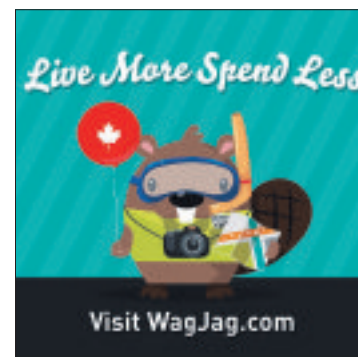


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*Syrian refugee family now home with Bracebridge family*

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BRACEBRIDGE - Theirs has been an unfathomable journey out of hell and into the safe hands of their new family at Bracebridge United Church.

Seated in the church nursery Hassan Khaled spoke of his family's journey: Syrians living in Iraq listening to the sound of bombs and planes, constantly fearing for their safety and the long and anxious wait as the Bracebridge congregation worked for them to come to Canada.

As Hassan speaks his wife Berivan quietly listens. She explains she studied English in school and although she understands the language she says she does not speak it well. She communicates this well. Pella, who turned one in November, is still on Iraqi time and is a bundle of energy as she sets her sights on the mirror of a toy vanity. She is chattering away in the same incomprehensible language all babies her age speak.



Mary Beth Hartill/Metroland

Berivan Khaled spends time meeting members of the congregation at Bracebridge United Church. Berivan, her husband Hassan, and baby Pella are Syrian refugees sponsored by the church. They arrived on Wednesday, March 15.

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