Huda graduates from Berea

ISP’s newest alumna, Huda Al-Sammarraie, graduated from Berea College on December 13, 2015, with a double major in Economics and Spanish. Huda’s studies took her to Spain for concentrated study in Spanish. A host of friends, sponsors, and supporters were present to see Huda receive her degree.

A special place with a global vision . . .

Berea College — founded by ardent abolitionists and radical reformers in 1855 — continues today rooted in its historic purpose. Adherence to the College’s scriptural foundation, “God has made of one blood all peoples of the earth,” shapes the College’s culture and programs. Students and staff work toward personal goals and a vision of a world shaped by Christian values:

- the power of love over hate,
- human dignity and equality, and
- peace with justice.

ISP now has three graduates from Berea: Rita Yalda (2013), Ali Abdulsamea (2014), and Huda Al-Sammarraie (2015). Our gratitude and admiration for Berea College knows no bounds.
We’re planning a reunion!

The Iraqi Student Project focuses on bringing peace to Iraq through education. ISP was started in 2007 by an American couple, Theresa Kubasak and Gabe Huck. They moved to Syria, where two million Iraqi refugees had immigrated, to help Iraqi students pursue college education in the US.

Their effort created a great community of educated peace-making individuals in the Middle East and the US. After eight years of hard work, 64 Iraqi students were given the opportunity to pursue undergraduate education in the US. Some are now pursuing their Master’s degrees in different fields. Others are working in their area of specialty to create peace and stability in Iraq. ISP is putting together a reunion in May 2016 in Chicago.

Coming together to “Pay it Forward”

The reunion goal is to reconnect the ISP students, support groups, and staff to build a strong network of bright young Iraqi professionals. Our goal is to focus all that energy to act as one entity in improving the situation in Iraq. Please donate to help us make our reunion and our goal a reality. Thank you!

May 27-30, 2016 (Memorial Day Weekend)
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Although the official release date is in June 2016, ISP hopes to have advance copies available at our Reunion in Chicago in May.

New Book by ISP Founders

by Just World Books

In 2005, teacher Theresa Kubasak and retired publisher Gabe Huck moved to Syria to aid some of the many Iraqis who found refuge there from the violence of US-occupied Iraq. They set up and ran a project to prepare young Iraqi refugees for admission to U.S. colleges. Sixty of their “graduates” won admission to colleges all around the United States. This is their memoir of living in four Damascus neighborhoods from 2005 to 2012, describing the many rich relationships they built with Syrian, Iraqi, and Palestinian neighbors. The book’s title is borrowed from a line by Syria’s leading poet, Nizar Qabbani.

Never Can I Write of Damascus paints a uniquely intimate picture of daily life in the heritage-rich country of Syria in the period before and just after the 2011 eruption of unrest there. It gives readers sobering information about the heavy human toll, for Iraqis, of the U.S. invasion of Iraq. The book contains stunning photos, charming hand-drawn maps, and other rich supplemental content.
‘Tis the season . . .

All of us at ISP wish you the very happiest of holidays.

“I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round — apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that — as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys.”

Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol.

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