

A Service Project for the Children in Afghanistan “Read Afghanistan”

Girl Scouts of Northern California has received a request from a U.S. Army lieutenant colonel asking for help for the children of Afghanistan. He is seeking children's books for boys and girls that soldiers can distribute that will help the children learn English.

His request:

1. Find the books in your homes that you read when you were younger, even the one-word-per-picture books. Find books that you learned to read with. Find the books that your family is done with. Please do not buy new books. New books in a mud and straw hut do not stay new for long.
2. Package the books in Post Office flat-rate shipping boxes. Books that don't fit these standard boxes should stay in California. Shipping in non-standard boxes will significantly increase the cost of this program.
3. Please add notes, pictures, letters that you would like me to share with the children of Afghanistan. Please do not put addresses or phone numbers in your letters. Let them know how you feel about school, what you do on weekends, what you do in Girl Scouting.
4. Send the books to me at this address:



Commander, USACE
Attn: Read Afghanistan
USACE Area Office
Camp Stone, Herat
APO AE-09354



Picture books, early reading books, and chapter books are all good to send. Please do not send any religious books or books that might create cultural dissonance. Don't forget to include a personal note or card! Package your books in the Post Office large flat-rate boxes, and you will need a customs form 2976-A for each box. The shipping rate will be \$12.50 per box to an APO address.

The lieutenant colonel also wrote:

“When the books arrive, we will get them to the kids and schools in the rural communities throughout the Harat, Farah, Ghor, and Badghis provinces where we are working. Real kids will have real books from which they can begin to piece together the English language. These kids may get to study English in their schools and homes, they will use English on the internet, and they will conduct business in English as adults.”

Please do what you can to support this project!
If you have any questions, please contact:

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