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SUBJECT: Operation Extreme School Makeover

Dear Rev. Kang and the Saints at Japanese PC,

Blessed New Year! I hope this message finds you well in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope and pray that Japanese PC is continuing its faithful service to God and to God's people. And congratulations on Rev. Kang's ordination and installation at the church! I am sure that Rev. Kang and the church are a perfect fit, a match made in heaven.

I am an ordained PC (USA) minister and currently working as an active duty US Army chaplain in Diyala Province, Iraq. I am doing well here at my base as the only chaplain for 650 Soldiers and 150 civilians. I currently lead 3 chapel services on Sunday, teach a weekly marriage enrichment class, and lead a weekly Bible study. In addition, I go out on missions with my Soldiers every week to patrol our area of operation, to engage the local military and civil leadership, and to spend time with my Soldiers. And lastly, a good portion of my time involves counseling Soldiers. Even though I miss my family and friends dearly, I find my job very rewarding.

I want to share with you an exciting new mission that my unit, 1-23 Infantry Battalion, has assumed in Iraq. The mission is called *Operation Extreme School Makeover*. Starting at the end of January 2010, for approximately 3 months, hundreds of our Soldiers will drop their weapons and pick up construction tools to build schools for the poor throughout Diyala Province. Our plan is to build schools in 5 cities in order to improve the learning environment for 1,500 school-aged children.

The purpose of this mission is to build hope and a future for the people of Iraq by reinforcing the importance of education. Schools in Diyala Province are in horrid conditions (no electricity, no windows, no doors, walls breaking down, etc.). Through this project, we hope to improve the children's learning, to instill self-worth and dignity, and to imbue hope.

As an ambassador of Christ in Iraq, I ask that you prayerfully consider making a *donation of school supplies* for the Iraqi children. The families are extremely poor, and many children lack the basic tools needed to learn. For your convenience, I have attached a list of specific items that you may donate with their corresponding item numbers from Office Depot. If you decide to make a donation, you may simply ask Office Depot to ship your offerings directly to us in Iraq.

This will save shipping cost. And since it is an APO Address, it will incur domestic delivery charges. Of course, you may send items you already own or may use any other vendor of your choice. You may use the following shipping address:

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C/O: Extreme School Makeover

I truly thank you for your partnership in sharing the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. I appreciate your thoughts and prayers for the Soldiers. Their safety and continued success are in large part due to your prayers to our Heavenly Father. May God continue to bless you and your ministries!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [monchkim@gmail.com](mailto:monchkim@gmail.com) or [yoohwan.kim1@us.army.mil](mailto:yoohwan.kim1@us.army.mil).

Yours truly in Christ,

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## School Supplies Needed for 1,500 Iraqi Children (from Office Depot)

| <u>Quantity Needed</u> | <u>Item Description</u>               | <u>Item Number</u> | <u>Price</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 3,000                  | 70 Sheet Notebook                     | #725205            | \$0.69       |
| 1,500                  | 3 Ring Binder                         | #406740            | \$1.25       |
| 500                    | Blue Pens (12 pack)                   | #181610            | \$1.29       |
| 500                    | Pencils (12 pack)                     | #107580            | \$0.99       |
| 1,500                  | Pencil Sharpener                      | #588290            | \$0.99       |
| 1,500                  | Eraser                                | #724920            | \$0.35       |
| 500                    | Scissors                              | #477498            | \$0.89       |
| 500                    | Crayons (24 colors)                   | #119503            | \$1.99       |
| 10                     | White Paper<br>(5,000 sheets per box) | #348037            | \$35.99      |

Please remember that each donation matters. If you donate even just one item, a precious child will benefit. Whatever that you wish to donate will improve the future of Iraq. I will provide regular updates on the supplies received to show how your contributions are meeting the goals.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [monchkim@gmail.com](mailto:monchkim@gmail.com) or [yoonhwan.kim1@us.army.mil](mailto:yoonhwan.kim1@us.army.mil).

