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TO GRACE AND HER CONGREGATION;

I AM A SOLDIER IN THE 1/81 ARMOR THAT WAS BLESSED TO SHARE THE AFTERNOON WITH YOUR CONGREGATION TODAY. NO WORDS CAN COME CLOSE TO EXPRESSING THE FEELINGS THAT WERE LEFT WITH ME AFTER OUR SHORT VISIT WITH YOU. I FEEL COMPELLED TO SHARE THAT NOT MORE THAN 2 NIGHTS PRIOR MYSELF AND ~~A~~ A FEW OF MY FELLOW SOLDIERS SHARED WITH EACH OTHER OUR FEARS THAT OUR SACRIFICES WERE GOING TO GO UNAPPRECIATED OR FLAT OUT FORGOTTEN COMPLETELY. PERSONALLY, FOR ME A CAREER IN THE ARMY IS AS GOOD AS GAURANTEED, EVER SINCE I COULD REMEMBER THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CALLING DEEP IN MY HEART TO SERVE MY COUNTRY ASA SOLDIER. RECENTLY, IT HAS BECOME AWARE THAT THOSE I LEFT BEHIND HAD LEFT ME WITH HOLLOW PROMISES ~~ABOUT~~ KEEPING IN TOUCH AND REMEMBERING ME. FOR THOSE ^{POW} THAT SHARE THE LEVEL OF PASSION FOR THE ARMY AS I, IT IS A SMALL TASK TO ASK OF THOSE TO REMEMBER AND SHOW IT W/ LETTERS. THEREFORE, GOD ANSWERED MANY SOLDIERS PRAYERS THROUGH YOUR CHURCH AND THE SIMPLE GESTURE OF AN APPLAUSE AND LETTING US KNOW WE ARE APPRECIATED. I CAN SIMPLY SAY THAT MY HEART OVERFLOWED WITH JOY AND PRIDE AS I ENTERED YOUR CHURCH. I KNOW IT IS SUCH A SIMPLE PHRASE BUT THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR REMINDING ME THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN AND THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME REMEMBER WHAT I AM FIGHTING FOR. I WILL KEEP YOU IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS

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