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Dear Knight of Columbus,

My name is Ian, and I am the II Marine Headquarters Group Chaplain. Today we received your packages and your kind words. It is a privilege to serve our country and keep the war over here, rather than at home. As a Chaplain, I receive the packages and get the opportunity to take them to the Marines all over Afghanistan. They love to receive the gifts and it gives me reason to develop relationships and serve the Marines and Sailors here. As a Chaplain, I provide for the religious needs of our service members. I love to serve my God and my country. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for us.

The picture was taken at a nearby forward operating base here in Afghanistan. On the left is the Religious Program Specialist, Sunny Yeung, who acts as my personal body guard and assistant. I am on the right without a weapon, as I am a non-combatant. You can see the cross on my left shoulder which tells the troops that I am a Christian Chaplain.

God bless you,

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