

Postcards from Iraq

Sharing a taste of liberty and freedom



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Out here in the largest province of Iraq, one must take time and ask one's self, "what in the heck am I doing here?" Being in the reconstruction end and having seen first-hand the results of our efforts and my predecessors, I want you and the rest at home to know that what we have at home is truly a luxury and should never be taken for granted.

One of the many children we are helping to a better life.



Children greet us everywhere we go.

The majority of the Iraqi people do not have the electricity, water, and sewer plumbed into their homes while we, in the United States, expect these things as a normal condition of life. In most districts, just as in the city of Ar Ramadi, one place where the Army and Marines did the heaviest fighting, a sewer system consists of direct dumping into the river without any primary or secondary treatment. Electricity may only be available for one hour each day, and the water may be taken directly from a well or from the same river where the sewage was dumped.

The biggest joy I get is to see the many locals (especially the Iraqi children) that live in these districts come up to us, with smiles, and ask us to stay and help them build or rebuild more. I guess this is the by-product of liberty and freedom we abundantly have in the United States and now we're giving a taste of it to the Iraqis.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

