

## Tuesday pm 1<sup>st</sup> visit:

3 very quick visits with folk in Madaba – all Iraqi Christians

Hassu Jacob, Imama and Muntahah



This is the first visit by anyone – including Global Hope.

Iraqi Christians from Qaraqosh near Mosul. They heard the noise of fighting and fled as they were. Hassu Jacob has been blind for 12 years. They were running on foot. Members of their family and extended family picked them up and took them to Erbil – the short journey took them 12 hours– they stayed in a church there for 3 months but life was too expensive. They were

with a catholic priest who is now a bishop. Fortunately Jordanian airlines offered half price tickets to refugees so they were able to travel – they moved initially to Amman – but again found it too expensive so came to Madaba- here the flat is 150JD – but an equivalent in Amman would be 300-400JD. They feel challenged – the rent is due in 10 days and they do not know how they are going to pay it – they sometimes wonder whether God is with them or not.

Hassu jacob was a handyman, builder , farmer ... whatever was needed. He has left two daughters in Erbil. Muntahah never took a job, they lived simply and were self-sufficient in Iraq.

Their papers have been put forward for Germany – they have two daughters in Germany, 3 in the USA and two left in Erbil. Hassu Jacob's one desire is to meet with his daughters again before he dies.

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