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# Relief for Human Need Worldwide



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#### A Place To Rest

OGT received this photo of a family that fled Ukraine and is now staying in a facility offered by a local church in Soldanesti, Moldova. The gentleman in the picture is the pastor at the church. Bible Mission International received aid, food and beds which were shared with churches housing families. A huge 'Thank you' to Deets Furniture of Norfolk, NE for donating several beds and to all our supporters



and volunteers that make these shipments possible!

### Spreading The Good News

Stories from Bible Mission International (BMI) in Moldova helping Ukrainian families at their "Torch of Faith" center with meals, rest and the Gospel. BMI received one of OGT's air-cargo shipments filled with food and aid and they shared many stories with OGT.

"At the end of February 2022, the outbreak of war in Ukraine have brought with them a series of



unfortunate consequences that have changed the normal course of events not only in our country but also in the world. Worried, lost, sad-eyed people from Ukraine left in search of a safe place where they could wait out the military action. To their misfortune, they had to leave everything they had gathered a lifetime. It is quite difficult to understand this fact... Thank God that He has blessed our country to become a peaceful shelter for refugees from Ukraine!

It is gratifying to see how people from different countries, churches, organizations reacted promptly and extended a helping hand to the needy. Food and personal hygiene products, diapers, linens, bed, mattresses- these are an incomplete list of the help that was given.

Dear friends, this support is such a blessing for the Bible Mission, which were distributed with responsibility, wisdom and joy among refugees in different areas. One example is the "Torch of Faith" camp, where, during this period, around 400 people received the necessary help: accommodation, tasty food, information about the Good News of the Gospel, psychological and spiritual counselling.

Support was also offered to churches that helped refugees from Ukraine in many villages and cities. All these daily centers and churches offered good living conditions, moral and spiritual support to refugees. Refugees testify how warmly they are welcomed by Christians and how well they behave towards them, how kindly they behave, how they pray for them. Some of these people have repented. During this period, food was given as humanitarian aid to the needy in the Odessa, Nicolaev and Harikov regions."

Nina, from Usatov, says: "It was hard for me to leave our little house. At the border with Moldova, I met another woman who was just as confused as I was. We decided to look for help together and ended up in Chisinau, and then, together with my 5-year-old daughter, we arrived in your camp. Here, all the camp staff had behaved with love and kindness. We were helped with clothes, the child received toys, books. Here they feed us with tasty food. The camp is tastefully arranged, with children's playground, and the most important thing - here prevail peace and we could sleep at night. From the beginning, I understood that they have faith in God, you resemble my neighbors, together with you I felt safe. I am surprised that you have read and know about everything that will happen in the world from the Bible. I never thought that in this book it writes so many interesting things. I am so glad that I came to you, in my heart came peace. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the kindness you show to us and to all the refugees from Ukraine."

Valentina thanks us: "I can't believe there are such people willing to help us so much. We live on the outskirts of Odessa, near the factory near the harbor, there are many military bases. We woke up very scared because of a loud noise, my husband told me we had 10 minutes to get our luggage ready and they transported us out of the country.... At the border, we heard about your camp and came here. We feel safe, they feed us well, it's quiet. We are very worried about our husbands and grandmothers; they are disabled and cannot leave the country. I never thought that I'd be communicating with Baptists, singing their songs, and that I'd like all this... These events have radically changed my views on many things. Thank you for everything you do: for your prayers and your carry for us."





# Aid for Africa

Norfolk warehouse volunteers are loading a shipping container for Gambia! The cargo includes humanitarian aid, Mercy Meals, clothing, school furnishing and supplies. To God be the Glory!.







mail in form with payment.

# Registration Deadline for OGT Convention

You are invited to attend Orphan Grain Train Convention this September 9 & 10 in Norfolk, NE!

The last day for a registration fee of \$60 will be August 1 then it will go up to \$80 after that so register soon, either online or

It is being held at the Mid-Town Event Center in Norfolk, NE.

OGT Convention is a 2-day event with recipients from the US and abroad sharing how OGT's humanitarian aid and food has impacted their part of the world. Keynote Speaker is Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, President emeritus and professor emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

For more information or to register, please click on the appropriate buttons below. Feel free to give us a call with any questions you may have - 402-371-7393 or toll free 877-371-7393

We hope to see you in September

Online Registration

Registration Form

Convention Schedule

Lodging



# Food for Hungry Cattle

Will Pudenz picked up 14 bales of corn stalk and 18 hay bales in Norfolk, NE and delivered those to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, NM. The bales were shared with families that lost prairie land to fire and in desperate need of feed for livestock. This is the 3rd delivery of hay. Thank you, OGT donors!

**Disaster Relief** 

# Christmas in July

OGT's Phoenix Branch teamed up with Epiphany Lutheran Church-Chandler, AZ's Outreach Committee and presented a Christmas in July church service. At the July 9 and 10 services, retired Pastor James Hoefer lead a complete Christmas service with Christmas hymns, Bible readings, sermon and Christmas Gift Box dedication focused on the birth of Jesus. The focus was on the miracle of His birth, rather than all the other activities that fill our Decembers. The small and loving Epiphany congregation filled 75 Christmas boxes, provided by OGT. These boxes will be delivered to the Christian Family Care Agency/Arizona Adoption & Foster Care in

Phoenix, AZ and distributed to foster children ages infant to age 4 this July. Thank you for sharing about the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, to many children. Pictured are Rev. James Hoefer; Jean Weber, Phoenix Branch -Volunteer Coordinator; Karen Wilson-Epiphany Outreach member and David Eide- Phoenix Branch Manager.



### Servant Hearts

Christina Steffen and her daughter Clara made 72 hygiene kits for OGT! Thank you for providing these muchneeded items for those in need worldwide!

**Special Projects** 



Additional News

Native American Heritage Association (NAHA) received 28 pallets of various foods from the Norfolk warehouse. NAHA serves many families living in poverty in two states.

Trinity Navajo Bible Church in Thoreau, NM was elated to receive school supplies, medical & hygiene supplies and various clothing from the Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska.

## Weekly Devotion

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Gal. 6:9-10) **Growing Weary:** If you're reading this devotion, chances are that you are a volunteer and/or a donor to Orphan Grain Train. If you're part of our ministry, you may know what it's like to grow weary. There is always an abundant need for the services & goods we provide. There will never be an end to the destitute that we are called to serve. Jesus reminded His disciples, "The poor you will always have with you." (Matt. 26:11)

And so, it's easy to say, "What's the use?" St. Paul encourages us not to grow "weary in doing good." Through Orphan Grain Train we have been given the opportunity to "do good to all people." We are assured that our good works "will reap a harvest, if we do not give up."

The lesson to be learned? Don't give up! Christ is blessing us, blessing you, so that we, in turn, may be a blessing to others.

**Prayer:** Let us not grow weary in doing good, O Lord. We pray in Your holy name. Amen.

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