William, Egclas and Maria



William was a painter in Baghdad and recognised that he needs to get his family out. In preparation he sold his house for \$190k. Just 2 days later his daughter aged 12 was kidnapped and he received a demand for every single dollar he had sold his house for, if he deducted one cent he would never see his daughter again,

He paid up and 5 days later his daughter was released. After the kidnapping he went to Mosul hen on to Erbil then Baghdad They

arrived with absolutely nothing and the church has provided for them. They are fortunate and have been accepted entry to Australia and will leave in a couple of months.

William is also receiving pastoring by a catholic priest by Skype from the U.S.

He didn't really know Jesus before he left Iraq but he does now. He knows God has a plan for him in Australia. He will be the message of a song in Arabic which says - God is in heaven a long way away until he found His love; now God walks with him every day. We share that gold needs to be purified – and that the hard times we suffer can do this for us.

Lunch was with a Syrian family Ibrahim, Adiba and their 5 children, Amal (f) 16 Nadji (m) 15, Hella (f) Rahaf (f) and Ahmed (m)