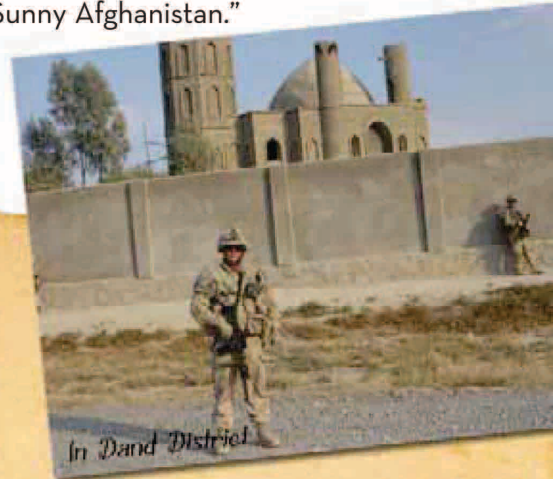


St. Cecilia

Hello From Afghanistan

Former teacher turned Canadian Armed Forces peace keeper, George Miok, wrote to staff and students at St. Cecilia Junior High School in time for Remembrance Day celebrations from "Sunny Afghanistan."



November 8, 2009

I want to send a warm greeting to all the staff at St. Cecilia from Sunny Afghanistan.

I am stationed with the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Kandahar City. Here I have been busy with a variety of tasks from security patrols to assisting the police and training the Afghan Army. As a Section Commander I spend most days out with my guys and spend my evenings writing patrol reports and planning for the next day's operations. The camp we live on is probably the nicest in the country as we have some government officials from the Canadian International Development Agency and the RCMP stationed there, so I can't complain and I am pretty passionate about being able to be a part of making a difference here.

We are doing some productive things and bringing some good to this part of the world. Even though these people are so different they are still people and for the most part the ones in the city are generally good to us or fairly neutral, except some of the kids who are throw rocks at our vehicles as we drive away. (They claim that it's just a fun game so it is tolerated at this point.)

Thank you all for the great experiences last year, as they gave me a career to look forward to when I get back. I wish you all well and may you all have a year of the kids doing their homework and behaving themselves. (Not likely...but hey at least they aren't throwing rocks at you.)

All the Best
George Miok

