



In honor of the Hesburgh Month of Service for 2011, the ND Club of Austin is proud to partner with the “ND Club of Kalsu, Iraq” for Operation Iraqi Irish: Donations from the Dome.

Two young Notre Dame Alumni are stationed in Kalsu, Iraq this year and wanted to do a service project, but they need our help. Kevin Garcia '09 (from Colorado Springs, CO, stationed in Ft. Hood, TX) and Colin Roach '08 (from Walla Walla, WA, stationed at Travis AFB) would like to distribute school supplies, sports equipment and toys to the population that lives around their base. Our project will help the local kids improve their quality of life and help US troops with security (hopefully) too.

There's a new soccer field being built across the street from the base, so soccer balls and pumps/needles are a great idea. So, too, are other toys like jump ropes, yo-yo's and jacks, or stickers, fun pencils and paper to write or draw on. Clothes would be ok too, but we don't want to negatively impact Iraqi self-sufficiency, so they might not be our first choice. You can send things efficiently using the flat rate boxes available at the Post Offices (with discounted postage available for the large boxes when sent to an APO address), or you can order things directly online – many things can be sent directly from Amazon.com, for example.

The Hesburgh Month of Service ends on May 31, 2011, and this project does too! It's best to get your package in the mail by May 15, addressed to:

1LT Kevin Garcia Attn: Donation
COS Kalsu
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A.P.O., AE 09312

Watch our page on Facebook for updates on how the project is progressing, pictures of the base, etc.

