



Bto family is one of the dearest families to Alhadaf's heart, we met this family in early 2016 through a trauma workshop for Amani (an Iraqi refugee aged 40) and Hala (the Grandmother aged 60) the two ladies have escaped ISIS and fled to Jordan alongside the spouses and children.

Hala the grandmother was married to a university professor who used to work at the University of Mosul (a US graduate) while Amani is the younger daughter of tow who is married to Rami an Iraqi refugee aged 48 years old who is a university graduate as an electrical technician and holds a degree as a barber. Rami and Amani have two lovely boys Randi (aged 11), Iden (Aged 8).



The family went through a lot during the attack of ISIS on their area in Musel in Iraq as they were threatened a couple of times and were given the option to leave Mosul, transfer to Islam, or simply pay a ransom. the family chooses to leave their house, memories, and personal belongings in the middle of the night believing the name of God, Jesus will protect them and guide them through their trip hope to reach a safe place.

They went in cars to an area where the traffic was jammed, and the trip took them around 5 hours instead of 20 minutes. the father was in a wheelchair from a previous stroke he had, Randi was crying and terrified from the sound of bombs and scenes of woman screaming in the streets, until this day he cannot handle loud voices. During the trip ISIS stopped cars and asked the BTO family to leave the car and continue walking even they tried to take the wheelchair for their father, after begging them for a while they kept the wheelchair and the



Bto family continued walking in the dark awful streets along with many families not knowing their next destination.

The family was hosted in a church's hall alongside many terrified families until the women were moved to a student's dorms where they stayed for a while sleeping on the floor after months of waiting with no privacy and little food the family received some money from the government as they decided to buy tickets and fly to Jordan.



The Jordanian community welcomed the Iraqi Refugees with open hands and warm hearts, as they continued telling us their story, where they stayed at the catholic church in consideration for their situation with the father in a wheelchair and his continuous need for help in using the bathroom and doing basic life chores, and thankfully the family received support and was moved to a humble motel as they stayed for a month.

A local Nonprofit was able to find a home for the family free of charge and offered to pay for the electricity and water as a first step, but the house was in very bad condition, molds on the walls and floors, extremely dirty as the house was abandoned for years. Rami was thinking how am I supposed to bring my family to this place? it is not even healthy. after a discussion with the family, they decided to clean the house because their children need stable home at least for a short while until they figure out their next steps. With the help of some good people that were sent by God as they continue, walls were cleaned, mold removed, rooms were painted and furnished with some basic items.

Amani and Hala with their extra effort have changed the house into a home with warm touched and optimistic spirits. As Hala said, I used to live in a big house and own three cars, my house was recently renovated with the best quality items I even planted my garden with my own hands, and they exploded our home and sent pictures to us by our neighbors. Now after living here I need to create a nice place for my family and grandchildren. The family moved into the home they renovated on December 24th, 2016.

Shortly after the move their father went to get a food package, he felt ashamed that he used to support families and now his family is being supported, he could not handle all the stress and had another stroke, they didn't have money to take him to hospital, sadly the father passed away.



Hala, his wife, had a very hard time accepting the idea that her soulmate has left, and she lost her home, her friends, and even her identity so she decided to suicide, she prepared herself, wrote a letter to her family, and set the date.



Thank god Susan a volunteer at Alhadaf convinced them to visit Alhadaf Institute and attend a trauma workshop as this was a week before the date she sat for taking out her life. We are grateful to God that we were able to provide some home, and she decided to give life another chance.



Hala and Amani registered in every course that Alhadaf institute provided, from trauma workshops to English, sewing, and makeup courses while they are attending the courses the boys attended the art therapy sessions.

Randi the older boy suffered from Post Trauma Symptoms and he showed improvements during our sessions and started to communicate and socialize with other children his age.

Recently Alhadaf Institute applied for them for the Church Sponsorship program for Canada after their application to go to America was cancelled. They got accepted and now waiting for the resettlement date. Rami said, “ I just need to travel to a country where my family is safe along with side mom Hala, live happily, work, guarantee a good education for my kids.” for Amani she said: “It like a new birth this opportunity will help us live a new life with no fear, no sadness, and new hopes.?”

