On May 19th, our Wichita Branch loaded a truck with nearly 1700 boxes for our second shipment to Latvia. Many thanks to those who answered our request for truck-loading volunteers. We were pleasantly surprised and grateful to the number of people who showed up to help. The destination for this shipment was the Saules Kalns Foundation in Smiltene, Latvia. Their goal is to provide assistance to the poor in need: orphans, disabled people, large families, and pensioners; identify vulnerable sections of socially disadvantaged ethnicities; identify their problems and provide them with material, financial and moral assistance. They also organize charity, cultural and sporting events, drawing public attention to the problems of vulnerable sections of minorities.

Only 74 out of 9000 charities receive an overall rating of 100% Accountability & Transparency from Charity Navigator, America’s premiere independent evaluator of charitable organizations. OGT has AGAIN been recognized with the 100% rating for this fiscal year, with 98.2% of all donations going to our mission projects.

We at the Wichita branch have been blessed with contributions of clothing, medical equipment, quilts and sporting equipment that we are now able to send three shipments per year. What a blessing! But that also means we are in need of receiving additional financial support since we are responsible for the total shipping costs plus the purchase of the shipping containers (which are not returned to us). Would you please consider helping us to grow in our mission of seeking to help those in need in the Name of Jesus with a tax deductible contribution. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Jeff Crane
This July, we will be assisting the Medical Loan Closet (located here in Wichita) in loading a container with medical supplies headed to Lumbumbashi, DRC (the Congo in Africa). We often receive items from the Medical Loan Closet when they have extra inventory, so we are happy to help them with their endeavor. We will be sending some children's clothing and shoes along with their supplies.

Also in July, our 500 sq. ft. room extension should be underway. Jeremy Kohlmeier of Dondlinger Construction is helping us to make this project a reality. Once the walls, ceiling, and electrical are in place, we will take over painting walls, finish the floor, and assemble the items needed that go in the space. Looking forward to moving in around the end of August.

One of our goals is to search out and fulfill the needs of local groups. There are several groups that we give to on a regular basis – Passageways and Church on the Street to name a few. Right after we loaded the truck going to Latvia, we then loaded a trailer with 78 boxes of clothing and school uniforms for Andrea Dixson at Faith Builders. Andrea helps with the needs of children and families not currently assisted by any social system. The uniforms will be distributed to many local schools that she also helps. Thank-you Andrea for the good work that you do in Wichita. We are glad to be a small part of that service. We hope to have a continuing relationship with Faith Builders.

THANKS to all of you who have donated items for KITS. It’s always exciting when we receive a box full of FUN STUFF or beautiful blankets or pillowcase dresses. HOWEVER: From this date on - - the items for Layette, School, and Hygiene Kits have changed. An additional kit for Teachers has been added as well. PLEASE Doublecheck with us regarding the NEW KIT LISTS before you buy or make any additional Items. You can also find them on the Orphan Grain Train website. Blessings from Wichita!!

If you are aware of an institution or group in our community or your community, that could benefit from our inventory, please contact us with their information. We are always looking for places to serve. Thanks to all of you who send your donations to our branch operation and for helping us get the word out about the work we do. Your support helps to assure our continued success.

We will Be Closed
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH