

## NEWS REPORT 1: LOADING OF A CARGO CONTAINER TO UKRAINE DECEMBER 28, 2010

On December 28 we loaded container #60 sending benevolent items to several orthopedic hospitals in Eastern Ukraine. The actual value of this container was over one million dollars because it was filled with pallets and boxes of orthopedic surgical commodities, prosthesis, braces, splints, hospital beds, an orthopedic surgical table, hospital linens and clothing. The total pieces loaded were 636! The cargo container is scheduled to arrive in Ukraine on February 14.

The commodities shipped in this container were collected from a number of sources around Arkansas. Several hospitals donated items for this shipment. The WestArk congregation's "C.U.R.E." ministry (Ft. Smith, AR) was a significant help in assisting us with this shipment.

Several news media sources were present to report on the project. One of these was KATV Channel 7 (ABC) out of Little Rock, AR. The report aired on all news programs Wednesday and Thursday morning. Below is the online link to one of the reports.



### TODAY'S TOP VIDEO:

*"The Kindness of Arkansans Around the Globe"*  
ABC Affiliate KATV—Channel 7, Little Rock, Arkansas

<http://www.katv.com/global/category.asp?c=189703&clipId=5427184&topVideoCatNo=189702&autoStart=true>

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**Another Note...** I will send out an updated report on the below request but want to alert you to this need now. I'm copying the email exchanges with LTC Reid Smith who is posted in Afghanistan. The request is simple—pens and materials by which the Afghani children can learn writing. Reid's comment is: *Literacy is around 15% here and anything we can do to encourage people to write especially at an early age is a good thing.*

**From:** [warrrior@rose.net](mailto:warrrior@rose.net)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 30, 2010 8:20 AM  
**To:** John L. Kachelman, Jr  
**Subject:** RE: Pens for Afghan kids

John,  
Thanks for the quick response, yes that's the correct address and USPS gets stuff here in around 2 weeks.  
Thanks again, Reid

**From:** John L. Kachelman, Jr [\[mailto:jkachelman@msn.com\]](mailto:jkachelman@msn.com)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 30, 2010 6:14 AM  
**To:** [warrrior@rose.net](mailto:warrrior@rose.net)  
**Subject:** RE: Pens for Afghan kids

Reid, Great to hear from you. YES! I will get out the word. Do I send via USPS to this address:

**Reid E. Smith III**  
**Lieutenant Colonel, Civil Affairs**  
**PRT Paktiya Civil Affairs**  
**FOB Gardez**  
**APO AE 09364**

God bless you and those serving with you! John

**From:** John L. Kachelman, Jr [\[mailto:jkachelman@msn.com\]](mailto:jkachelman@msn.com)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 30, 2010 7:34 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Pens for Afghan kids

Can you announce this request? People can mail USPS PRIORITY mail at Reid's address:

**Reid E. Smith III**  
**Lieutenant Colonel, Civil Affairs**  
**PRT Paktiya Civil Affairs**  
**FOB Gardez**  
**APO AE 09364**

Please be sure they identify themselves as members of the churches of Christ and be sure to express support, prayers & confidence in our troops! They can reference me as the reference contact for this request.

Thanks, John

**From:** [warrior@rose.net](mailto:warrior@rose.net) [\[mailto:warrior@rose.net\]](mailto:warrior@rose.net)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 30, 2010 5:44 AM  
**To:** [jkachelman@msn.com](mailto:jkachelman@msn.com)  
**Subject:** Pens for Afghan kids

John,

I spoke to you some months ago regarding support for Haiti when I was assigned to the 350th Civil Affairs Command in Pensacola, Florida. I'm presently serving on a provincial reconstruction team (PRT) at FOB Gardez in Paktiya province, Afghanistan.

One thing all the kids here ask for is ink pens. Literacy is around 15% here and anything we can do to encourage people to write especially at an early age is a good thing. I know you have good access to food stuffs etc, but I was wondering if you could get some pens for us to pass out.

Thanks for your time, I know you're very busy.  
Reid