

Orphan Grain Train

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Hello Tessa,

It is Not Too Late to Take Advantage of Thrivent's Match Opportunity!

Thrivent will match \$1 for every \$2 donated to assist families devastated by Hurricane Ian.

Orphan Grain Train will be supporting LERT – Lutheran Early Response Team with recovery efforts in Ft. Myers, Florida. Zion Lutheran Church will be the base for the recovery teams and supply distribution center. OGT will

help fund needed recovery efforts for the distribution center and outreach mission. Make a donation today and Thrivent will amplify your impact!

For every \$2 you donate through Thrivent's online giving platform to our organization, Thrivent will add \$1. Thrivent pays all processing fees so 100% of your gift goes directly to the cause. To find out more, visit

[Thrivent.com/disasterresponse.](https://www.thrivent.com/disasterresponse)

Anyone can make a donation through the Thrivent platform. The matching opportunity will run through Dec. 1, 2022, or until \$250,000 matching goal is achieved between four organizations, whichever comes first.

Thrivent Online Giving Match

Being the Hands & Feet of Jesus

More Aid on the Way

Wisconsin Branch volunteers loaded nearly 18,000 pounds of food and much-needed diapers, medical equipment, and other aid for Ukraine. Smolin Ministries will share with many families displaced that had to flee their homes. Continue to pray for volunteers, families and an end to this humanitarian crisis.

Wisconsin Branch



Help for Families

OGT's Ohio location collected items for cleanup and relief efforts for Hurricane Ian. Items will be distributed through NALC Disaster Response and LCMS – LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) to people in need in St. Petersburg, Estero, Port Charlotte and Fort Myers, Florida.



Ohio Collection Center



OGT purchased and delivered two generators to LERT – Lutheran Early Response Team in Ft. Myers, Florida. We continue to be in contact with volunteers in the Florida and will assist families for the long-term.

Disaster Relief

Special Gifts

Aid shipped from Wisconsin Branch in Westfield was distributed to orphanages, hospitals, homes for the elderly, the disabled and families in need in Kyrgyzstan. The two pictures below were taken at an orphanage where a bike is special to have and the sewing machine will be used to learn to sew and earn extra money. The picture to the right is of twins that received matching shorts.





Ramon Contreras (left) with Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry thanks OGT's Steve Rice (right) for formula, food, quilts and much more for our brothers and sister in the USA-Mexico border region.



Serving with Smiles

Gethsemane Lutheran church put together 30 hygiene kits with the help of Thrivent Action Team for OGT Colorado West in Northglenn. So many wonderful gifts for people in need.

Colorado West Location



Additional News

Ohio Collection Center in Napoleon delivered household items, furnishings, toys and other goods to Kentucky. Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) helps families living in poverty in five states. Thank you, donors and volunteers!

[Norfolk warehouse volunteers](#) loaded 20 pallets of various foods, bikes, household items and medical supplies to Latin American Lutheran Mission (LALM) in Laredo, TX. What wonderful gifts for the families living along the border.

[Wichita Branch volunteers](#) delivered goods to local organizations that support families in need. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus locally.

Valley Baptist Retreat Center in Mission, TX received 4,320 Mercy Meals, bikes, medical equipment and other goods from the Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska.

[North Dakota Branch](#) & Norfolk warehouse combined a shipment to Trinity Navajo Bible Church in Thoreau, NM. The mission was grateful to receive 1,716 Mercy Meals, several Christmas Gift boxes, school kits, various clothing and religious materials.

Weekly Devotion

That night Jacob got up & took his two wives, his two maidservants & his eleven sons & crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, & a Man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the Man saw that He could not overpower him, He touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the Man. Then the Man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob

replied, "I will not let you go unless You bless me." The Man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the Man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God & with men & have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me Your name." But He replied, "Why do you ask My name?" Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, & yet my life was spared." (Gen. 32:22-30)

Hip Surgery: Several years ago, I had my left hip replaced. The surgery itself wasn't all that painful. Physical therapy, however, was. I've heard from others that hip replacement is a piece of cake compared to knee replacement. I'm grateful that I haven't had to have a knee replacement.

Jacob is preparing to meet his brother Esau. He is understandably stressed, given that he had stolen his brother's birthright. A Man wrestles with Jacob until daybreak. The Man was the pre-incarnate Christ. Some believe that Jacob wrestled with the Lord in prayer. Scripture makes clear that this was an actual wrestling match. Jacob refused to let go of the Man, so the Man touched Jacob's hip joint, & Jacob's hip was dislocated. Jacob walked with a limp the rest of his life.

What lessons can we learn from this? We may not wrestle physically with the Lord, but we are invited to persistently wrestle with the Lord in prayer, especially when we are stressed out. God will hear & answer our prayers according to His good & gracious will. We will truly be blessed.

Today's Prayer: Bless our prayer life, O Christ, that we may pray with the full confidence that You hear our prayers & will answer them in Your own way & in Your own time. Amen.

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