We are gearing up for the potentially most productive year yet in Kurdistan of Iraq!

With the acquisition of our new Impact 2001 Earth Block machine we can now produce 300 amazing "Full Load Bearing Structural Masonry Blocks" an hour from plain dry earth. With the addition of a small amount of portland cement added to the mix we can create a stabilized waterproof block as well. Our new Earth Block machine gives us the capacity to expand our construction abilities way beyond what we have been able to achieve in the past because our prime building material is literally "Dirt Cheap" and the soil of Kurdistan is just right for this technology to work. Simply put, we can now build more homes, schools, clinics, etc., for the same amount of money.

The advantages of an Earth Block Home or Building is that it is not only cost effective but beautiful, durable and energy efficient. For example; an Earth Block building has an effective usage life of one to five hundred years. It can withstand seismic events of up to 7.5 on the Richter Scale. An Earth Block home will be twenty degrees cooler than the outside air temperature in the summer, even with the windows and doors open and will hold interior heat in during the winter months with little loss. These are amazing advantages, especially for N. Iraq where the summers are very hot and the winters very cold. Where electrical power is only available for a few hours a day and people have to heat with small kerosene stoves.

With your enthusiasm and help, let me share with you what we can accomplish in this Spring season. We can totally finish our Passe Village Reconstruction project by building and additional fifteen or twenty houses.
We can build the new Medical Clinic in Mahawali Village which will serve ten other villages as well. We can build a Church on the land given us by the Regional Government for Pastor Layth Ibrahim’s congregation in Duhok. They have money set aside for this project but not enough for conventional construction, but with Earth Block technology we can build a beautiful church that will give them room to expand and facilitate all our future conferences in the region. We are negotiating right now with the Regional Government for a cooperative effort to address the large IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) problem of the area. You may recall that when I first went to Iraq I met with the Governor of Duhok Governate and he asked if we could build four hundred houses. Back then I told him that I couldn't because I didn't have the means for so large a venture but now we have that capacity.

This cooperative venture would affect over 300 people stuck living in Nzarke Fortress for the last fourteen years,

Nzarke was a death camp where thousands of Kurds were tortured and perished. People are still forced to live in that hell-hole because of the lack of available housing. When I visited the place you could still see the blood stains of those who were killed permanently soaked into the concrete; imagine, living in the very place where your people died or you yourself were cruelly beaten or tortured. In Duhok alone people are still living in schools and government buildings because there simply is no other place for them to go ... WE CAN CHANGE ALL THAT!

We can build a living monument to our faith, which glorifies Christ and will testify of His compassion as well as that of his people for the Kurds of Iraq for generations to come should The Lord tarry. We can also, this year, with your help do all this plus rebuild Dakan and Koreme Villages. These two villages have become icons of the Kurdish struggle in their songs and poetry because of the slaughter that took place in them when they were destroyed by Saddam’s Iraqi Forces. These villages have not yet been completely restored ... what a testimony it would be if these two special places in Kurdish hearts and minds were restored by Christians! A true living monument and testimony for years to come in an Islamic world.
All of this is achievable this year with your help, it will literally change the future of this whole region if we will tackle it and finish the job. We can do this ... but not without your help and sacrifice.

We now have SIX pioneer churches in Iraq, we are scheduled for an important Discipleship/Leadership Conference for them in May. People are getting saved now where only a few years ago this was only a dream seen by faith in our hearts; NOW IT'S HAPPENING!

Won't you please get involved and help us turn the tide in the Middle East, in Iraq. There's been enough blood shed in that wounded land, its time to heal it, to rebuild it and to do all that we can to make it free. Most importantly, it's time to take back our heritage in the region, not by violence but by love and compassion.

Help us by not only faithfully contributing on a monthly basis, but please share your vision with others and encourage them to also get on board ... this is our hour ... WE CAN DO THIS!

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