



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

NORTH DAKOTA BRANCH

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7 student chairs

11 boxes of backpacks

3 boxes of church paraments.

4 boxes of church supplies (Eternal flame holder, altar candle holders, wax candles, oil fuel candles, altar vases, altar book holder, altar books, altar cross, altar crucifix, oil fuel Christ candle, 2 brass acolyte candle lighters, 9 bundles of church banners)

2 floor candelabras

448 boxes of Mercy Meals

31 boxes of Bibles

16 boxes of hygiene kits

5 boxes of choir robes

50 boxes of children's clothing

15 boxes of children's shoes

454 boxes of school books

43 boxes of school supplies

We had 40,000lbs and 1161 pieces.

SPRING CLEANING HAS BEGUN!



Desks that were being discarded at the local college... on their way to Liberia!

It seems winter is the time we ship around here. It is a great feeling to see the warehouse have some space once again. More so it is always an awesome feeling to see all those boxes, that have been packed over the last year, loaded up and sent out. We know that soon someone is going to be blessed by them!

On January 30th a large crew loaded up another 40' container headed to Liberia. The schools over there continue to grow and we continue to be blessed with items that will aid them in their mission to the children of rural Liberia. The pastors at these church/schools are going to be blessed by this load too!

2 school tables

55 school desks



Mercy Meals being loaded... on their way to become school lunches! It's time to pack some more!

The load went really well! Thank you to the Brandenburg crew, the Concordia Crew for helping to load it! Thank you to Kirk and Judy for hosting the inspector so he could get here on time. Thank you to Sue for recording what was going onto the truck. Thank you to Pastor Eckstein for taking photos. Thank you to Andrea for the countless hours it took to get this load planned, pulled, organized, documented and prepped. And to all the volunteers this past year that packed all those items!! It is so neat to see the body of Christ working together.

You can read more at <http://www.jamestownsun.com/>

HELP GIVEN AT THE BORDER

A crew from North Dakota headed down to Texas to help rebuild after Hurricane Harvey. They also took a pickup load of materials from the North Dakota OGT to the Latin American Lutheran Mission in Laredo, Texas. The load included medical supplies, toys and stuffed animals, crutches, walkers, sleeping bags and craft items. The Latin American Lutheran Mission distributes supplies to 46 different agencies in the Texas/Mexico area. The medical supplies are used in the hospitals and clinics on the Mexico side. Thank you to all who have given those items!

North Dakota Branch Wish List

1. Prayers for God's blessings and wisdom to be bestowed upon this ministry.

2. Volunteers

- Mondays and Saturdays 9am-12noon. Call Carmen Larson 269-6555 (warehouse manager) to schedule your group to volunteer. If it is just you - come!

3. Cash donations to pay for shipping, because:

- The avg cost to ship a box of donated goods is \$11 and the avg cost to sponsor a full shipping container overseas is \$9000.

4. Infant supplies

- Cloth and Disposable diapers. The cloth goes overseas and the disposable are used stateside
- Layettes (instructions on website: <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects/>)
- Clean toys

5. Medical Equipment and Supplies

- Bandages and tapes
- Bed & Bath Linens, sheets (adult and crib sizes)
- Disposable gowns and gloves
- Hospitable beds (hand crank with vinyl mattresses)
- Prosthetic limbs
- Walkers, wheel chairs, crutches and canes
- Stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, and otoscopes
- Call the main office in NE (402-371-7393)

6. Drug Store Items - *almost any non-prescription item you can buy in a drug store-* for example:

- Hygeine Kits also called Mercy Kits (instructions on website: <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects/>)
- Shampoo
- Sanitary products for women
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Diapers for adults and babies

7. School Supplies

- Backpacks (student sizes)
- New coloring books, crayons, glue, scissors, rulers, tape, new ballpoint pens & pencils
- Writing paper & notebooks
- Children's Library Books and Encyclopedias
- School Kit (instructions on website: <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects/>)

- Sports equipment such as soccer balls
- Desks, chairs
- Chalkboards

8. Non-breakable kitchen accessories

- Pots and Pans
- Plastic plates, plastic cups
- Knives, forks, and spoons

9. Clothing (CLEAN good condition, used or new)

- Infant and children's clothes
- Children's shoes clean and wearable
- New underwear (only) all ages and sizes (*customs officials will levy fines if used underwear is sent in our shipments*)
- Socks (clean good condition used or new)

PLEASE BRING CLOTHING TO THE WAREHOUSE IN BOXES

10. Quilts, comforters, blankets, towels, washcloths, sheets

- All sizes are needed
- We ship quilts, blankets, & comforters year-round

Bring or send clothing and other in-kind donations to the closest regional branch to you which is:

The NORTH DAKOTA BRANCH
103 4th Ave SE, Jamestown, ND 58401
ph: 701-361-6441 (branch manager personal #)
ph: 701-269-6555 (warehouse manager personal #)
Warehouse open: Mondays 9am - 12noon
Saturdays 9am - 12noon
email: ndogt9@gmail.com

The main office/warehouse is in Norfolk, NE:

606 W Phillip Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701.
ph: 402-371-7393
email: email@ogt.org
Fax: 402-371-7350
Warehouse/Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4p CST

To support the ND Branch send checks or money orders payable to

North Dakota Branch Orphan Grain Train
PO Box 1546
Jamestown, ND 58402-1546

To contribute by credit card, Click "DONATE NOW" at: www.ogt.org. GO to *FUND and select North Dakota.

For more info about Orphan Grain Train visit the Facebook page : Orphan Grain Train, Inc.

For more info about the North Dakota Branch: send an email to ndogt9@gmail.com to get a newsletter.

SERVING THOSE CLOSE TO HOME

We have something called walkouts. It is a way that we work with local organizations and churches in town. Individuals reach out to the organizations (churches, social services, etc.) in their time of need. The organizations in town can then ask us to help meet those needs. We have been blessed to work with them.

PRAYERS

Prayers of thanksgiving as the Liberian election is over and there has been a peaceful transfer of power. For the success of the loading of the last container to Liberia. Continued prayers for the students as they learn. For those in our communities that have needs. For God to show us how to show His love by using what he has given us. For the other 24 branches/collection centers throughout the United States- for all the volunteer leadership in those places- that they may not be discouraged but have hope through all the trials that come in serving as a volunteer.

Mercy Meals of North Dakota

 Andrea has been busy taking over the tasks that Elissa used to do in the warehouse. She did a fantastic job getting that last shipment organized and ready to go! So if you see her, give her a word of encouragement, better yet come on down to the warehouse and give her a hand.

This spring Mercy Meal events will be gearing up once again. The event planned for March (Cross Point in Bismarck) has been rescheduled for April 4th, and we have two more events in April (Minnesota North LWML rally, and Bethel in Bismarck) plus the ND LWML convention in Minot in June. Be sure to check out the Facebook page linked below for details!

Mercy Meals of North Dakota

For more information visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/MercyMealsofNorthDakota/>

We are thankful for Volunteers!



University of Jamestown Leadership students came down to volunteer at the warehouse!

We have a group from Buffalo City Church of Jamestown that volunteers one Wednesday a month!

There are all kinds of ways to help out.

If you have a group that would like to volunteer, call Carmen at 701-269-6555 to set up a time to come in!

If it's just yourself, come on down Saturdays or Mondays from 9am-12noon.

Time to finish up the warehouse projects...



The North Dakota Orphan Grain Train has truly been blessed to have a building to serve as a warehouse. We have done some work on it, but it is now time for us to focus on finishing up some of this. We want to complete the bathroom and complete putting the siding on the outside walls. Once this is completed, we would like to have an open house. We would tentatively like to do it this summer if we can get the remodeling finished. So, first off, if you would like to assist or volunteer in helping to put siding on or to finish up the bathroom, that would be excellent. We are having a work weekend May 3rd-5th. Second, keep your schedule open to attend an open house in Jamestown this summer to help us celebrate the blessings that the Lord has given us in providing this facility.

TAKING DONATIONS

We are currently out of clothes and other items to pack. So think of us the next time you clean out your closets. First, think of people you know that might need them. Second, then whatever you have left we'll take and make sure they find a good home! Once again please bring your donated items to the warehouse in boxes. They store better and keep your donations in better condition until we can get to them! Thank you for joining with us in this great mission to help others in need!



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Mission Statement

In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed.

What is Orphan Grain Train?

Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us.

Visit www.ogt.org/nd

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