



## DEAR FRIENDS & FAMILY,

"Love you." Two short words that carry so much meaning. We often use these words to end our phone conversations with loved ones or when we say goodbye to a dear friend, but how many times have we said "I love you" but failed to act in a loving manner? Recently, I was thinking about how easy it is to say we love others, but how much more difficult it is to actually act loving, especially when people annoy or offend us. Loving people is not always easy, but with God's power working in and through us, we have the ability to love genuinely and consistently. The apostle John wrote these words in I John 4:7-8, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love."



If we know God and have experienced his love through salvation, we should display this love to those around us, including not just our families and friends, but also our neighbors and the foreigners who live in our midst. As a missionary working with refugees, it is such a privilege and blessing to be the "hands and feet" of Jesus as I display God's love to them. Thank you for partnering with me in this ministry, through your prayers and financial support. I pray the Lord will bless you for the love and generosity you have shown towards these precious people. Proverbs 19:17 says, "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."



This summer has been a wonderful time of meeting many new refugees as well as establishing relationships with the refugees I already know. Some of the refugee families have started inviting me to share in their special events, such as birthday parties, baby naming celebrations, and family gatherings. It is so exciting to be a part of their lives, experience their culture, and meet their extended family members, as well. Last month, I spent an entire Saturday afternoon at a local park with over fifty refugees as they celebrated the naming of a baby boy. In the Nepali culture, the parents formally announce the child's name when the baby is one month old. This little boy was named Vardaan, which means "God's reward." Please join with me in praying for this family, that they would truly know and experience God's reward.

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I continue to offer baking classes to the refugee women, which has resulted in establishing better relationships with the women and their families. Some of the children have also participated in the lessons and shown a real interest in learning how to bake things. Throughout the week, I receive texts and pictures showing me what they have baked, which always makes me smile. I really enjoy teaching these life skills and spending time with the refugees. The children are always excited to see me and I usually spend some time reading to them and playing together. I'm reminded of the words that Jesus said to his disciples when they were frustrated and annoyed with the children. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."



Another part of my ministry here in Pittsburgh involves serving at World Vision in the organizing and sorting of donated items, and then personally delivering items to refugees in need. World Vision has been such a blessing to Agapao over the years and I am privileged to work alongside these faithful men and women as we seek to glorify God and love people. A couple of weeks ago, I had a very long list of refugees in need of diapers, but few diapers were available. Before going to World Vision that day, I asked to borrow a friend's SUV and prayed that God would provide the diapers we needed, according to his will. When I entered the warehouse, I was delighted to see a huge stack of diapers, even more than I could fit in the SUV! I thanked the Lord for his provision and rejoiced in answered prayer. Truly the Lord is watching over these little children and caring for them during their time of need.



Thank you so much for the part you have in this ministry to refugees and in showing God's love to those who cannot repay you. May the Lord richly bless you and your families and fill you with his love!

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