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# Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project

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## TeHEP UPDATE

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*An Exclusive Report for TeHEP Alumni, Financial Supporters, and Friends*

**[GLOSSARY OF CHRONOLOGICAL TERMS FREQUENTLY USED IN TeHEP UPDATES:**

*Chalcolithic Period = Copper/Stone Age, 4400-3300 BCE; EBA = Early Bronze Age, 3300-2350 BCE; IBA = Intermediate Bronze Age, 2350-2000 BCE; MBA = Middle Bronze Age, 2000-1550 BCE; LBA = Late Bronze Age, 1550-1200 BCE; IA1 = Iron Age 1, 1200-1000 BCE; IA2 = Iron Age 2, 1000-586 BCE; IA3 = Iron Age 3/Persian Period, 586-332 BCE; HP = Hellenistic/Greek Period, 332-63 BCE; ERP = Early Roman Period, 63 BCE-168 CE]*

Hello All:

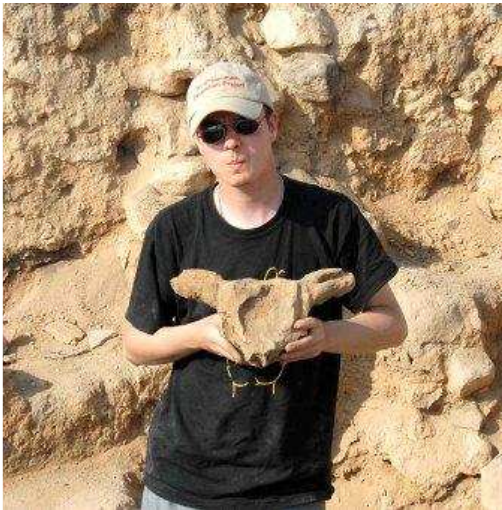
I was very glad to be back at Tall el-Hammam for a full day of digging today. I do enjoy the exploration days, but I also really like being in the middle of the action at the digsite. Today was very warm, and there were more flies than usual, but we got through in good shape. We've got many new walls popping up, and many puzzles arising that need to be solved. The site is so big that it's hard to capture the scope of what's going on as we're now working in four main areas on the lower tall. And, honestly, I'm so tired right now that I think I'm going to hit the sack and let some photos give some of today's flavor.



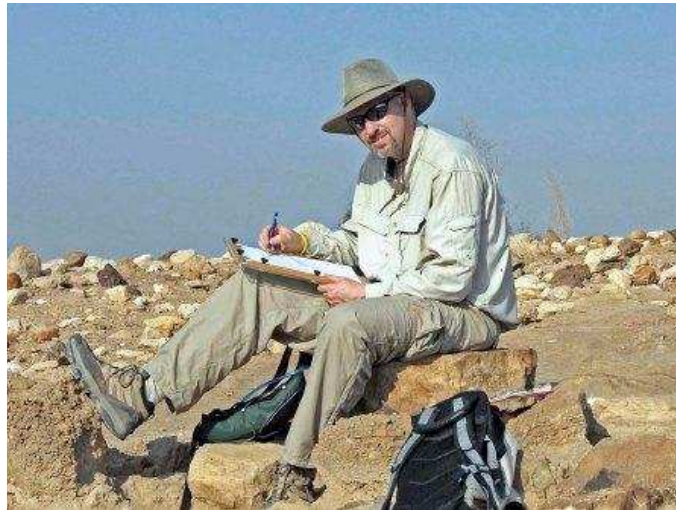
**MUDBRICKS IN THE EBA WALL**



**CLEARING OUT A NEW LOCUS NEAR THE EBA CITY WALL**



**TIM WITH A COW SKULL FROM THE EBA**

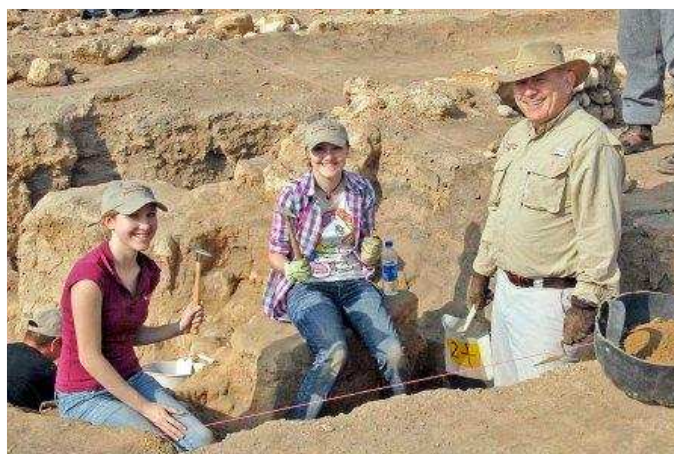


**REX MAKES A TOP DRAWING**

We appreciate your prayers and your continued financial support.



**GARY (LEFT) DOES PAPERWORK WHILE JOHN (FAR RIGHT) MAKES A TOP DRAWING**



**KEN AND DAUGHTERS DANIELLA AND CHRISTINA**

Digging the Bible,

Steven Collins, TeHEP Director  
Dean, College of Archaeology, Trinity Southwest University

P.S. Please forward this to whomever you like!

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