



## Family Visits With Loved One Serving In Iraq

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**JOHNSTOWN --** Every day we hear about a family separated by war. The Mowry family hasn't seen each other for almost three months, but today they were reunited.

Through the wonders of technology, Lt. Christopher Mowry was able to "visit" with his wife, son, mother, and father via videoconferencing. The reunion took place at the Hiram G. Andrews facility in Johnstown. Mowry is in Iraq training the new Iraqi army more than 8,000 miles away. But today, he saw his loved ones face-to-face.

"That was amazing, it really was nice. I just would never have imagined. It was almost like he was in the same room with us," said wife Kathy Mowry.

"Oh, it was fabulous. It was really great... good to communicate with him," said his father, Bill Mowry.

The hour-long visit was filled with lots of laughs, bringing a little bit of normalcy to such a stressful time in their lives. Although Lt. Mowry won't be home anytime soon, this visit is just what the doctor ordered.

"I think this will make time go by faster," said Kathy Mowry.

A partnership between St. Francis University's Center of Excellence for Remote and Medically Underserved Areas, or CERMUSA, and the Freedom Calls Foundation set up the videoconference at no charge to the Mowrys.

This real-time videoconferencing is available to other families in our region. To find out if your loved one is stationed at one of the bases capable for it, call CERMUSA at 472-3389.

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