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*Thank you for considering OGT when making your Choice Dollars donation.*

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## *Faith First*

Many of these families are very poor because there is not much work or are single parent families. The homes sometimes are one room for many to live with bare cupboards. Those hospitalized are grateful for the diapers and other goods because money is very tight and difficult to afford these. Some were once successful but with life's circumstances now find themselves struggling. They were grateful when volunteers from Bible Mission shared goods and prayed with them. Their faith in Jesus keeps them going. Thank you, Wisconsin Branch donors and volunteers for giving hope to many families in need in Moldova.

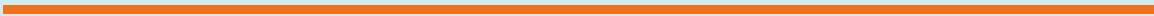


*To God be the Glory!*



*Smiling Servant Hearts*

March 8th was bright and sunny, but also a cold and blustery day loading aid for Malawi. The team of about 16 [Mid-Atlantic Branch volunteers](#) were 'put to the test' with the challenge of loading 204 metal-framed semi-upholstered chairs that required strength and coordination, to say nothing of all the walkers, canes, commodes, and bicycles! The 657 boxes were the easy part. Lots of good help and Christ Mandate for Missions Church is anxiously waiting for its arrival. Thank you, MAB volunteers & donors!!



### *Love Loaded for Many*

Mariano Rivera Foundation in Panama will soon be receiving 19,440 Mercy Meals, blankets, clothing, furniture, walkers, wheelchairs, hospital beds, toys, school supplies and kits from Central Nebraska Branch in Grand Island. Thank you, donors and volunteers!

Central Nebraska Branch



International Aid





Pastor Eglitis in Latvia will soon be receiving various aid from Central Nebraska Branch to share with families staying at his shelter and for his outreach programs. He is always appreciative of the goods to share along with Scripture to those in need.



[Wisconsin Branch volunteers](#) were busy loading 1,201 boxes of school supplies, hygiene kits, diapers, toys, shoes, coats and clothing along with medical equipment and bikes for Lithuania. Psichotery Rehabilitation Center is grateful to soon be able to share with many families, orphans and disabled individuals living in poverty.

### *Helping Locally*

OGT's [Phoenix Branch volunteers](#) delivered two pick-up trucks of baby beds, strollers, booster seats, toys, high chair and more to the Arizona Women's Recovery Center. AWRC was very grateful for the donations and Phoenix Branch volunteers were happy and felt blessed to provide much needed donations to community organizations such as Arizona Women's Recovery Center.



### *Additional News*

[North Dakota Branch volunteers](#) were busy loading 302 boxes of various clothing and shoes along with medical equipment for Cornerstone Children's Ranch in Quemado, TX. Some of the clothing will be used for their outreach program that assists many families living along the border.

[Norfolk warehouse volunteers](#) loaded nine pallets of edible dried beans and eight pallets of rice for Venezuela Now in Florida. They will ship the much-needed food to Venezuela for families living in extreme poverty. Thanks be to God.

Recently volunteers at the [Lincoln Collection Center in Nebraska](#) delivered medical supplies & equipment, hygiene kits, and clothing to local organizations that help families in need.

## Weekly Devotion

*I will praise You, O Lord, with all my heart; before the “gods” I will sing Your praise. I will bow down toward Your holy temple & will praise Your name for Your love & faithfulness, for You have exalted before all things Your name & Your Word. When I called, You answered me; You made me bold & stouthearted. May all the kings of the earth praise You, O Lord, when they hear the words of Your mouth. May they sing of the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord is great. Though the Lord is on high, He looks upon the lowly, but the proud He knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the anger of my foes, with Your right hand You save me. The Lord will fulfill His purpose for Me; Your love, O Lord, endures forever—do not abandon the works of Your hands. (Ps. 138:1-8) Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but He will heal us; He has injured us but He will bind up our wounds. After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will restore us, that we may live in His presence. (Hosea 6:1-2)*

**Strong Hearts:** Several years ago I had a stress test which revealed that I had a blockage. I underwent a heart procedure, which resulted in three stents. I did cardiac rehab. I had to come to grips with the fact that I had cardio-vascular disease & would probably need more stents in the future.

Because of our sin, we are heartsick people. By nature, we cannot know our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. Without His grace & mercy, our hearts remain sick.

Praise God that He shines into our hearts with His grace & mercy. He blesses us with the knowledge of Jesus our Lord & Savior. He forgives us & grants us salvation. Our hearts are healed. *“He has torn us to pieces but He will heal us; He has injured us but He will bind up our wounds.”*

**Today’s Prayer:** Thank You, Father, for Your grace & mercy which bring healing to our broken hearts. We pray in Your Son’s name. Amen.

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