



## **FLEX Student Teaches American Family About Ramadan:**

When Umedjon arrived in the United States from Tajikistan and was placed with a Christian host family in the central California city of Visalia, he didn't know if he would observe Ramadan or not. As a traveling student, he asked to be exempted from observing Ramadan, but decided in favor of observing it.

When he sat down with his host family, Scott and Liane Stults, they were intrigued with his interest in Ramadan and decided to observe the month-long, dawn-to-dusk fast along with him. Umedjon presented his host family with traditional Tajik outfits to wear during Ramadan as a way of thanking them

for their support. The Stults say that they are enjoying the new experience and are using Umedjon's presence in their home to learn more about the Muslim religion.