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FOB SHARANA, AFGHANISTAN
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CJTF-101-TFT-1249-CH

27 September 2011

TO: **Operation Shoebox**
PO Box 273
Somerville, NJ 08876

SUBJECT: Gift Boxes for the Agape Store

Dear Friends

Thank you again for the gift boxes we recently received from you here at FOB Sharana. The operation of the Agape Store will continue to benefit the soldiers at this location due to your generosity. As you know, we have soldiers from all over the post coming for the free gifts and receiving the love of Jesus Christ. In addition, soldiers bring in items from care packages that they have received to share with others as well. It is uplifting to see the support of all of us from home and here on the FOB.

I would like to be able to communicate our thanks through email as well. If you have email access, please send me an email at richard.barnes@afghan.swa.army.mil.

Thank you for everything that you have done and your support in the future!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich Barnes".

RICHARD L. BARNES
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Freedom is not free, it is paid for both by the soldiers who step out on the battlefield, and the families that give them up during deployments. Our families are the true heroes!