

OPERATION BANDANAS

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6,692 PSALM 91 BANDANAS TO OUR TROOPS SINCE 1/1/09!

PRAISE GOD and THANK YOU, partners, for your generous donations in providing 6,692 courageous young men and women in uniform with a piece of God's armor and a reminder of His presence and protection over them. That's only 93,308 more bandanas to reach our '09 goal of providing 100,000! I know the big God that we serve, and I know there are a lot of grateful, generous citizens out there who want to assure that our servicemen and women receive a Psalm 91 Bandana. Let's keep "marching" and get them to our troops!

MEMORIAL DAY

As we reflect and honor those who have given their lives in return for the freedom that we enjoy and often take for granted, this would be a wonderful time to *give a gift of a Psalm 91 bandana to a soldier in honor of their service and sacrifice and in memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.* Your church could promote Operation Bandanas throughout the month of May and then take an offering on Memorial Day and the next weekend after. This could also be done in June for a patriotic emphasis



leading up to July 4th. If *everyone in your congregation gave \$3.00 for one bandana*, think of how many of our troops we could bless and cover with Psalm 91 bandanas. Surely, that is a small sacrifice for us to make on their behalf.

From wars past and wars present, those sacrifices have been and are continuing to be made on a daily basis. Some never make it home and others that do have a lot to overcome. And their families are "making do" without them, holding down the homefront, praying for their safe return. I cannot even fathom the spirit and courage of our American military.

When First Lady, Michelle Obama, visited Ft. Bragg and Fayetteville, N.C., on March 12, 2009, Operation Bandanas was recognized as one of several organizations in Fayetteville that supports our military. Mary Gray, our Executive Director, was honored to meet her and presented a Psalm 91 Bandana to Mrs. Obama to give to the President as the Commander in Chief of our Armed Forces.



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Our unit is an Army Reserve unit in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, currently preparing for deployment. Our Chaplain passed out a number of your Bandanas. This is a word of thanks from all of us here at the 649th Regional Support Group. in Cedar Rapids. This is not our first time to SWA; some of us have multiple tours as do our active counterparts. To see people like yourselves pour your time, effort and monies into ensuring that the soldiers know that they are loved, supported, and respected all over our great country does more to improve morale than can ever be measured by graphs or charts. From all of us here, a very grateful, and heartfelt THANK YOU, for All That You Do.

God Bless you and your organization.

Command Sergeant Major JKL

We are pushing the bandanas out to soldiers. It is incredible, but to think of all the things that soldiers desire in times of their need for God, they use these bandanas. They do so more than just as another TA-50 Item. Many of them read the Psalm daily and find themselves meditating on it.

Camp Taji, Iraq

Thank you for the bandanas for my Battalion. I had my two girls, ages 8 and 6, to draw on the bandana with a marker and write stuff for me to read later. I guess you could say the bandana has more than just one purpose: It can protect from the sun, provide a canvas for the kids, and remind me of the protection that God gives to His children.

Orgun-E, Afghanistan



The desert camo 91st Psalm has been a highlight and encouragement throughout this tour. I'm very happy to have a reminder of Jesus' promise in my life. I also have enjoyed the privilege of passing out this promise to my comrades in arms.

Our/my Jesus is so sweet. Thank God for people like you who love Him!

SFC KW, Baghdad, Iraq

God bless and protect our military and their families.
May they feel His comforting presence near to them.

- Mary Gray, Executive Director

*"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'"*

- Psalm 91:1-2