Let us widen the circle of those able to come to Iraq, I thought. Peace-minded people from the States who grieve the suffering our war-making has caused others could come to Najaf for at least one month to speak English with Iraqis, living and interacting with families and sharing in their rich history, culture, and lifestyle. I am especially hopeful that young people will take advantage of this rare opportunity to form contacts and foster friendships with ordinary people like themselves.— Sami Rasouli, founder and director of Muslim Peacemaker Teams, citizen of Iraq and the United States

Opportunity to Visit Iraq!

the English for Reconciliation Program a project of the Muslim Peacemaker Teams

The Muslim Peacemaker Teams (MPT) promote principles of peacebuilding and reconciliation via cultural exchange, mutual understanding and respect that lead to building lasting friendship between ordinary Americans and ordinary Iraqis.

Now MPT is offering Americans an opportunity to connect with Iraqis in the beautiful, historic city of Najaf in a program that brings individuals of the two nations together by providing them with an opportunity to converse in English. Iraqi participants want to learn English or improve their English language skills and would like to practice by holding informal conversations with English-speaking Americans. In turn, American participants will become acquainted with Iraqis and Iraqi culture through the program. It is an opportunity for everyone to share cultural knowledge and friendship.

The only qualifications for visitors are:

a desire for mutual understanding and respect an ability to converse in ordinary English language. (knowledge of Arabic not needed) a commitment to stay a minimum of 30 days

Participants will be provided with a place to stay, meals, and transportation within Iraq. Participants will need to provide their own transportation to and from Najaf, Iraq. (Travelers can fly directly into Najaf International Airport.)

Interested? Please fill out the attached form and send (via email?) Via mail?)

Ouestions?

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