



# IRAQI CHRISTMAS PROJECT

## Summit Families Make it Happen

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himself said: **“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”** In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said:

We thought we had the morning all planned out! Deliver the 42 boxes to the post office, be there at opening time at the back of the P O and by-pass the Christmas lines and be back at home and maybe back in bed by 9:30a.m. Wrong!

1. The person that gave us the ‘mailing plan’ was off Saturday morning and hadn’t shared the plan with anyone else!
2. We had the wrong time for the P.O. to open!
3. When we explained our ‘plan’ to the current P.O. shipping clerk, he said, **“No can do!”**

Now what? Well, the long Christmas mailing line had started and we had to wait in line like others until an extra postal clerk showed up and worked with us to process the 42 boxes, all going to a Kurdistan village in Iraq!

Just when I thought, “This is a fiasco”, **that’s when the plans of the Holy Spirit took over.** (although I didn’t realize it till later). For the next two hours we had great opportunities answering inquisitive postal patrons: What are you up to? Where are the packages were going? How did you know about the need? Who are you? What school? When I finally got back home and began the rest of my day I realized... **God was so into the ‘wrong time’ being the ‘right time’!**

The mailing adventure blessed Darin (our clerk), Tim (the Army

Reserve guy in line that’s already been to Iraq 3 times) and many others as they heard about God’s love and faithfulness to those less fortunate than us!



The blankets, shoes and socks start coming in!

### Now We Pray!

Join us in prayer that: the 42 boxes will arrive safely, that there will be exactly the right amount of shoes in just the right sizes, the blankets will be extra warm and that the socks will keep little cold feet dry! Pray too, that as the soldiers give the items to the



Praying over the gifts!

villagers, that God will bless the items just as he did the five loaves and two fishes... there will be more than enough!

**THANK YOU ALL** for helping make this incredible Christmas Giving Project happen. It was amazing to watch the piles of blankets, socks and shoes grow in my room until we were ready to start packing them up.

Speaking of packing, a special thanks goes out to Ariel and Marina Gallop, Jennifer and Jessica Upperman, Danielle DeRose, Melissa Hill, Jonathan Anderson, Walker Seaton and Laura Drell for helping us separate, stack, count and box up the very large pile of **“169 blankets, 230 pairs of shoes, 700+ pairs of socks and miscellaneous types of clothing”**.

May He who came to set the captives free... truly free your hearts to experience His goodness, faithfulness and salvation this Christmas.

Ginger Lambert

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Director of Impact Education  
“Impacting the Present to Change the Future!”



169 Blankets

**If you still would like to participate, you can give to help cover postage! It cost a pretty penny to send the boxes. I’m sure when Capt Jackie Schiller sends us pictures back of the Christmas Party we will know ... it was worth every penny! Just leave your donation at the front office in an envelope marked ‘postage for Iraq’.**



Counting the shoes!



## Cedar Park Post Office Adventure!



## Slowly But Surely



## Finally ... the last Box!

