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We spent time at a couple places of tourist interest. One was the Roman Catholic church that the Foreign Minister had suggested. We walked the grounds; they have mass in 13 languages. The best part of the stop was the presence of some old Kuwaiti homes behind the parish, so we could see how the families lived in the early 1900s. Most places have been torn down for development, so little remains of residential life prior to the discovery of oil. We actually saw another when we stopped at another museum. This one remained a private residence and not a restaurant, and our aide from Foreign Media said that meant there was a lot of money involved by its very existence. After all, the family has refused development and all the money that would bring to preserve the family home. The doors were open, so we could see the open courtyard. It was light and airy with doors opening onto it.

We visited the Minister of Information who also heads Youth Affairs. He is really busy, and it was kind to squeeze us into his schedule. We mostly talked about the efforts with the youth. One thing they are trying to do is fund an entrepreneurial spirit among younger Kuwaitis, so they are providing funding and assistance to those attempting to start their own businesses. It was another glimpse into the efforts of Kuwaiti officials trying to prepare their country for the time when they can no longer depend on oil.



Group photo with advisor to the Emir (equivalent to the president)



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Group photo with CEO of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation.



Group photo with head of Foreign Investment Promotional Authority



Kuwaiti Cuisine