



DOW Motto

DOW workers Serve their neighbors with Compassion in order to build Relationships that lead to Discipleship. We are always prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us why we do what we do. We are always ready to give them the reason for Hope that we have in Christ with Gentleness and Respect.

—1 Peter 3:15

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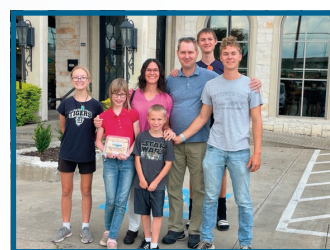
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Rev. Jonathan Meyer's Family Visit to DOW

Thank you to Rev. Jonathan Meyer and his family (St. James Lutheran Church, Lexington & Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Fedor) for their visit to DOW in June. This is what Pastor Jonathan had to say about



his visit to DOW's ministry. *"It was a true pleasure and great honor to witness the beautiful work that our Lord Jesus is doing in your midst—in and through you and others at DOW. God continue to richly bless you all there, as we both know He will since He has made*



the promise! We thank God for the friendship and partnership of Pastor Meyer and his family in the Gospel to our Muslim neighbors.



If you are going to be in the Dallas area, please contact us and schedule a time "to come and see" DOW doing its ministry "one person, one family, one ministry at a time."



RED, WHITE & BLUE

A big "Thanks" to Redeemer Lutheran Church LWML Austin, for their grant support. A "special thanks" to Woodie and Margie Arp, for their friendship and continuing faithful support in collecting and coordinating fabric donations for DOW's Sewing Seeds of Faith (SSOF).



CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS AND TO THEIR NEIGHBORS



Disciples of the Way Ministries

Imagine arriving in a foreign country with no possessions. You're not there to visit—you're seeking freedom, safety and a better life. But, you don't speak the language, you have no job, and you don't know where you will live. You don't know how to navigate the complex systems, and you have few or no friends.

This is what many refugees and immigrants face the moment they reach U.S. soil. They are safe, but in a strange land.

Many of these people arrive in Dallas. Each of these people is a beloved child of God, and He's placing them on our doorstep. Disciples of the Way Ministries (DOW) is a ministry of people from all nations connecting people of all nations to Jesus and to one another. DOW is ready, willing and able to help the constant stream of people He has sent our way.

Opportunity: A Flood from Iraq (at Vickery Meadow, Dallas)

In March of 2003, U.S. forces invaded Iraq and Saddam's regime fell. The war officially ended in October of 2011, but the war and the

subsequent fighting within Iraq itself created a constant stream of refugees.

Most Iraqi refugees went to countries in the Middle East, but many came to the United States. Today, there are over 76,000 Arabs living in the Dallas area alone, and many live close to DOW's office. The Vickery Meadow area is the home of 37,000 refugees, giving DOW's mission the perfect ripe harvest to make disciples from all nations, according to Matthew 28:19-20.

Connecting People To Jesus and To Their Neighbors: Fatima & Miriam & Ali

When people suffer affliction, they struggle but their experience also often places them in a unique position to help others in a similar situation. Thus it is with Fatima's, Miriam's and Ali's families. Miriam's family was shopping at a neighborhood Wal-Mart and the cashier saw Miriam and directed them to



DOW—this was a divine encounter. The cashier knew that DOW helped Fatima's family. People often come to DOW because of its reputation in the community as a ministry of people who care and love their neighbors.



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Fatima

Fatima is nine and has a father, mother and two older brothers who recently became U.S. Citizens. They've been involved with DOW since 2012 when they came to the U.S. as refugees. Her parents began attending DOW's ESL classes and Fatima's mother came to the SSOF program to learn to sew, to be able to fellow-



ship with other ethnic women, and hear devotions in both Arabic and English languages.

A few days after Fatima was born, she developed Jaundice (Bilirubin) and was immediately taken back to the hospital. Many newborns have low levels of bilirubin (jaundice) and recover without treatment or receive phototherapy (light) treatment. But her case was severe and resulted in brain damage. High levels of bilirubin can cause Athetoid Cerebral Palsy, hearing loss and vision problems. That is what happened to Fatima. She has cerebral palsy, is in wheelchair and cannot walk nor speak. She also has problems swallowing and is tube fed.



In the beginning her parents needed translation assistance to interact with the medical personnel. Due to their continued ESL classes the parents have become proficient in English

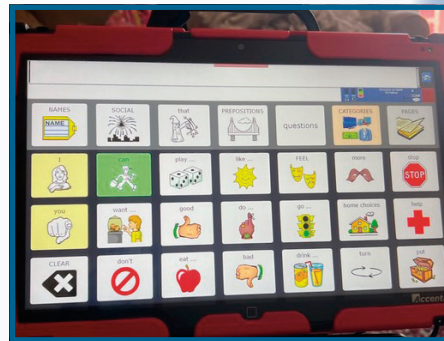
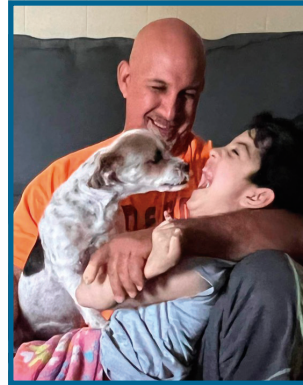
and can meet with the doctors, therapists, and case workers without the need of a translator. DOW also helped the mother learn to drive so she can take Fatima to appointments.

Fatima has had eye surgery, hearing surgery and other treatments. She attends a special school in the morning and has at-home physical therapy in the afternoons.

This family continues to be part of DOW's extended family. They join us for lunch and devotions regularly and for special times. Fatima and her mother are part of our Mother & Child Christmas Celebration.

The father was a professional tailor in their home country. He keeps DOW's sewing machines in working order. He works hard at his job and the family has been able to purchase a home.

Fatima recently began using a computer to communicate with a remarkable eye-movement technology. She has learned simple commands, i.e., "Yes," "No," "I'm happy," and "I'm tired." As she continues to grow, she will learn more eye-movement commands.



Miriam

Miriam (in the wheelchair) has a father, mother, and a younger brother and sister. Miriam is 21 and has Downs Syndrome. The family has been in the U.S. for about 6 months. Prior to this time, they were in a refugee camp in Turkey for 10 years waiting for their papers to come to the U.S. as refugees.



DOW's Refugee Service Care Center (RSCC) will be assisting the family with services that are available for Miriam.

We will continue to reach out to the family with fellowship—showing God's love. Our RSCC will assist them in acclimation to their new life in the U.S., just like we did with Fatima's and Ali's families.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5 ESV



Ali

Ali was born in Iraq and has Spinal Bifida. He is now 12 years old and lives with his father, mother, older sister and younger brother. The family came to the U.S. as refugees when Ali was only a year old.

Ali's parents came to DOW in 2012 for ESL classes. His mother attended DOW's SSOF (Sewing Seeds of Faith) program and became a pro-

ficient seamstress. Ali is very intelligent and learned to speak English at an early age. Ali attends a school in the Dallas ISD. Both parents studied with DOW and are now good law-abiding U.S. Citizens.

DOW assisted the family in finding Ali medical care and therapy. When his mother needed a car, DOW assisted her to find and purchase a car and learn to drive so she can take him to the hospital and to his medical appointments.

Ali and his mother continue to be part of our extended family and attend all special events, especially DOW's Mother & Child Christmas Celebration. She also attends weekly devotions and Bible Study with other women from all nations. Acts 2:37-47



Conclusion

When you support the mission of DOW, when you pray for the workers of DOW, when you volunteer and participate in the ministry of DOW you are indeed connecting people to Jesus and to their neighbors. And this sums up the greatest commandment. *Love God... Love your neighbor* Matthew 22:37-39

