

About our Afghan Family

Since the American Troops withdrew from Afghanistan last August, VPC has been on several waiting lists to sponsor a family, and this month we welcome the Alizada family! Read more... Khadija (23), her brother Mujtaba (14) and Abdul (adult cousin) will be housed temporarily in Maryland due to resettlement regulations, and we look forward to moving them to Vienna this summer. Mujtaba was badly injured by the Taliban and spent 8 weeks in Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and has made a miraculous recovery! Khadija and Mujtaba's parents and two siblings remain stranded in Kabul, hiding from the Taliban. Abdul's wife and four children (the youngest he has yet to meet as the child arrived after Abdul escaped) also remain in Afghanistan under dangerous and threatening conditions. When the family is settled, we plan to assist them in extracting the rest of their families. Several staff members and volunteers have met the family, they are delighted that we are able to help them, and we very much look forward to having them become part of our extended VPC family!

We invite you to engage in some of the opportunities to understand our new friends – culturally, spiritually and practically, they've lived very different lives than the majority of us! We want to welcome them in a way that honors our faith, their heritage and faith practices and that is pleasing to God! The attached list offers a wide variety of opportunities to learn more.

The needs of the family are great! Please check the various opportunities to help them out. Your VPC Session has allocated funds to cover the rent, but we will be asking for help with a variety of needs – everything from groceries and furniture to helping enroll in school and navigate their new lives in the United States!