



***ROCKY MOUNTAIN BRANCH***

***20832 County Rd. 32.5***

***P.O. Box 152***

***Julesburg, CO 80737***

***(970) 520-0886***

***Warehouse Open on Wednesday & Saturday Mornings***

***9:00am to 11:00am***

***2014 Elected Branch Officers include:***

**Interim Branch Manager Rex Nicolaus; Asst. Branch Manager Paul Kerschner; Warehouse Manager Dick Dawson; Asst. Warehouse Manager Rex Nicolaus; Branch Secretary Muriel Nelson; Branch Treasurer Rhonda Haynes; Correspondence Secretary Carolyn Kerschner and Pastoral Advisor Pastor Kurt Hatteberg.**

***Shipments:***



***Rocky Mountain Branch  
volunteers loaded a  
shipment on Thursday  
morning, February 28,  
2013 with 1, 290 boxes of  
clothing for the Red Cross  
in Latvia.***

In 2012 we shipped four (4) 40' containers of clothing from our Julesburg, CO warehouse - three containers overseas to Riga, Latvia and one container to Tbilisi, Georgia and made three

shipments, fourteen pallets, to the Ysleta Mission in El Pasco, TX. In 2013 we have already shipped clothing to Riga, Latvia, several domestic shipments to the Ysleta Mission in El Pasco, TX and before year-end we plan to make a second shipment to Riga, Latvia as well as to Ukraine. This spring after three families within the Julesburg community lost their homes and belongings to fire we notified them that our warehouse was open to them - they could have whatever they needed to fulfill their immediate needs.



A little Sudanese girl modeling a pillow slip dress, one of many sewed by the LWML ladies in Ashland, Oregon, and sent to Rocky Mountain Branch

**CHOICE DOLLARS:** Since January 2013 our Rocky Mountain Branch has been enrolled as a participating organization in Thivent Choice, which dollars are extremely important in our worldwide humanitarian mission. As a Thivent member you may direct your Choice Dollars to our Branch by simply calling 800-847-4836. Thank you.



**College Students:** On Saturday March 16, 2013 eight Wesley College Students and four sponsors all from the First United Methodist Church in Fort Collins, CO visited our warehouse, which is their fourth annual visit. They spent the morning packing clothes and planting and landscaping a cottonwood tree which they brought from Fort Collins and gifted to our Branch. They enjoyed a noon meal provided by our Warehouse Managers and their wives. These folks are a great group of men and women who love serving our Lord.

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** On January 19, 2013 the Rocky Mountain Branch acknowledgement their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by hosting a post-Christmas luncheon for our volunteers. Approximately thirty-five (35) guests attended. Following the meal we enjoyed a

video “In Our Own Words” provided us by Orphan Grain Train. Rex Nicolaus provided a brief history on Orphan Grain Train, how it started and its’ awesome achievements and accomplishments to-date. Pastor Wellman, Wauneta, NE spoke about Mercy Meals. He explained in detail how this mission started in Wauneta, the FDA related requirements and the overwhelming community support they have had and continue to receive through volunteers and donators.

***Newsletter:*** The Rocky Mountain Branch distributed their first ever Newsletter in December 2012. We created our own mailing list, which consisted of the churches in our Branch and past and present Rocky Mtn. Branch supporters. Our first mailing was over one hundred. As we hold events within our Branch we make available a newsletter sign-up sheet so that we can continue adding names to our mailing list.



***Warehouse Addition Complete:*** Since we moved into our present warehouse facility in 2007 the size of our operation has outgrown our warehouse capacity – we were receiving more donations than we had room for between shipments. Therefore, with grant funds (\$27,233.00) provided us through The William Stretesky Foundation and The Ernest & Lillian Campbell Foundation, Julesburg, CO and the Thomas D. Buckley Trust, Chappell, NE we recently completed a 25’ x 42’ (1,050 sq. ft.) addition (\$28, 233.00) on the east end of the building. Their financial support and the confidence these Foundations have placed in our works is simply indescribable.

***Annual Bratwurst Feed:*** This fund raising event is both organized and planned by Brad Brackham and is held during the Phillips County Fair. We thank Brad, the Phillips County Fair Board and each one who attends and continues to contribute to this world-wide mission.