

The Marri Family
Church Council Report
June 30, 2019

1. This Spring, Mohamed had quite a few driving lessons from Professor Akram at Eastern Connecticut State University. After several tries at the driving test, Mohamed persevered and passed on June 21.
2. We found out after the family moved into their new apartment in January that the only places there was exposed lead paint was in two bedroom closets. On painting day, Jackie Abbott, Mohamed and I painted over the closet molding. Once Mohamed discovered that he liked to paint, he did three other doors on his own!
3. For the second summer in a row, some Arabic speaking college students from Middlebury College in Vermont have come down to teach English classes for the adults at their local mosque.
4. Jackie Abbott, who is a member of the North Manchester United Methodist Church has taken a special interest in the Marri kids and brought the two oldest girls to her home for the day which also included going out to eat in a diner. This was Aamina in the fifth grade and Muna in the fourth grade. In the following month, she brought the next three children for the same wonderful day away. This included Ahid, a third grade girl; Suhaib, a first grade boy; and Wiaam, a kindergarten girl. This is part of a slow Americanization process.
5. Jackie Abbott took Aisha, the mother, to a nearby New Britain Fire Station to learn how to install the car seats in her car. To their amazement, they found that their car seats were out of date and the Dept. was able to get two new ones free and showed Aisha how to install them.