

# Postcards from Iraq

**“Most rewarding experience ever”**

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Hi, I'm Emily.

I deployed to Iraq one year ago. It was one of those 'just-do-it-now and think-about-it-later' spontaneous decisions. Before I knew it, I found myself packing my bags, saying good-bye to family and friends, and starting my adventure both nervous and excited, not really knowing what to expect.

What I found was similar to any other Corps family that I've worked with. They are the same worldwide -- a great team of experienced people with positive attitudes and as friendly as can be. This past year went by like the blink of an eye. Maybe it was because of the 7-day work week or maybe it was just because I enjoyed it that much.

Who are these people at GRS? They are a team of multifunctional professionals who focus on solutions. They are a superb staff responsible for variety of projects improving essential services throughout southern Iraq – their efforts are resulting in new medical facilities, more classrooms, water treatment plants and distribution lines, road paving, courthouses, etc. They work side-by-side with Iraqi engineers and others. They provide much-needed jobs to local Iraqis who report to work every day with the hope that their children and grandchildren will have a brighter future.

I'm so proud to have been part of this historic mission. I encourage you to consider volunteering -- you will find it to be one of the most rewarding experiences ever, as I have ... so rewarding that I plan to return again.

Essays!

(P.S. to Matthew: Will be home soon, son!  
Miss you. Love you - Mom)

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*Emily Mullet talks to a Sheik on the steps of the Ziggurat at Ur, an ancient structure built during the third millennium B.C. It's located at Tallil Air Base in southern Iraq.*

