

Sozo Parent Guide

"There is a way from heart to heart." – Afghan proverb

In the Greek language, the word "sozo" means: to rescue. Rescuing is exactly why Sozo International works in Afghanistan and in Queens, New York. Flatirons partners with Sozo through education, healthcare and economic empowerment. Sozo is coming alongside Afghans, both in Afghanistan and America as they rebuild their communities after years of war or living as refugees.

Right now, Sozo is deeply involved with a school in Kabul where nearly 800 children, who would otherwise be working on the streets, are able to get a hot meal and good education. Sozo is also committed to the whole wellbeing of these kids, so staff members visit their homes to meet their families and be sure that kids have a chance to truly begin to thrive.

The school in Kabul is just one story of how Sozo is living out that Afghan proverb, connecting hearts by meeting needs and restoring the brokenness around them. Sozo shares the good news of God's love and grace with the people of Afghanistan every day. Please pray that Sozo mirrors God's love.

Here are some other ways to pray:

- Pray for the students who are getting an education but who still must work on the street to help their families survive.
- Pray for the Sozo staff in Afghanistan, for wisdom to see needs and for unity.
- Pray for peace in Afghanistan, and for God's love to gently and powerfully restore what is broken.

FAMILY DISCUSSION:

Watch the video on flatironskids.com about Sozo. (Under the Outreach Partners tab.) Discuss.

- 1. Who are our Friends in Afghanistan? (Sozo)
- 2. What do you think it's like in Afghanistan? (Look up facts about Afghanistan together.)
- 3. Rebecca told us a story today about Hamid. We heard how Sozo is working hard to help kids like Hamid. What are some of the ways they are helping? (Sozo is giving them clothes and medicine. And Sozo started a school for the refugee kids.)
- 4. Why is it important that we learn more about our friends in Afghanistan? (Because Jesus wants everyone all over the world to know that God loves them.)
- 5. How can we show God that we care about people in Afghanistan? (pray for Sozo, learn more about our friends in Afghanistan, and bring in money for the offering)