



## Postcard from Afghanistan

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I've been meaning to jot down my experience here in Kabul, Afghanistan so while I sit in a bunker during a Code Black (bunker drill) this would be a good time to start.

After 2 years in theatre working with AED-N as a construction scheduler, I have made a difference regarding the war and reconstruction.

I've been involved with the building of dozens of police stations, military installations, roads, runways and infrastructure projects.

My role in this effort is not only to insure these projects complete on budget and schedule but to increase the knowledge of the contractors doing the work. I've had the privilege and opportunity to train, mentor, and listen to their hunger for more knowledge. They realize that the knowledge that will be passed on to generations is more important than them having running water and electricity today. Security must be achieved in the country but after that, the growth of Afghanistan will be determined by a strong and growing work force.

My wish is that some time in the near future we are all going home and the people of Afghanistan will have freedom, sustainable economies, and the motivation and inspiration to improve their lives.

Since my wife and I got married, we were never apart more than a week once a year - for hunting season. I wasn't sure how our relationship would change when that went to 4 months at a time. It turns out that it became stronger. My wife has had to take care of "Everything" while I'm here and I'm thankful for her and the way she did it. I couldn't have been here without it.

