

Bashara and Marie, George (who arrived in Iraq very shortly before they left), Rana and Salaam, Vivienne, Merna and Nuur

Both men come from a plumbing background and use to own their own business in Iraq and employ others. They find some work locally on a non-official basis which helps to pay the bills. The children go to school. Life here is much better than in Hashmi in Amman, much cheaper to live.

Mums both talked about the important discipline of taking the children to church. They have been in Jordan for 10 months.



They were happy in Iraq – but after ISIS they have no reason to go back. Everything has been destroyed and there is still much kidnapping. They were neighbours with the Yazidis - but they saw what ISIS had done with them and knew they were coming back for the Christians. They come from a Syrian orthodox background. They know they cannot stay in Jordan but have been refused access to

Australia twice and are now trying for Canada.

They have two brothers still in Erbil one who is a Priest – there are many Christians there - but lots are also leaving for Turkey. This area had the biggest Christian population.



The two sisters are doing an English course run by the local Orthodox Church.

They told us that God has brought us to a place where we can go to church without fear and life is that much easier. There is a higher Christian population in Madaba than in Hashmi.

Both families felt shattered at the start of all this... but are much happier now. They recognize that wherever they go they will be ambassadors for Christ.

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