

## Iraq: War, Religion, and Democracy James B. Mayfield

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James B. Mayfield and partner Tim Evans founded CHOICE (Center for Humanitarian Outreach and Intercultural Exchange) over twenty years ago, founded upon principles of self-reliance. "It's very simple," Mayfield says. "We will not go into a village to build a school. But if there's a village that's trying to build its own school, then we will organize an expedition. On the basis that it is really the village's project, we've been quite successful."

Recently retired from teaching, he is devoting much of his time to the organization that, with the help of volunteers, is working to improve rural communities worldwide. His focus is now on fund-raising and organizing the annual volunteer treks to such places as Bolivia, Guatemala, Mexico, Kenya, Egypt, Indonesia, Vietnam, Western Samoa, and to Tibetan refugees in northern India.

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