

Latest News for our **Soldiers Care**

Hello Supporters,

Here is the **second** update for the First Baptist Church's **Care Package** initiative for our US Soldiers in the Middle East.

Faithfully,

Joy Thomson, Coordinator

Current Point Leaders

Chris Rizzo (Captain, Combat Outpost Meade, south of Baghdad)

Ian Nadeau (medic at Camp Taji, 60 miles north of Baghdad)

Jonathan Laton (see comments below)

Current Donation Requests:

We are out of EVERYTHING. Anything would be appreciated. All donations will be sent immediately.

Recent Communication from Jonathan Laton (our newest Point Leader):

"Thank you for thinking of my unit. I am the Battalion S4, which is the Logistics Officer. I handle supplies for the whole Battalion. I also have a good relationship with the unit Chaplain. I know he will be happy to help me pass things out. Maybe on Sundays after his service. So anything your church sends to us will find a home with one of our Soldiers. Thank you so much.

The base we are at was once owned by the British and there isn't a lot here now that the US forces have taken over. There are two Subway trailers; however, they have been closed for over a month due to not being able to get supplies in from convoys. Same goes for the PX. It is very small and the supplies are limited. A lot of the items sold there are from the local economy and the quality is just not there. We are still waiting on a lot of our equipment to arrive. The Soldiers have the basics, **but in time these will run out....**"

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.

A complete list of suggested donation items can be seen at http://www.firstbaptistchurchhingham.org/html/items_list.html.

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.