

# OPERATION BANDANAS

spring 2015

251,943 Psalm 91 bandanas have been provided since 2006.

From a Soldier: "Putting God's word into a soldier's hands is probably the best gift you could give them".

The Psalm 91 bandanas are being sent to our servicemen and women who are **in training** preparing for whatever they are called to do; **deployed** all over the globe to ensure safety and freedom here and abroad; and **to military hospitals** where many are recovering from wounds inflicted upon them while serving. Our gifts of Psalm 91 bandanas are a simple reminder to them that they are loved, appreciated and remembered.



I was moved to tears last month when I read this note from a chaplain sharing a way I never knew about of ministering to our military and their families. This message should reaffirm our commitment in carrying on this ministry:

*"Soldiers love these bandanas and I have also found that surviving parents, parents who have lost their soldier, find great strength in these bandanas too. They get to hold a piece of the cloth that resembles their loved one's uniform and a piece of the cloth that contains the word of God. So, please know that your ministry goes beyond the soldier."*

We have no idea how God is using the Psalm 91 bandana, but He has had a plan for them all along. We will continue to minister to our servicemen and women and their families as long as the Lord provides the resources through His people. Would you consider becoming a monthly donor? Or sending a one time gift? Visit our website, [www.operationbandanas.org](http://www.operationbandanas.org).

A special thank you to all of you who have donated to provide Psalm 91 bandanas to our armed forces AND their families.

Under His Wings,

*Mary Bass Gray,*

Founder & Executive Director



Winston Churchill's quote in 1940 to the embattled UK is appropriate for our U.S. Armed Forces today. Churchill's full quote was, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few".

America has an amazing 1% (so few) doing so much (in the field of human conflict) for so many (the other 99 %.

That's you and me!) Remember

them! Pray for them! Appreciate them! And provide them with spiritual encouragement they so desperately need with gifts of Psalm 91 bandanas! Your donations to Operation Bandanas will make that possible. Send a gift today!

A mom of a soldier committed last November to donating through our secure PayPal portal on our website on a monthly basis for our troops to receive Psalm 91 bandanas just as her son did. "Several years ago I picked my son up at the airport when he came back from his deployment in the Middle East. In his pack was one of your bandanas. He thought a lot of it, and in fact he still has it. I have committed to \$25 monthly for you. Please continue your ministry for as long as you can!!! May God richly bless you!!!"

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Please share our newsletter and website with others who can give and receive the blessing of serving and supporting our troops through our mission. Ongoing gifts are greatly appreciated, since we have ongoing deployments and ongoing requests!

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**THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONCERN** that our chaplains are being limited in what they can share with our troops. The same chaplain who shared the message on the first page also added a good word on those dedicated chaplains who are continuing to stand firm on the truth of God's Word bringing God to soldiers and soldiers' to God:

*"It is indeed an honor serving God in this capacity. He has done some amazing work! Be encouraged, there are a lot of Godly Chaplains serving, and all of us are well aware of the battles that continue to face us. It can be very dark at times, but we remain in the fight. Even I am continuing to learn how to recharge my spiritual battery so that I can re-engage with newness."*

## THANK YOU:

**"...FAITH IS THE ONLY THING THAT HAS GOTTEN ME THROUGH** my deployments. I will carry one of these bandanas with me and through faith I will wear the armor of God."

**"...WE HAVE A LOT OF YOUNG SOLDIERS** who are between the ages of 18-21 years old who are deploying for the first time and are clinging to their faith for strength and guidance... I know that the bandana will bring a little bit of ease for the soldiers, especially the first timers."

**"TODAY I RECEIVED A BANDANA** with an inspirational message on it from you... Sometimes it gets lonely out here and we feel like our friends and family forget about us. A nice gift like this helps remind us that we are not forgotten."

**"YOUR BANDANAS MEAN A LOT TO ALL OF OUR MARINES** here. We are blessed to have people like you and your organization who are willing to take time out of their busy lives to put a smile on a young Marine's face. Your kindness and generosity serve as a reminder of what exactly it is that we are fighting for."

## REQUESTS:

**"I WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN** request some bandanas to distribute to my new soldiers. I have given all of mine away and I have soldiers who would like one of their own to carry around. They are great ministry tools and I do appreciate them. You are a blessing to many soldiers."

**"I RECEIVED A SHIPMENT** of the bandanas while deployed - not knowing where they came from, and was blessed to hand these out to my soldiers... Please let me know how I can secure bandanas for my new unit. Thank you for this ministry."



It was an honor and privilege to have this Ft. Bragg chaplain, CH Hank Mauterer, come to my home to pick up 400 Psalm 91 bandanas for his troops who deployed in January to Iraq. Pray for him by name as he ministers the love of Jesus to his soldiers.

**"I AM ATTACHED TO NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE GROUP 2.** I was wondering if it would be possible to get some Psalm 91 Desert Digital Pattern Bandanas (50-100) for one of our deploying Teams?"

**"...I HAVE A UNIT OF 140 SOLDIERS** with the Alabama National Guard deploying in July. The Family Readiness Group would like to hand these out to the soldiers that are deploying at the pre-deployment event in May. I hope you can help me..."



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*"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.' " - Psalm 91:1-2*