

25 January 2009

Dear St. Ignatius -

Thank you so much for all of the christmas cards you sent to us out here! I know that you also sent us lots of goodies like lotion, chapstick and snacks. you guys are awesome! we have been meaning to write you back to say thank you, but we have been busy working. Doesn't mean we don't appreciate it. My Marines have been working really hard this year. We drive all around Iraq taking people, supplies, equipment, vehicles, you name it! We have been west to the border of Syria, south to the border of Saudi Arabia, and up north towards Turkey. As fun as it has been traveling, seeing new places and meeting new people, everyone is very ready to come home. We all miss our friends and families!

Hopetully you know how much we appreciate your support. It is nice to know that people are thinking of us back home, even though home is 8,000 miles away! We hope you all enjoy your school year one day you will wake up and realize it has been 11 years since you were a student at SI! (just like me and Ms. Hatridge!)

- Katie +
the Marines of 2nd Platoon, Truck Company
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