

# SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE CHILDREN OF KYRGYZSTAN !

Pens • Crayons • Rulers • Erasers • Glue sticks • Colored pencils

Please help us make a difference in the lives of these children!

Please donate the above items by Sunday April 14th.

Place them in the containers in the foyer. Questions? Call Cathy Dial @ (972) 618-4401.



## A NEED FOR THESE SCHOOL SUPPLIES WAS FOUND THROUGH PHILLIP W. SMITH, MSGT, USAF WHO IS SERVING IN KYRGYZSTAN

*(a country on the western border of China).*

### MSGT SMITH PROVIDED US WITH THIS POWERFUL INFORMATION:

#### **A BRIEF HISTORY OF MANAS AIRBASE:**

*In response to the attacks of September 11, 2001, the 86th Contingency Response Group, Ramstein AB, Germany, deployed to MIA, Kyrgyzstan. In December of 2001, Manas AB was established in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.*

*In February 2002, air base officials chose to name the base after Peter J. Ganci Jr., Chief of a New York City fire department, who perished on September 11, 2001.*

*The "unofficially" named Peter J. Ganci Jr. AB celebrates its mission and spirit of cooperation through a coalition of nations, although the official name of the air base remains Manas AB.*

*This location was a Russian military air base years ago and then evolved into a small International Airport. We are supporting the war on terrorism by providing airlift and air-refueling for US and coalition aircraft.*

*The local communities are very poor. The upper average workers only receive \$50.00 per week.*

*The under-privileged people are given fresh fruit, meats, and medical supplies provided by MABOS funding. MABOS is short for Manas Air Base Outreach Society.*

*It is not a ministry, but it is run primarily by the base Chaplain as a point of contact.*

*The society is composed of military members while deployed to this location.*

*Our Maintenance Group sponsors one of the local schools. It has 1300 students and teaches all classes from 1st grade to 12th grade with all ages progressing within the same classroom environment.*

*They only have half a dozen classrooms, but the children are very eager to learn.*

*The older students help the teachers with the younger ones.*