## **Postcards from Iraq**

Watching Iraqis Shape Iraq's Future By Dan Foltz Basrah Area Office, Gulf Region South District

Working in Iraq has provided me with the opportunity to work some of the most motivated and hard working people I have ever met. Most are too young to remember their country in its splendor; however they know what they feel the country can be. Their work ethic and willingness to learn has impressed me, as has their attention to detail. A project that holds a special place in my heart is the Basrah Regional Courthouse.





This project is near completion and will provide a location for the new laws to be enforced in a way that has not been available to the Iraqi people in the recent past. This facility has a Witness Protection Annex attached so that witnesses have less to be concerned about when testifying in the court.

Construction techniques have a tendency of being lost when proper equipment is not readily available. USACE PHOTOS BY RIGOBERTO FARIAS



Dan Foltz oversees one of his construction projects in Basrah Province in Iraq



We have had the opportunity to reintroduce some of the material and techniques giving the local craftsmen the knowledge that they will be able to take out into all projects they participate on throughout the country and their lives. I will always remember the people I have met through the corps and with the local contractors and governances. I feel Iraq is better, even if just a little tiny bit, for me having been here. ESSAYONS!