

LATEST NEWS ABOUT OUR SOLDIERS.....

Hello Supporters,

Here is the **twelfth** update for the First Baptist Church's **Care Package** outreach for our US Soldiers serving overseas.

Faithfully,

Joy Thomson, Coordinator

CURRENT POINT LEADERS

- ★ **Eric Burnes** in Afghanistan 
- ★ **Spc Luis Barrera** in Korea
- ★ **1SG James Primo** in Afghanistan
- ★ **SPC John Marquardt** in Afghanistan 
- ★ **SPC Ian Nadeau** (redeployed) in Iraq 

CUMULATIVE STATS

30 Point Leaders since 2005, some serving multiple times
\$22,100 raised from our Community since 2007
13,500 lbs of donations have been shipped since 2005

CURRENT NEWS:

**Capt. Gregory Hayes
William Berberan
Daniel Clerkin**
have returned safely home



Perspective

I was reading an article recently that was discussing stress. One contributor said, *"When I'm feeling overwhelmed, I immediately think of our soldiers fighting for our country, and I think of their families and how they cannot be with them. Whatever I was anxious about seems minor in comparison."* Maybe this might help us?

[Ian Nadeau is redeployed](#)

(from Amy Nadeau for Ian, 7/8/11 email:) Hi. I just wanted you to know that SPC Ian Nadeau left yesterday for another 12 month tour to Iraq. I was wondering if your church would be gracious yet again to support the soldiers with some packages. **Where they are going they will really have no chance to get to any stores as they are all closing down so whatever family and friends send is what they get.** Anything would be appreciated. Prayers for all of the men would mean so much to all of us here at Fort Hood. I hope to hear from you soon. (She did.)



(from Amy Nadeau for Ian, 7/11/11 email:) Ian is still a medic. Their mission is to convoy the soldiers out of Iraq so I do not believe that they will be near the hospitals this time around. No, there are no women in this mission as they are on the line and women are not allowed to be on the line. The wives and men of HHT appreciate and are very thankful for your church's prayers and support to our soldiers. The packages you send always bring smiles to all of the men.



We would like to cite an article that was in the *Hingham Journal*, authored by Keith Jermyn re contributing to veterans charities:

"To the Editor:There are a number of private organizations raising money, which divert a substantial portion of your contribution to defray fund raising overhead expense. Thus, in many cases, much less than half of your contribution finds its way to the cause which you intend to support."

We want to assure everyone that FBC's Care Package Outreach is staffed by volunteers only, and 100% of your money goes to benefit our Soldiers.

[YouTube Video](#)

One of our faithful supporters recently sent this link to me. It's gone viral on YouTube. Lizzie Palmer created this video and she is only 15 years old.

<http://www.youtube.com/v/ervaMPt4Ha0&autoplay=1>

[Caroline Hughes sets an example](#)

This is a tremendous idea. Caroline requested donations for Care Packages from everyone who attended her family's July 4th barbeque. Thanks Caroline! You supported our troops AND had fun doing it!

[Current Donation Requests:](#)

(same as Update #11) Protein bars, nuts, Little Debbie snacks, gum, baby wipes, hand sanitizer, air fresheners, cans of fruit (small). All donations will be sent immediately.

For suggestions go to: http://www.firstbaptistchurchingham.org/html/items_list.html.



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. 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.

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.



EACH ONE OF YOU IS APPRECIATED!