

Blessings from Support Our Troops and Children of Iraq. Happy to say the weather is starting to warm up for all of our troops stationed in Iraq and before long in Afghanistan. As summer draws near so does the extreme heat, so please say lots of prayers for all of our service people.

Our wonderful volunteers have been so very busy since Thanksgiving. Not only have we been working on our usual items, but Lynn asked if we could use two Saturdays to make mittens for the mitten tree in the Narthex for Christmas. We knitted and crocheted at home in order to free our Saturdays for mittens and scarves. We were “busy as bees” when Bob said “Stop” and treated us to homemade chili, cornbread and a dessert. What a treat! Thanks much Bob.

Lynn’s count was 100 pair of mittens and 30 scarves. Thanks for all those who volunteer their time both and Church and at home. Great job!

We are very happy to say over 6,000 knitted/crocheted helmet liners, 300 scarves and 300 gators have been shipped to Iraq and Afghanistan. We are working on the above all year long as the requests keep coming in. Our latest request is from pilots.

We are working on neck coolers and have sent over 5,000. We will be sending 1,000 more by summer. Marcus (my husband) has washed and ironed over 80 yards of fabric this last month. Before long I will be hanging a sign outside our home and he will advance to table linens. Thanks for your help, Marcus.



Pastors Rohlfs, Nettleton & Ledogar



The Ladies of St. John's Lutheran

The Children of Iraq have received over 57 handmade toys and 31 beautiful quilts from The Quilting Ladies of St. John's Lutheran Church in Wheaton, IL. They read about our project and asked if we could use their help. What a wonderful group of ladies. They really put Christ in Christmas. Thanks so much ladies. I picked up the items on my birthday and was treated to a wonderful party. It was a double treat. Thanks again.



Dan & Taco

We have received donations from various veteran groups. Dan Koncelski from the Korean War Veterans and Lago Vista Veterans has remembered our Children in Iraq with candy and a donation along with donations to Support Our Troops. You're a good man, Dan. Normally we don't have dogs on our list, but Dan asked if I would make his 4 legged friend, Taco, a winter jacket in camouflage to match his jacket. How could I say no!

Well that's it for now. If you want to hear a beautiful song, listen to Ray Charles' "America".

Thanks for everything,

Carol & Lynn