

Meet and Greet Brief

By Melinda Meadows, 25 April 2008

---Saturday April 26th is our next scheduled time to Meet and Greet the Troops at DFW. Go to our soldier website www.greetheroes.org to get the R&R hotline number. Please call this number prior to your departure to the airport in order to check the flight's status. Should you have questions, contact Annie Patterson, the Meet and Greet Coordinator (anniepatterson_76@hotmail.com).

If you have not made it out to a Meet and Greet make every effort to be there - it will be an uplifting experience for you. From the moment that the soldiers enter the terminal there are military marches blaring, flags waving, banners flying, yelling and screaming, words of encouragement to our soldiers, veterans, girls scouts, boy scouts, etc. It will make you proud to be an American and blessed to be in this country.

--- April's shipment was 253 boxes sent to our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. The April scripture card included in every soldier's devotional bag was 2 Chronicles 13:2b-3, 13 (see attached pdf file)

--- Please offer to our Father praise and thanksgiving that the following soldiers we have served have safely returned home:

YN1 Sylvia Vance
1LT Matthew K. Thompson
CPL Lance Kraft
SPC Beatrice Florescu
PFC Cheryl Hughes
SPC David Acuna
SGT Mark Hutson
Don Nguyen
Kevin Everett

--- Attached is 5 letters we have received recently from the soldiers we serve.

--- As always to learn more about this ministry visit the ministry's website at www.greetheroes.org. This website will give you all the particulars on how to replicate this ministry in your own church or civic organization.

---To get the latest "boots-on-the-ground" update about progress in Iraq, go to the Multi-National Force website.

Official website of the Multi-National Force - Iraq
http://www.mnf-iraq.com/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

Jim and Melinda Leverette
and the Soldier Care Ministry Team
Prestoncrest Church of Christ
Dallas, Texas
www.prestoncrest.org

WAYS TO SERVE...

We now have several ways to serve as we know so many of you want to be involved in this ministry. Each of the following items should take no more than 1-2 hours each month. Contact the person noted if you would like to serve.

1. Soldier Care Sunday. We begin after 2nd service (around 12:30p) on the first Sunday of every month.
2. Soldier Friday Prep Night. We meet at 6:30p the Friday evening before Soldier Care Sunday to organize, sort, bag and begin packing the boxes. About 75%-90% of the work is completed this night and is very informal.
3. Custom forms preparation. If you would like to help with preparing custom forms - please contact Becky Holloway (becky.holloway@verizonbusiness.com), Ann McElroy (Ann.McElroy@richardson.k12.tx.us) or Von Gordon (von_gordon@sbcglobal.net)
4. Meals for Friday Prep Night or Soldier Care Sunday. If you would like to prepare food or give financial assistance please contact Janie McGinty (jane.mcginty@risd.org), Kathy Usher (kathy.usher@spcorp.com), Tammy Ellis (tstfd@sbcglobal.net) or Gloria Moreno (gb1moreno@peoplepc.com)
5. Cards of Encouragement. If you would like to assist with the Cards of Encouragement ministry which serves our soldiers in non-combat areas, please contact Sharon and Larry Erickson at sharonerikson@hotmail.com