

OUR MISSION

is to
Love & Care
For those seeking
refuge from
war-torn countries



Deuteronomy

15:11 & 14b

“For the poor
will never
cease to be in
the land;
therefore I
command you,
saying, ‘You
shall freely
open your
hand to your
brother, to
your needy and
poor in your
land’ ... You
shall give to
him as the
LORD your
God has
blessed you.”

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A Refugee Love Story for Valentine's Day!

'Renee', her parents and siblings fled Qamishlo, Syria (Kurdish area of Syria) in 2013 because during the war the schools were closed. There was no electric, no work and it was not safe. They lived in a small village and her dad grew wheat and lentils. It was a good and happy life. They fled at night, walking across the border into Turkey. Her dad said they would just go 3 or 4 months for the summer and the war would end and they would go back home, but she never saw her home again. They lived 4 years in Istanbul, Turkey and she & her sister worked sewing clothes. They applied to the UN to come to the United States almost right way. Their interview process lasted two years being tested and questioned by the UN before they found out they were selected to come to the United States. They arrived in January 2017 and it was so cold! 'Renee' was older so she studied English and volunteered at Oasis International to practice English. She is thankful for her friends at Oasis who helped her family so much. Her mom is now a student studying English at Oasis.



'Dennis' was from Efrin, Syria (also Kurdish area) and he had fled to Istanbul, two years earlier with his brother, leaving his parents behind in Syria. He and his brother worked in the same area in Istanbul as 'Renee' but they never met.

Shortly after arriving in St. Louis, 'Dennis' along with some other Kurdish families came to welcome 'Renee' and her family. Then she did not see him for a year, until her brother had surgery and 'Dennis' came to their home again to check on her brother. They talked some more and for the next several months they would talk on the phone and he would help give her information about English classes and different resources to help her family.

'Dennis' told 'Renee' he loved her and desired to marry but she said no because she wanted to learn English and get a degree first. Eventually though, she fell in **LOVE** ♥ with 'Dennis' as well! He brought friends to her home to ask her family permission to marry. For several months her mom disagreed because he was from a different Kurdish area, but in July 2018 she finally agreed. They were married in September 2018 with many friends to help them celebrate. They even went to Miami for a honeymoon. 'Dennis' works and he and 'Renee' both go to a community college to study English and work on their Associate's Degrees.

Pray for this young couple to have a loving home and find careers they enjoy as they make a new life in St. Louis.

We desperately need Mattresses! We have about 20 refugees that are waiting and sleeping on the floor.

COULD YOU ADOPT A BED?

WE RECEIVED SPECIAL PRICING FROM CHICAGO MATTRESS FOR JUST \$70 PER MATTRESS!

WE COULD BLESS SO MANY FAMILIES WITH A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP!



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(state "BED" on donation)



Mark your Calendar for Wednesday, May 1

#GiveSTLDay and we need your support to receive matching gifts to provide for all the ministry work at Oasis

Jesus said—

“Go and learn what this means:

I Desire
Compassion and
NOT

sacrifice for

I did not
come to
call the

righteous,
but

sinners.”

Matthew

9:13



Thankful for Our Church Partners!

January and February we have already visited four church partners— Bonhomme Presbyterian, Christ Community Church, Canaan Baptist, and The Journey.

We are grateful to meet so many of the body of Christ desiring to love refugees alongside of us.

We would love to come visit your church as well.

Email: mark.akers@oasis4refugees.org to find out more.



International Women's Day Event- April 25

We need volunteers to provide services for our SALON DAY !

Can you provide or ask the service people you visit if they would donate their time for haircuts, manicures, facials, make-up, photography, jewelry making, massage, or anything else that might bless these ladies?

Email: joani.akers@oasis4refugees.org



PREPARING A PLACE REHAB IS WAITING FOR YOU!

PLANS ARE APPROVED & WE ARE READY TO BUILD & FINISH THIS DUPLEX! **We need TEAMS NOW TO INSTALL :**

1. 2 x 4 Framing
2. Insulation
3. Drywall

GET A GROUP TOGETHER AND CONTACT :

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