



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

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Hurricane Relief

Our hearts go out to those who have been devastated by these powerful storms. We are collecting items for them.

- * **Cleaning supplies: 5 gallon buckets, brooms, mops, cleaners (i.e. ammonia, Pin-sol, bleach, etc.), scrub brushes, paper towels**
- * **Non perishable food items: canned food, boxes food mixes (i.e. macaroni and cheese, hamburger helper, soup mixes, etc.), bottled water, bottled drinks**
- * **Baby things: diapers, bottles, burp cloths, pacifiers, onesies, receiving blankets, baby blankets, baby wipes**
- * **Hygiene supplies: adult diapers, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, bars of soap, toilet paper, disposable razors, shaving cream, wet wipes.**

Shipment Updates

Praise the Lord for the shipments that have been sent and are preparing to send. Praise God for faithful volunteers who run this and



are serving in such huge ways. I can't emphasize enough how many people and hours it takes to coordinate one shipment. And each one of the people who serve are a blessing to those who receive the items. For each person that receives, it is our hope that they see how much God cares for them. Each week we ask for God's kingdom to come when we recite the Lord's Prayer. I have to imagine it is one where we share, care, speak truth in love and all because of His Son Jesus who rescued us from our sin, death, and the devil. Not because we are good or deserve it, but because God our Father loves us so and all this out pours from Him. And sure, He could just do it on His own, but God knows how much we need this- all the joys and struggles that go into serving and caring. All the lessons learned. It keeps our eyes on the Him, relying on Him, and that is a good thing.



Mid August a shipment was sent to Latin American Lutheran Missions (LALM) in Laredo, Texas. It was a coordinated effort between our branch and the Wisconsin Branch. Among the items sent were medical equipment (e.g. examination tables, wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, etc.), medical supplies (e.g. linens, scrubs, orthopedic supplies, etc.), toys, and suitcases. Tom Boerger - a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Jamestown and volunteer with the North Dakota Branch, and Kirk Rosin- ND Branch Manager, met the Brakebush truck in Milbank, SD where the majority of the medical supplies were being collected. Tom Boerger heard about a medical clinic in Milbank that had closed down which had all kinds of items that were still usable. He helped coordinate a crew to move all those items out of the clinic and in a storage facility until the shipment could be arranged.

Another shipment was sent in October to McLaughlin, SD to the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. There is a small but mighty congregation down there doing outreach in their community. This was a coordinated effort with Jonathan and Mary Anderson of Bismarck who have been working with this community for some time now. They and Carmen McBride took a load down there to bless them and help them with their efforts. A general list of items sent: men's, women's and children's clothing and shoes, school kits, Christian literature, and baby items. After being there and seeing the need, the Andersons came back to the warehouse and took more to them. May the Lord bless that congregation's efforts to reach the lost.

Amongst all the outgoing shipments, many local needs have been met. We continue to work with Social Services; they come calling often. Beds and dressers are frequently requested. Thankfully for the most part we have what they need. We just recently received lots of dressers from the University of Jamestown. Colin's Furniture donated some mattresses and furniture as well. There was a family who was devastated by a fire and was able to come to the warehouse and find items they needed.

Praise the Lord for all that He does and how he continues to provide!

In the last newsletter we reported that a shipment for Liberia had been received. We are gearing up once again to send them a load. The need is constant. The schools continue to grow and reach more families. Also, food wise, things are not good in Liberia and so the Mercy Meals we are able to send are such a blessing. This gives me pause to give thanks for our

infrastructure that facilitates food production here. That tiny country is struggling and we are blessed to be able to help. We will be sending bibles, Mercy Meals, school desks and chairs, chalkboards, backpacks, school books and other miscellaneous school supplies. There is also another shipment in the works for LALM. Items that we will be sending are Medical supplies (e.g. linens, miscellaneous supplies, orthopedic supplies, etc.) Medical equipment (e.g. hospital tables, walkers, crutches etc.), school kits, book cases, hygiene kits, clothing and shoes, toys, suitcases, and more. We are so blessed in the United States to have the standard of medical care that we do. This means facilities are constantly updating medical equipment and supplies, but that means then the old which is still usable has life and could be used elsewhere. It is so awesome to receive these items and be able to find people that will be able to put them to good use elsewhere.

PRAYERS

Of thanksgiving for the new people that have become regular volunteers!!! 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 churches in our community to partner with to meet those needs. For the other 26 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



Mercy Meals of North Dakota has exciting news to share! Mercy Meals of North Dakota purchased a container from OGT to be used to house their raw products and also the completed boxed meals! This will be mouse proofed and no longer require multiple trips to get product. We are all eager to see how this will impact meal packing events.



RECENT ACTIVITY

9/9/18 - 6,888 meals Our Redeemer LC in Moorhead,
 9/15/18 - 6,288 meals ND LWML Retreat, Carrington
 9/29/18 - 13,392 meals Bethel LC in Bismarck, ND
 10/6/18 - 5,184 meals Zion LC in Ellendale, ND
 10/20/18 - 8,706 meals Hillsboro ND community
 Andrea attended the Mercy Conference on Oct 27th in Fargo at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. OGT and Mercy Meals had a display and two breakout sessions where we packed meals. Sue Corwin, Tom Eckstein and Kirk Rosin helped with manning the booth, moving supplies, and working on the assembly lines. They had

approximately 15 people in the packing sessions and packed a total of 1,662 meals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mercy Meals has two more events scheduled this Fall; Nov. 10th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fargo and Nov. 28th-29th at Zion Lutheran Church/MLS in Bismarck. Contact Andrea Eckstein if you have questions about Mercy Meals and having your own event.

Mercy Meals of North Dakota

For more information visit:

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



Special Project Kits

Kits are such an easy way to get a crew together and bless others! There are Hygiene Kits (Mercy Kits), Layette Kits, School Kits, and Feminine Kits.

If you would like to make any of them you **MUST** follow the lists that are found on the main website. They continue to be updated as customs puts out new regulations. So always double check with the website to make sure your kit matches exactly what is on the list.

Our crew has had to un-pack and check some kits and have found that they don't always match. Please be mindful of that.

As far as **Layette Kits** - our branch is currently asking to put **wash cloths in instead of wipes**. Wipes have an expiration date and can cause problems with customs and inspections.

Cloth diapers are preferred and we are looking for more. These are sent overseas in the layette kits. Also **Hygiene Kits DO NOT HAVE deodorant** any more.

Go to the website: <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects/> to find the kit you hope to make and print off the list. Thank you!

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CLEANING...

Is there anyone out there who likes to clean? We have a need for someone or a small group to come once a week to sweep at least and wipe down the dust. Or maybe sign up for just one week. Reach out and let one of us know! Thanks!

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 McBride 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. Cloth is preferred.
- Layettes (instructions on website: <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects/>) Please substitute 2 wash cloths instead of wipes.
- 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:*

- Hygiene 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
- Feminine Kits: <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects/>

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
- **Construction Paper**

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 if possible

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.



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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 501c3 Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and in 68 countries 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.

REMINDER TO DRESS WARM

As you come to volunteer, a reminder if you plan to help out back to dress warmly. The main part of the building is heated, but it is not heated in the back and it gets pretty cold. Once you get moving it's ok, but it's nice to have those extra layers!

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