



GUIDELINES WELS E-MAIL SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS

*Provided by the Military Service Committee
of the WELS Commission on Special Ministries*

Many people have indicated a desire to express their support for WELS members serving in the military via email. For reasons of privacy and safety, the WELS Commission on Special Ministries office does not distribute such addresses.

Nonetheless, many were still interested in developing a system for such correspondence that would satisfy concerns about safety and privacy. Our Military Services Committee (a subcommittee of the Commission on Special Ministries) believes that they have now developed such a system. If you, your friend, church or school would like to lend your support via e-mail, please follow the directions below.

Here is how our new system works:

1. WELS military personnel and/or their families who wish to receive email support from individuals, congregations and schools in the WELS should register their addresses with the Special Ministries E-mail Message Center at: mailcall@wels.net --Please include the name, city & state of their home congregation.
2. WELS members wishing to correspond with military personnel send their letters to our Special Ministries E-mail Message center at the same address: mailcall@wels.net
3. Volunteers take the messages from that site and distribute them to participating congregations who have specific e-mail addresses in hand. Volunteers at these congregations will forward the messages to personnel in the field.

Things to remember:

- Even though it is e-mail, the military person to whom your message is addressed may not be able to pick it up immediately. Anyone actively involved in an operation will need to complete their task before he or she will be able to access their E-mail on a computer. Please be patient.
- We assume that recipients will reply if time and circumstances permit, but no one should expect to receive an immediate reply.
- We cannot provide specific names, but we can assure writers that their messages will be forwarded to at least one person or family in the military.