

# Our Syrian Refugee Family

## Our Syrian Family's Journey—Part 2 4/2/17

Thank you so much for financial and material contributions for our Syrian family. Some of the monies collected are dedicated to helping with rent. They are so very heartened by your generosity!

To date, you, our Parishioners, and your friends have contributed \$7,954 in cash and gift cards. We are contributing \$100 a month for their internet/cable bill as well as money spent on immediate dietary and household needs. We are moving slowly and responsibly as stewards of your contributions!

In addition, you have contributed many necessary items needed by the family, which cannot be listed in this brief message! These have also been shared with other refugees under the care of Catholic Charities.

A new sewing machine was donated and a few of our ladies plan to take it to the family and go shopping with the mom for material specific to their needs. She is a seamstress by trade and looks forward to getting back to her craft to help provide for her family!

We have a pledge of a van and offers to pay for one year of car insurance and cover some expenses involved in transferring the van's ownership and mechanical updates. Another Parishioner is offering help with education for the two oldest daughters hoping to enter college in the fall. (In the meantime these young women are walking two miles each way to take English classes—a safety concern for the dad!) Connections are being made with the Boys and Girls Club! And Brother Benno's is working with us as well!!!

Most importantly, several of you have stepped up to help the dad find work as soon as he is stronger in the English Language!

Many others of you have offered to be involved with the family. We hope to begin doing that after Easter and beyond!

Amazing grace flowing out into action because of your faith and welcoming spirit to all of God's people!

—*Gratefully, Sr. Maureen*

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I was a stranger  
and you welcomed me...

