

Postcards from Iraq

Hail from Iraq

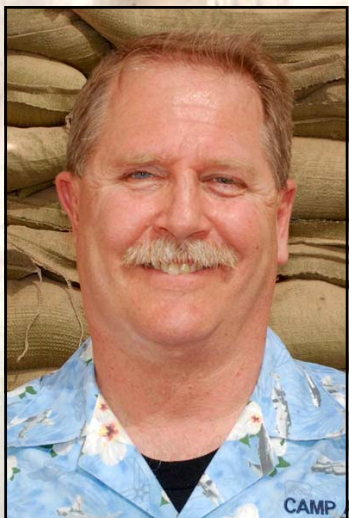
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Hello All in the United States of America,

I came to Iraq to do my part in the Global War on Terror. What I found is a country rich in heritage and worthy of our help. The people I have met here are good and hard working people that want to raise their families in a safe and fair society. We are here to help them do that. We are here to build friendships for the future of the world. We are not seen as occupiers. Occupiers would not care to see people free or to improve the average Iraqi's life. America has shown the common Iraqi that we are a generous nation who wants the Iraqi people to stand up on the world stage as a free people. Iraq is known as the "cradle of civilization" and its residents can once again be proud of who they are, the heroic battles they fought to get here, and the many rich resources they offer the world today as a free and democratic nation.

I am on my way home. I have been here 18 months and it has been my pleasure to serve my country and help the Iraqis rebuild theirs. I really do believe that we have done the right thing here. Iraq's future path has been drawn in the sand. What they need from us now is to know we will be their friends and that we won't abandon them. It's up to them, with our continued mentoring, to help themselves reach their own potential and destiny. We have won, through our generosity and perseverance, a long term friend and ally in the Global War on Terror.



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Iraqis are taking the lead in helping rebuild their nation, with most of the work now being done by Iraqi firms hiring local Iraqi laborers.