

# NEWSLETTER

To encourage & enable God's people to share personal & material resources in bringing Christ's name & character to needy people both far & near.



## SUPPLIES NEEDED

Items requested for upcoming shipments and also those in need locally.

- school supplies\*
- bath towels\*
- washcloths\*
- cloth diapers\*
- large safety pins
- baby sleeper (newborn - 12 mo)
- toothbrushes
- combs
- rubber or swimmer pants\*
- soap boxes\*
- travel size Kleenex
- nail clippers\*

\*Items in greatest need at this time.

We often get questions about what we can and cannot accept. Here are some of the most common:

### Can Accept

- furniture
- bed pillows
- pots & pans
- dishes
- beds (new or used)\*

### Cannot Accept

- knick knacks
- holiday decorations
- decorative pillows

## LATEST HAPPENINGS AT OGT NORTH DAKOTA

We have had a busy year so far with many shipments, meal packs, volunteer events and our board meeting. Here are some highlights to share -

### Recent Shipments

We had a shipment to Liberia in March, which included:

- Bibles = 15 boxes
- Christian Resources = 50 boxes
- Hymnals = 50 boxes
- Misc. church furnishings = 3 boxes
- Portals of Prayer = 31 boxes
- Pounds of beans = 2,425
- Mercy Meals = 540 boxes
- Sanitary kits = 3 boxes
- Bikes = 20
- Backpacks = 5 boxes
- School books = 75 boxes
- Student chairs = 311
- School desks = 75
- School supplies = 36 boxes
- Teacher kits = 3 boxes
- Sports Equipment = 25 boxes



A domestic shipment was sent to OGT headquarters in Norfolk NE for them to disperse internationally. The shipment included:

- 19 large pallets of unsorted clothing
- 32 sewing machines with fabric and sewing kits to be sent to the Philippines
- 2 boxes of eye glasses which the Lions Club organization had provided

### Roof Update

Our board of directors met in April and decided to do a patch job on the roof this spring with hopes of solving the water leakage. If a more extensive repair is needed in the future, we have a roof fund started.

### Mercy Meals Pack Held in Wahpeton

A group of ladies from LWML at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wahpeton gathered on May. They packed 7,776 meals that will be dispersed in upcoming OGT shipments. LWML is a service group that stands for Lutheran Women's Missionary League.



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Elissa Rosin

## What was your role with OGT ND?

I was the first Jamestown Branch manager. It was an honor and great experience working with lots of people to get this branch off and running. It is a blessing to see it still going strong! I did everything from the newsletter, searching for a warehouse, packing, cleaning, coordinating volunteers, doing presentations, organizing shipments and sending them off.

## How long did you volunteer?

I volunteered from August 2014 to November 2017, just before my 4th child arrived! I still serve on the Board of Directors for our North Dakota branch.

## What was your favorite part of the work you did?

Quite honestly, it was working with people - making connections within the body of Christ to bring about blessings for others. To see people find purpose and passion in the whole process.

## What made you interested in OGT?

I went to a convention in Norfolk, NE and got to hear so many wonderful stories on how meeting physical needs opened doors to the Gospel being spread... and ultimately that we can do that too! How awesome that is!



## THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!



A youth group from Trinity Lutheran Church in Carrington organized school supplies and assembled school kits.



A group from Sons of Norway packed layette kits in March.



# A MESSAGE FROM UKRAINE AND BIBLE ORPHAN MINISTRY

OGT ND recently supported a shipment that was sent to Ukraine. Bible Orphan Ministry is a Christian nonprofit organization based in Ukraine, dedicated to serving orphaned and vulnerable children. They shared the following article with their supporters.

"My children were so excited and happy to receive the gifts! I haven't seen them so happy for a long time."

"We are so grateful for your support!" said an elderly woman who came 30 km away in the hope of finding something. "It is very difficult now and you often lose hope and feel that no one needs you."

Bible Orphan Ministry recently delivered humanitarian aid to the Potiyevka community, where there are more than 600 internally displaced people and hundreds of families in crisis. The community received almost 280 boxes of humanitarian aid in the form of blankets, clothes, diapers, food, shoes, suitcases, kitchen utensils and much more.

Bible Orphan Ministry visited some families personally and had a wonderful meeting where they sang, played games, and heard words of comfort and hope together with the children and adults. And how much joy and delight there was when the children received wonderful gifts! That day there was a lot of laughter and praise to the Creator!

In simplicity, in a cold hall, the Lord touched hearts. We were very tired physically. But sincere smiles, words of gratitude, shining eyes warmed hearts and gave wings to fly again. And at the end, the local Baptist church in Potiyivka prepared a delicious lunch for which we are sincerely grateful! Everyone sang, talked and prayed a lot.

A sincere thank you to everyone and especially the American organization, Orphan Grain Train for the opportunity to support those in need! Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to warm the hearts of Ukrainians not only spiritually but also physically!

**Matthew 25:35-36** "For I was hungry, and you gave me meat. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you took me in. Naked, and you clothed me. I was sick, and you visited me. I was in prison, and you came unto me."





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## FUNDS NEEDED!



We're busy preparing for future shipments. We can use your support to continue our mission.

To donate to the North Dakota Branch, send checks to:

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

To contribute by credit card, visit [www.ogt.org/nd](http://www.ogt.org/nd) and click "Donate to North Dakota Branch."

**A sincere thank you for your support.  
Your donation will help us change lives!**



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## Branch Hours & Volunteer Opportunities

We continue to be open  
Mondays and Saturdays  
from 9am to noon.

For additional drop-off  
and volunteer times, call  
Sue at 701-320-3259 or  
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