

## Iraq Retreat

Hello again from the Colorado Mtns. We just returned from the Iraqi Mtns! Yes, still jet-lagged, but we are home safe and sound. The retreat went GREAT, thank you for your prayers. These 40 staff with Samaritan's Purse continue to bless and serve refugees across northern Iraq. But, for 4 days last week, they got some much needed rest as we helped facilitate a "Mark 6:31" time for them.



"Let's get away from the crowds for awhile and rest" NTL These were Jesus' words to his disciples after a very busy time of ministry. And, much like his disciples, these dear ones too needed to "power down" for a few days in order to power back up with Jesus. Abiding with Him, was the theme of this year's retreat. Even though this was our 6th trip into Iraq, we still welcome the challenge and enjoy the opportunity to help refill their cups. Our time with them included a series on abiding: Foundation for Abiding, the Keys to Abiding and the Hurdles to Abiding. But, some of the best opportunities to pour into the staff came through one-on-one times. Annette and I both had many conversations and times of prayer with individuals. We also just had some fun, playing games, a water balloon war, a dance party and even a Monopoly tournament! But, the best part for many of them was a quiet and beautiful place to spend time with the Lord!!!



**Kate's Kids** — What a blessing to the parents of these 6 kids for Kate to be there and spend time with them so they could take part in the retreat.



Annette took this during one the sessions, this is the flag of Kurdistan!

## Get ready World. Here she comes!



A couple days before leaving for Iraq we celebrated Kate's graduation. We are so proud of Kate! She finished high school having given her all. Not just academically (4th in her class!), but she really walked with the Lord as she did it! One of her teachers told us, "You should be proud, because Kate swam upstream during her time at Gunnison High School." We knew what she meant. Kate didn't conform to the pattern of this world. (Rms 12:2)

She will be home working for the summer and then it is off to Pine Mountain, GA next year. She will be attending Impact 360 Institute, which is a one year program designed for students between high school and college to give them a deeper walk with Christ, Christian world view and a better understanding of how to impact their worlds for Him.

**FYI, you can now give online at  
[www.bighornministries.org](http://www.bighornministries.org) and click  
on "Get Involved"**

*We thank God for each of you and  
your partnership with us and BHM.  
We could never do this without you!*

### Prayer and Praises

**Praise God** for the way He brings pastors and missionaries to us for refreshment and for providing a safe place.

**We Praise** God for each of you and are grateful for how you bless us so we can bless others.

**Please pray** for Annette and I to walk humbly and intimately with the Lord each day and listen to his voice.

**Pray** for us to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, have discernment and be safe people for the variety of folks that come our way as well as the ones we travel to see.

**We Praise God** for Retreat in Iraq, the many things we saw God do and the ways he used us!

**Please pray** for the SP staff that were at the retreat, that they would continue to abide deeply in Christ.

**Please Pray** for Kate as she gets ready to move in August to Georgia (and for us as we become "empty-nesters")

**Please Pray** for the pastors and missionaries and their families who will be joining us this summer. Pray they will find the refreshment and input they need to continue to minister from a place of fullness!

Serving Him by helping people  
take their next step,  
**Spencer, Annette Andrew and  
Kate**