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Welcome the newest two Solace Extended Program children! Abdul Rahman and Hamidullah each arrived in their new Solace Communities from Afghanistan on New Year's Eve with their interpreter/chaperones, Zuhall and Husnia. Treatment will begin soon, but this week both boys are settling in and undergoing medical evaluations.



Rahman was badly burned sometime last fall and had only the treatment his elderly father or neighbors could offer in his village in Kandahar Province. In March, a Marine Patrol learned of the boy and arranged initial treatment for him in a field hospital. Lovingly, Rahman was offered treatment by excellent doctors in a difficult situation. They learned of Solace in October and the process began to identify a Solace Community willing to take on such a difficult case. Shriners Hospitals for Children stepped up to help. Burn specialists expect Rahman to need many months of surgeries and rehabilitation. From our military contact we received this, "His father is an older gentleman who said his last wish in life is to see his son be able to turn his head side to side. Perhaps that will happen now." Solace says, this and much more!



Hamidullah, from Kabul Province was born with a birth defect which would have been repaired in infancy had adequate medical care been available to him. Instead, now at approximately 11 years old his situation has become extremely serious and complex. American volunteer Jan Bradley of Lamina Afghan Foundation brought Hamid to the attention of Solace and long time Solace partners, Presbyterian Hospital and surgeon John Gazak again offered treatment to give this boy health!



Solace is very grateful for the partnership of Global Aviation Holdings for sponsoring this Solace Extended project. Thanks go also to the wonderful host families who open their hearts and homes to Afghan children in great need and to the supporting communities who welcome Solace children!

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