

Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 9:09 AM
To: Office
Subject: A Response To Your Letter

To the congregation of Christ's Church:

Our team was very happy to receive your greetings with our last mail call, and we are very grateful for your kindness and consideration of our situation. It is particularly exciting to have a hand-written letter from a child, and it serves us well as a reminder of the reasons why we have chosen to be here. It motivates us all the more.

Personally, I have chosen to serve in the Army because I feel it is my blessed duty as a blessed American. So many times, I believe that many do not, or perhaps can not, appreciate the freedom and security that has been bought for them by our fathers and brothers. It is easy to take the American lifestyle for granted if one has never seen or experienced the absence of such liberty. By blood and the will of Almighty God, we enjoy an excellent gift.

I choose to fight so that this blessing can continue and prosper for my own children.

At home in North Carolina, my wife and I are happily expecting our first child. It has never been more important to me than it is now to be an American soldier. I believe this feeling was once pride. It has evolved now into something much more personal, a desperate drive to preserve and protect my family and my beautiful home.

On a lighter note, I was interested to see that your church is home to the "AWANA" program. I was a participant myself for several years as a child and adolescent, so for me, it's excellent to see the club in other places- even better to hear of it from you.

As for my team, we expect to return sometime next year. Unfortunately, I cannot be any more specific than that. We greatly appreciate any and all packages that we receive, so thank you so much for your gifts. **Our most-needed items are common toiletries: disposable razors, soap, body powder, and deodorant are all very useful. Because of our disposition, many of these resources are difficult to procure, so once again, thank you so much for your help.**

I will write a separate letter and attach a photograph for the children. Their artwork and writing is the best of all the see in the mail.

Regards,
SPC Owen

PS,

For security reasons, a few of my comrades did not wish to appear in any photographs. I hope this will not offend you, as they feel it is best for their personal safety and operations security. I will, however, attach one of myself. I hope that will satisfy the young ones.



Sniper desert

Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2010 20:09:09 +0300
Subject: Care packages...Merry Christmas!

Dear Christ's Church,

I want to thank you wholeheartedly for the care packages that you have been sending to me and my unit in Iraq.

You have to understand that the care packages that we receive mean so much to us, especially from those we do not even know...they encourage us and give great morale boost for us, which is vital being stationed in a foreign country, far away from our families and loved ones. The monotony or the danger factor of our work causes much stress and anxiety, and when we hear from people back home and receive packages with goodies that we are missing out on, it helps to relieve some of that stress.

I always hear from people that we are special because of what we do, but this is our jobs that we chose to do...YOU are even more special for reaching out and taking the time to help out total strangers and help to enliven lives!

I salute you and all your efforts and cannot thank you enough for your generosity!

Merry Christmas to you and your families, May God bless you tenfold, and have a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

SGT
Iraq

> > Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2010 21:29:16 +0300
> Subject: Thank you!
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> Your care packages were received today. Thank you so much!
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> Attached is a picture of our group.
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> God bless and Merry Christmas!!!
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> Very Respectfully,
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> Mission Manager
IRAQ
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Slayer Team