

AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TEAM

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PROGRESS ALONG THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD

One man passed the driver's test and now has a permit. This is huge, as it will give the students much more independence after Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) requirements are met. They have purchased a car to share, with their saved funds from work. A SMLC couple contributed money--twice--which was held and will be used for driving school expenses (BTW). Another SMLC couple contributed \$2,500.00 for car insurance with the balance being paid from the students' saved funds.

The Team wants to express gratitude to the congregation for the on-going support that has been given to the Afghan men on their way to full assimilation and independence.

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Team members have continued to provide transportation for each man for attorney, dental, and medical appointments, as well as, for banking, (food and clothing) shopping, and religious services. In addition, the men are transported for English classes, although, they both take a bus to one venue for classes. Because they have changed jobs--and, no bus service is available; it is too far and unsafe for bicycles--Team members will transport both men to-and-from work until at least one man becomes a licensed driver.



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PRAYER

Please pray for the Afghan men, our resettlement Team, and our congregation, as well as, asylum-seekers, immigrants, refugees, and unaccompanied children in our country and around the World.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We pray that you would take hold of Afghans and help them walk through this fearful time.

Protect them under your wing and help them feel the comfort and peace that only comes from your powerful presence.

Amen.

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9 Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. 10 Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:9-15

