

OPERATION BANDANAS

January - February 2010

101,799 Psalm 91 bandanas provided through Operation Bandanas (that's YOU!)
as of December 31, 2009! Thank you!

The surge is on and we have MANY requests for the bandanas and many more troops to cover and bless with Psalm 91 bandanas. Let's keep up the good work, and let's meet those requests!

I heard from a mom recently who asked her daughter what she could send to her and her unit who are deployed. Her daughter requested 50 bandanas and this was her mom's note to us:

"The bandana is her groups #1 request, above snacks, notepaper and envelopes, magazines, and hygiene products."

Another word of encouragement to us to continue our efforts was from a veteran, now contractor, who had written to us previously about the tin and plywood chapel they had built and how "as they pass out Psalm 91 bandanas to the guys and girls that travel between the bases, they receive comfort not only from the Lord, but they also let us know that we have not been forgotten back home." In his latest e-mail to us, "We scavenged some of the old buildings here on the FOB (Forward Operations Base) for two by fours and built pens. Mary's program is one of the better received ones here. **The bandanas are one of the fastest things that go out.** Next is the music and candies and the passages we get that are laminated."

No words I could write could match those coming from the front line. Let's honor their requests and honor God by continuing to get Psalm 91 bandanas into the hands of those serving with great courage. I love Ambrose Redmon's quote, "Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear."

Our deployed soldiers face many fears on a daily basis, but they go out courageously day after day, night after night, because they know that freedom is more important than fear. And so, they risk their lives for it. Our troops are worthy and deserving of our prayers, our thoughts, our time, our effort, and our finances.

I pray God's richest blessings throughout 2010 on each of you reading this newsletter. And I know you join me in praying: "God, be near to every one of those serving in harm's way, draw them to You, and bring them safely back home to their families. And while away, provide for their every need; keep them emotionally stable, physically fit, and protected from evil and injury. Deliver them from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence; cover them with your feathers and give them refuge under your wings; be their shield; let no evil befall them nor any plague come near them; give your angels charge over them to guard them in all their ways; deliver them; be with them in trouble; satisfy them with long life and show them Your salvation."

Mary Gray Executive Director



Give the gift of love to our troops this Valentine's Day! Donate to send Psalm 91 bandanas to them!

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CH Watanabe with Army Soldiers and Navy Sailors, TF Lonestar, Afghanistan.

“Many of these soldiers are young and on their first deployment. I think that these bandanas are an awesome reminder of God’s love for them.”



MPs in Afghanistan with bandanas CH Satterfield distributed. “I have 5 FOBs I visit in E. Afghanistan, so I’ll distribute them as I travel.

Your prayers are appreciated for my fellow warriors who have it harder and are living in a more dangerous area. Lord, keep blessing their ministry!”



“The 7th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade, here in Bagram Afghanistan, wanted to thank you for the support and the bandanas! They are great. I’ve included a picture of some of our teams out here. Thanks again, all the support from everyone back home is greatly appreciated!”

CW4 Quenga, Bagram, Afghanistan

“I wanted to write and give you some feedback on your Operation Bandanas. I’m not sure how often you hear from soldiers overseas that have received your bandanas, but I felt it was important you know the impact they have on the troops. I recently made it in country and was handed one and couldn’t wait to sit down to write my thanks. Soldiers all have little items we keep with us when conducting operations. I have a small American flag, a small toy my kids gave me and now my Psalm 91 bandana. I appreciate the service you all are doing and it’s churches and citizens such as you that lift our spirits and help us remember how much people do care about us. Sometimes this is a thankless job but you certainly lifted my spirits and my family’s now that they know I have this. May God bless you all in everything you do.”

1LT S. L., FOB Salerno, Afghanistan



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“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