



**What's New With  
Rev. Nader Hanna  
December 2021**



**“Loving Others into the Kingdom”**

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Nader Hanna was invited to the Lake Forest Mission Team Christmas dinner in recognition of his leadership with the North Africa Middle East group that meets monthly at Saddleback. The group continues to grow and come to learn about communicating the Gospel Cross-Culturally to others and specifically those of Muslim background. Two groups gather, family aid and resource aid, to be ready to meet the needs of the newly arrived Afghan families.



On December 7<sup>th</sup>, the LWML of Holy Cross along with Bethany Lutheran gave Salam Ministries five bags to give to Afghan families in Irvine. On November 26<sup>th</sup> 10 bags were given by the Women of Faith in Huntington Beach and were distributed to the Afghan Muslims in Irvine by Pastor Nader and Sue. Thank you, Women of Faith, for the invitation to share the pictures of the families with you! Thank you for your generous hearts!



Rev. Nader Hanna met up with Mission of Christ, mission partner Ashley Johnson. Ashley will be going back to Cambodia to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Cambodian community that she serves. She is sponsored by Christ, Costa Mesa and Bethel Lutheran in Buena Park. A lovely lunch, a couple of errands and then we all attended the Tuesday Bible Study given by Pastor Nader at Bethel at 5:00. We finished the evening with Ashley's request to In -n- Out burger.



On the same day, Salam Ministries received its first donation as a pending 501©3. We give a large thank you to our 14 member board and advisory board and especially to Rev. Dr. Norbert Oesch for being the Chair!



On December 16<sup>th</sup>, Salam Ministries Fellowship (the Thursday evening worship/fellowship/Bible study, and dinner) will host a Christmas gathering. One of our Muslim friends will be making the dinner! We have 25 of our Muslim friends expected to join in the fun. We saw God's hand moving with our friends at the Thanksgiving dinner! Looking forward to what He will do next!



On December 19<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Nader will be preaching at Faith, Huntington Beach.



On December 30, Krista Nagy will be hosting a trip to help build the Rose Parade Floats with Salam Ministries. Pray that there will be enough drivers to get them all there!



On January 1, you will be able to see, disciple, Rev. Nader Hanna ride the Lutheran Hour float in the Rose Parade.

#### Missional Prayers for Worship

Lord God, we know that you have given us the command to tell others about Your great plan of restoration and salvation. Keep using us in missional groups to do this together! We thank you for always being with us. We know that You protect us and give us guidance. Thank you, Holy Spirit for making a way for hearts to love and enjoy You!

Please pray:

For people's hearts to be moved to be generous to give at the Shepherd's Grove Fundraiser.

For our Muslim families to reach out to us for His love and goodness.

For the one-on-one meetings to share the joy of what Jesus is doing with Salam Ministries through the leadership of Rev. Nader Hanna.

For the Lutheran Hour Ministries team as they fellowship with people at the parade.

For Pastor Nader as he spends time with Jesus to prepare sermons, talks, and training, and conference sessions.

Thank you, Lord for friends at Redeemer Lutheran Church, their game night reach outs, the youth activities, and other ways they are a light to the community. Thank you, Redeemer Lutheran Church for partnering with Salam Ministries to welcome the missional guidance of Greg Finke on March 12<sup>th</sup>.