we work on these families behalf
- Pray for *'peace that passes all understanding'* for these families
- Pray banks in Afghanistan will open so money can be sent
- Pray for Taliban will let SIV holders through to the airport
- Pray for [Psalm 91](#) supernatural intervention and divine protection for the Afghan People

GIVE:

- Families need beds—[Facebook fundraiser for truck load of mattresses](#)
- [Amazon charity list](#)—need pillows, large pots/ pan, household essentials
- [Donate on the Oasis website](#)
- Donate used household items: 5035 Gravois, Tuesday and Thursday, 10am-2pm or our drop box: 1809 Des Peres (*Destiny Church parking lot*)
- Have Sofa? Beds? Furniture? Email chris.douglas@oasis4refugees.org

WELCOME:

- Prepare your hearts now to welcome, regularly visit one of these families and help them learn English or adjust to their new life
- Help refugees find jobs—do you own a business, let us know!
- Do you own apartments? Let us know!

REAL CURRENT STORIES:

Our refugees here are overwhelmed with grief and worry for their families; moms, dads and siblings, who are stuck. The evil that is going

on is unthinkable.

“JJ”—A young Afghan family that has been here a year has heard from his dad that their house was broken into, everything in it destroyed and burned to the ground by the Taliban and his family is on the run.

“BW”—has served 14 years alongside Special Forces, his nephew was killed by the Taliban and his wife & children in hiding. His 3 & 5 year old grandsons are in fear of their lives as the Taliban is looking for them. BW fears he will never see his grandsons again. His brother has done security for CIA for 10 years, was wounded and is currently guarding the Kabul Airport. He & his family has been promised to be on one of the last flights.

“RAF”—he has lived in St. Louis for 3 years. He went back to Afghanistan in June to see his sick mother and sell their family home. He is now in hiding and can not get to the airport. His family has not heard from him in 5 days.

Please pray for these, our friends, your neighbors here in St. Louis. Please pray for their families in Afghanistan.

As always, thank you for your love and support of refugees and Oasis International Ministries!

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