



November 2021

Greetings from OGT, Jonesville, Indiana!

“Do you know where I might be able to send an altar, a pulpit, one hundred fifty church chairs, and other miscellaneous items?” asked Pastor Donald Stock from Munster, IN. A quick call to Chris at OGT headquarters in Nebraska made a request from a pastor in Lithuania a reality. The Lithuanian church had just declined the offer for church pews which wouldn’t work for them, but these chairs, altar, pulpit, etc. would work perfectly.



The Lord works in mysteriously wonderful ways that truly are amazing. Lining up the date, the time, and the willing helpers to make a 3 ½ hour trip, working two hours, and traveling back to Jonesville almost seemed impossible. But we have a God who does impossible things. So... Roger, Tom, Collin, and I headed out on a Friday morning to meet up with

four guys from Hammond, IN, to load up two trucks and trailers of these items from Concordia Lutheran Church which had closed its doors on Palm Sunday.

Praise the Lord for the His timing! These chairs and church items didn’t sit long in our warehouse before a container was scheduled, loaded, and sent from Jonesville to Lithuania on November 11.

Saved to Serve, *Gene*

In the works: A Second Load to Haiti

The 48’ trailer sits loaded in our dock filled with the basics needs for helping our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ. Eileen and Dave Murphy have coordinated the gathering of furniture, clothing, shoes, three skids of *Love the Hungry* meal packs, six generators, school supplies, hospital equipment, and many other needed items.



The next step is to receive word from Master Sergeant Hundemer for shipping the load. He oversees the Denton Program which arranges loads to be flown into Haiti via an Air Force training operation. Unfortunately, due to the ever-changing situation in Haiti, we are on hold until we receive word to proceed. **Please pray that this load is able to leave soon; the need is great for people in Haiti.**

What’s Happening at OGT?

The OGT Board decided to set aside \$15,000 for emergency situations including:

1. Beginning a partnering program with the Bartholomew County Sheriff’s Department to assemble “carry bags” to hand out to those in need, such as the homeless, or to individuals at risk in a domestic situation.

2. Donating \$5,000 to *Love the Hungry* for food pack distribution delivered to southern border missions and to *Manna from Heaven* Ministries in southeastern Kentucky.
3. Purchasing five generators to add to the Haiti load for schools when electricity is off.
4. Purchasing miscellaneous cleaning supplies for Scrub Bucket Kits to send wherever and whenever flooding disasters occur.

Volunteers are the Lifeblood of OGT

Everyone who volunteers their time and energy at OGT is making a sacrifice to help others in their time of need. It cannot be said enough that *volunteers are what make the OGT ministry work like the hands of the Lord who first served us.*

Thanks to...

Larry Thomas who coordinated our September Paint Party day to paint the OGT warehouse outside west wall. Looks super!

Goecker Building Supply, Seymour, for their help and donation of the paint for the warehouse.

Jan and Marge for getting the “Carry Bags” ready for the Sheriff’s Department.

Pete’s Trenching, Brownstown, for the crew who helped with the load headed for Lithuania.

Roger Neptune for his always “ready-to-go” help for transporting goods to KY or picking up church items in Hammond, IN.

The many, many other folks who willingly give of their time day after day, weekly, or once a month...
THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Random thoughts from the manager...

Orphan Grain Train Indiana Branch appreciates the generosity of its donors. We have been blessed to continually be able to ship loads, both domestically and internationally. This happens because people like you, who know about the ministry of OGT, support it wholeheartedly. None of us knows what to expect in the coming months with the increased

cost of shipping, availability of containers, and the needs of those in distress. We continue to trust the Lord who knows all and has His hand in all things needful. He touches the hearts of people like you who respond with your loving gifts. As we move into 2022 not knowing what is in store, we do know who holds the future—the Lord, whom we love and serve. And for that I give thanks to Him.

Having said that, I need to also say this. Our team of faithful servants over the many years OGT has been in Indiana is getting older, and some have been received into glory. One of our needs especially is for new faces and able-bodied men to step forward to help in picking up furniture and appliances. We help provide these items to people in need in a 6-7 county area. If you, or someone you know, would be able to help on a Wednesday or Thursday morning, afternoon, or all day, please contact me.

People have asked—what do you need?

Easily 75% of OGT’s donations and shipments are clothes of all sizes and styles—men’s, women’s, and children’s, so please keep it coming.

Next on the list is good, clean, practical furniture. Number one request is for mattresses/bed springs, followed then by needs for dressers, sofas, and recliners. Always in demand also are appliances, including washers and dryers, refrigerators, stoves, and window air conditioners. Kitchen items of all sorts are needed, especially silverware, pots and pans. Lamps come and go—the supply rarely keeps up with the demand.

What are some items we can’t use? This is hard because being practical means we sometimes have to say “thank you, but no thank you.” **Items we do not need** are old, large TVs; typewriters; electronic equipment; file cabinets; suitcases; desks (unless small computer desks); books (except for children’s books and Bibles); anything broken, dirty, or impractical.

The goal of OGT’s giving is to help the person feel good about themselves in receiving items that are useful, clean, and reflect OGT’s commitment of giving the best that can be offered.

When OGT isn't open... there is a solution!

On the East side of the warehouse is an enclosed trailer for receiving your donations. Please place your items inside the trailer. If you need to have a receipt, please call and leave a message, or leave a note with your address. A receipt will be sent to you.

OGT Wish List

1. **Your prayers** that OGT Indiana continues to serve the needs of those less fortunate, and remains true to the Lord's challenge defined in James regarding the care of widows and orphans, as well as the words of the Lord who calls us to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, care for the sick, and visit those in prison.
2. **A Receptionist** on Thursday mornings to answer the phone, help direct people, and be a smiling, welcoming face for those who come.

Need more information?

1. We have informational brochures that we'd be glad to send you for bulletin inserts.
2. If your congregation or group would like to have an in-person presentation, please call the office number listed below so it can be arranged.
3. When your congregational members, or a group within the church, would like to come and volunteer, please call the office and let's set up a date and a time.

Email your newsletter? If this is something you would be interested in receiving, please email your address to indianaogt@gmail.com

The spring newsletter will be sent by email while the fall newsletter will still come via snail mail.

Have you moved? Please forward your new mailing address to us. Each returned letter costs us another 58 cents. Thanks!



Tom, the Tuesday Guy



Pete's Trenching and Colin loading for Lithuania



Weekly Tuesday bunch (partial group)

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