

# **Latest News** for our **Soldiers Care**

Hello Supporters,

I am contacting you because in some important way you have been involved with the First Baptist Church's **Care Package** initiative for our US Soldiers in the Middle East. As provided by our supporters, our office has compiled an email contact list.

We want to keep everyone informed efficiently and keep this initiative moving forward systematically. We plan on sending periodic emails, featuring current donation needs, notes from soldiers, photos, invitations to events, etc.

This is our first "news brief." If you do not wish to receive these short, focused emails, reply to this (or any) email and request to be removed from the list.

Faithfully,  
*Joy Thomson*

## **Current Point Leaders**

Chris Rizzo  
Ian Nadeau

## **Current Donation Requests:**

Snacks (prepackaged or suitable for a microwave)  
Hand Sanitizer  
Eye Drops

## **Recent Communications:**

"This is Ian's wife, Amy Nadeau. He doesn't get on <a computer> much so he asked me to check his email and respond to you when possible. My husband is actually at Camp Isakle but write Camp Taji on the mailing address. It is a base that just opened back up after 5 years being closed. They have dirty water so when they take showers they get clean but not the greatest of clean. Ian is a medic, and there is about 30 men in his troop. He is constantly working gets about 4 hours of sleep if he is lucky a night. Iraq is a very busy place for my husband, he has saved a lot of lives. He does not believe that he is a hero but to me and many other families he is. Just the other day he took care of a little girl and a little boy, they are doing well and recovering. His day consists of working in the medic station taking care of the sick and injured but mostly the injured. There has been many times that he has had to be rushed away when we were on the phone to go and care for a soldier being flown in by helicopter.

There are no women in his unit, and they do not have a PX at their camp, they have very few amenities where they are. They are just beginning to make them housing and there are few that have electricity at the moment, and do not have Internet in their rooms, like the other camps. Ian was very lucky to get one of the new rooms that were built and he shares it with three other men, which he works, eats and sleeps with these same men...."

## **Upcoming Events:**

Sunday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. Worship

### ***Soldiers Recognition and Reception***

Keith Jermyn and Greg Hayes were FBC Point Leaders and have returned home safely. There will be recognition during the morning worship service and an informal reception for them after the service.

## NOTES:

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*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.firstbaptistchurchingham.org/html/items\\_list.html](http://www.firstbaptistchurchingham.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.*