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So... impressions of The Bedouin Village – 21 October 2009

It was a Sunday on the day of our arrival. We were welcomed into the home of Saeed to stay for the week. I have found the Bedouin people to be very hospitable and willing to share all they have.

We were present at the opening of one of the after school programs for the Bedouin community, and saw the children ready and open to learn from the teachers there. It was exciting to see the enthusiasm of the students to learn English and also practice their other subjects.

In the Bedouin Village it is sad to see these beautiful people living in unfinished buildings, with trash surrounding the premises and children walking through dirt roads.

The community is made up of many apartments, however there is no paved roads, street lights or sewage system outside. Mixed in with the homes are areas create out of sheets, wire fencing and tin roof which make animal pens for chickens, goats and sheep.

With many children in the area there is one learning center, however I saw so sign of schools, kindergartens or even shops in the immediate area.

The people we were blessed to spend time with have been incredibly friendly and made us all feel very welcome. The families tried hard to speak the limited amount of English they knew with us, so that we were able to communicate with them.

Each time we were offered a meal to share with the family, it would be like a feast. The hospitality in this community is incredible and should be used as an example to the western world.

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