

PPT MEMBER TELLS PRESIDENT BUSH OF PRAYERS



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PPT member Brian Bohlman of Columbia, SC had the unique joy of telling President Bush in person that he prays for him. Brian was invited to the White House along with several other entrepreneurs whose organizations provide support for our troops.

“When I learned that I would have a photo opportunity with the President, I knew that I would be able to discuss spiritual things with him,” said Brian. The President thanked Brian for his prayers.

Brian Bohlman is a military chaplain, author, CEO and *PPT* member. Just days ago he was in Arlington, Texas at a chaplain’s conference when the White House called asking if he was available to participate in a briefing on troop support with President Bush. All the organizations invited to the briefing were a part of America Supports You. On Wednesday, February 28, Brian found himself seated at a large conference table in the Roosevelt Room of the White House just one seat removed from the President.

As the meeting progressed, each representative briefed President Bush on their organization’s particular niche. Brian shared his goal of delivering 150,000 We Support You cards, with personal messages on each, to troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and at military bases around the world, including medical facilities like Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

President Bush was encouraged by the reports from each of the organizations represented. “There are some remarkable acts of kindness by people who have taken it upon themselves to serve their country by helping a neighbor in need,” he said. “Whether it be helping the chaplains help kids, or whether it be helping a family of the injured, whether it be working at Walter Reed or supporting troops getting ready to go into combat, these good men and women really represent the very best of America,” the President explained.

Brian was told that he would have a private photo opportunity with the President in the Oval Office. “I had been praying about what to say to the President. I’d been in a Sunday School class studying the Book of Esther and the idea of ‘for such a time as this.’ I’ve always believed President Bush was elected ‘for such a time as this,’” explains Brian.

When the two men were alone, Brian told President Bush that he is a member of *The Presidential Prayer Team*. “I felt like I needed to tell him that to encourage him...to tell him that our family prays for his family,” he says. “President Bush thanked me for my prayers,” Brian said. When they rejoined the group, the President took the opportunity to speak to all ten representatives about prayer. “He talked about how much prayer sustains him and how much he appreciates the prayers of the people,” says Brian.

Sharing his heart for ministering to the troops, Brian says, “I know our prayers make a difference in the lives of the troops. Things happen.” Today, Brian works to bring support and encouragement to troops in many forms. But prayer is foremost, he says. “When I think of the importance of prayer, I realize there is much power in prayer, I think of all the scriptures that tell us to make prayers on behalf of our leaders, regardless of who they are.”



Brian Bohlman is part of a group being given a tour of the Oval Office by President Bush.

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