

# Postcards from Iraq

## Why I made this trip to Iraq

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I wanted to say one last "good bye" to everyone and to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the great passion that each and every one of you show in the reconstruction efforts ongoing here in Iraq.

My short journey here has been rough and sometimes seems fruitless; on those challenging days, it seems I always meet one of the Local Nationals in the hallway with a huge smile on his/her face and I realize once again why I made this trip to Iraq.

I realize I have only contributed a tiny part toward helping the Iraqi people on their march toward freedom. We're involved in a noble and historic mission and there's no question the Iraqis I work with are committed to providing a brighter future for their children and grandchildren. Their effort, drive and desire is awesome. They continue to press forward despite the threatening obstacles that have been laid out before them. They are not quitters.

I am proud for the remarkable opportunity to get to know them and work alongside them. I will close this postcard with a request to please take care of yourselves, and for a short time, my husband who is staying behind. Stay safe and continue with the fight to make a difference!

This country will continue to need our assistance for quite awhile and I will always remember my times here with this remarkable team of Military, Civilians and Iraqis who I have had the privilege to work with and learn from.

God Speed and as they say in the south "See Ya"!

**Carolyn Steuart, Europe District**



Terry and Carolyn Steuart



Staff thanks Carolyn at farewell.



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