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To Chubb and the Working Parent Network –

Thanks so much for the shoeboxes! They arrived earlier this week, and we distributed them to everyone around our compound. We are a group of soldiers and civilians who work for the US Army Corps of Engineers in Kabul, Afghanistan. See the attached link <http://www.aed.usace.army.mil/AEN-Index.asp> to see all the good work the Corps is doing here in Afghanistan. We have about 300 soldiers and civilians on a small compound inside the green zone in Kabul. Most of us are on 6 month or one year tours. A few have been here longer. I myself have been here since January, and I'll be going home in July. Most of us work in office space we have created, but some of us go outside the wire every day – mostly the active duty soldiers who make up our force protection team (see photos 16 and 18). We all miss our families and can't wait to get home. The shoeboxes were great – so much stuff that we really need, plus a lot of nice-to-haves. We really appreciate all your efforts to put them together and get them over here to us. It's great to know you all are thinking about us.

Thanks again!

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