

LATEST NEWS for our **Soldiers Care**

Hello Supporters,

Here is the **sixth** update for the First Baptist Church's **Care Package** initiative for our US Soldiers in the Middle East.
Faithfully,
Joy Thomson, Coordinator

Current News:

★ **1058th Transportation Company of the Massachusetts National Guard** has begun to receive our packages. SFC Kerry Devlin wrote: *"I wanted to take a moment to thank Hinghamites and the First Baptist Church. It was wonderful to open the boxes and see all of the items that you sent, especially the ones that were specifically for the females. We are not often catered to, which is fine, but it makes it very special when we are. The books and puzzles books are also greatly appreciated. I know that you have all of us in your prayers and hope that you will continue to keep us there. Thank you again for all that you have done."*

1Sgt William Chiano wrote: *"I want to take this time to say thank you for all the Care Boxes. Everything that was sent was a big hit. All my Soldiers enjoyed all the goodies sent. Again thank you and God Bless."*

★ **Charlie Goebel's birthday party helped Soldiers too**

Charlie Goebel celebrated his 6th birthday on May 16 with his family and 10 of his friends. But there was a big difference in his party. After a discussion with his mother, Amy Goebel, he decided that instead of birthday gifts for himself, he wanted gifts for our US Soldiers instead.

Amy has previously supported the Care Package outreach of the First Baptist Church of Hingham and realized how easy it was to go to www.firstbaptistchurchhingham.org to find a suggestion list of supplies that Soldiers have requested. She spread the word. And from this, Charlie collected enough items at his party to fill 8 Care Package boxes. He even packed the Care Packages himself, along with help from his sister, Kathryn, and Joy Thomson, outreach coordinator.

Happy Birthday Charlie. And we appreciate your good deed. **Does this give anyone else ideas?**



★ **1LT Richard A. Volp** has also begun to receive our packages. He wrote: *"Thank you very much for your support in sending me and my fellow soldiers the care packages. I distributed the contents throughout the soldiers in my battery. Your support is appreciated and made a difference, especially for those that don't receive packages as frequently.... We have adopted a school that we are trying to help here. The school has a lot of very poor children who cannot afford to buy paper and pencils for class. The school is about 2000 students, grades 1-12. Grades 1-3 are boys and girls while 4-12 are girls only. For people looking to help, any school supplies donated would be appreciated. We are building them a new well and classrooms. Many students are in tents while the first graders have no tent or building and if it rains, they get wet. Please let me know if you would like more information or pictures of the school. With everything these kids go through it is gratifying to give them something as simple as clean water to drink. Once again, thank you for your support."*

Please remember school supplies with your donations. We would like to support this project, especially when pencils and notebooks are so inexpensive.

Current Point Leaders

- ★ **Spc Luis Barrera** in Korea
- ★ **PFC Gregory Miller** in Iraq
- ★ **1SG James Primo** in Afghanistan
- ★ **1058th Transportation Company of the Massachusetts National Guard** in Kuwait
- ★ **1Sgt Chuck Barney** in Iraq NEW
- ★ **SPC John Hagerty** in Iraq NEW
- ★ **PFC Miguel Ordonez** in Iraq NEW

Current Donation Requests:

Same as last edition: Any supplies would be appreciated, but there has been a special request for Dunkin Donuts coffee (*can you blame them*). All donations will be sent immediately.

For suggestions go to: http://www.firstbaptistchurchingham.org/html/items_list.html.



NOTES:

The First Baptist Church will pack and ship items for you. Donations may be brought to the FBC Office in the building to the right of the church. There will be a donation box on the porch. The FBC is in Hingham Square on the corner of Elm and Main Street, 2 doors up from Loring Theater.

Our "Point Leaders" are soldiers who receive our Care Packages and always have a connection with Hingham. They distribute donated items to their unit, focusing on the greatest need.

For those who prefer to send a financial contribution toward postage instead of shopping for items, it will be gratefully accepted. Please make a check out to First Baptist Church Benevolence Account and note "Care Packages Postage" on the memo line. Mail to 85 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043.