

America's Heroes

Remembering Those Not Home This Holiday Season

(NAPSA)—A young lieutenant newly graduated from the Naval Academy found himself quickly deployed in the Middle East.

It's hard to describe the sudden transition from civilian to sailor. After his unit survived a life-threatening ambush, he was able to show his fellow soldiers how God was watching over them—even those who had earlier claimed “there is no God in Iraq.”

“I was just reeling every day, feeling like if I didn't read my Bible and a little devotional, I wouldn't make it through one more day.”

These are the stories that grabbed the hearts of chart-topping Christian singing group Point of Grace, and drove in them a determination to do something about it.

The result is a 14-stop Christmas tour called “Home for the Holidays,” partnering with the Armed Services Ministry of American Bible Society to make sure these soldiers are never forgotten.

“We are three women who have our faith, love our country and are very family oriented,” says Point of Grace's Denise Jones. “We are so blessed to have the privilege of singing Christian music in our country thanks to the men and women who have served and continue to serve for our freedom. It is an honor to give back to them by putting hope into the hands of these brave soldiers and their families.”

Since forming at Ouachita Baptist University 19 years ago, Point of Grace has emerged as one of the biggest names in Christian music. The two-time Grammy nominees have sold more than 6.5 million albums and earned 24 consecutive No. 1 singles.

For 194 years and through nine wars, American Bible Society has provided Scriptures to millions of men and women in the U.S.



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Armed Forces. Since the United States announced war against terrorism, American Bible Society has helped provide more than 2 million New Testaments and Bibles to soldiers and their families.

As one infantry platoon leader on return from active duty reported, “A man's relationship with God tends to grow a lot closer during an experience like war. It is impossible to truly understand the incredible comfort and courage that a Bible brings during these trying times.”

John Edgar Caterson, interim director of the American Bible Society's Armed Services Ministry, knows that hearts changed by God's Word are given the strength they need to serve. “As the Scriptures bring healing and hope to active-duty and veteran soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, they create a legacy of life and faith for the future.”

To learn more about American Bible Society, visit the website at www.americanbible.org.

To learn more about Point of Grace's “Home for the Holidays” tour, visit www.PointofGrace.net/tour.