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Kentucky Families Return to Homes

Recently OGT put a plea out for small kitchen appliances and many of our donors came thru with either appliances or monetary donations. The Norfolk warehouse volunteers were able to load a semi-trailer for Kentucky families finally being able to move into homes after the tornado and floods. They have limited furnishings and we were able to provide various food, small kitchen appliances, diapers, hygiene supplies, furniture, bedding and other needed goods. Melber Baptist Church received the load in Hickory which has a food pantry and will also distribute the needed items to families. What a relief for so many families longing to be back in a home. We have the best donors and volunteers – thank you!



Disaster Relief

Ukraine Relief Update

Help for the Hurting

Humanitarian aid of quilts, diapers, medical supplies, food and more that shipped from OGT's [Michigan Branch in Sebewainq](#) was received by Psichotery Rehabilitation Center in Lithuania. They were able to deliver some of the aid to Ukraine to help many people in desperate need. Some art supplies were given to a daycare center where children created interesting masks. Thank you, Michigan donors and volunteers, for showing the love of Christ to so many in need!



Ukraine Relief Efforts



More Aid On The Way

[Norfolk warehouse volunteers in Nebraska](#) loaded an air-cargo shipment for a new recipient in Ukraine. "Charitable Foundation Swedish Help Centre" is grateful to soon be receiving quilts, sleeping mats, 14,256 Mercy Meals, crackers, sleeping bags, hand warmers, stock pots and winter clothing to serve many now living in refugee camps. Thank you, OGT supporters & volunteers for making possible these much-needed shipments.



Sad Conditions

These children live in a garage and were thrilled and proud to receive nice clothes, jackets and blankets from OGT. Thank you, donors and volunteers, for sending love to Tajikistan.

Newsroom

International Shipments



[Indiana Branch volunteers in Jonesville](#) were busy loading hygiene supplies, bikes, backpacks, medical equipment, diapers, blankets and clothing for Latvia. Fonds Saules Kalns will receive the goods to share with those living in poverty and orphanages. Thanks be to God!



[Wisconsin Branch volunteers in Westfield](#) loaded 59,400 Food for Kidz meals, medical equipment, quilts and clothing for Republic of Georgia. Union of Investments & Humanitarian will receive the shipment to share with many in desperate need.



Helping Locally

OGT's [Phoenix Branch volunteers](#) are passionate about developing partnerships with local agencies who provide assistance to the homeless and working poor. One of these agencies is La Mesa Ministries, whose mission is to create Christ Centered Communities among the homeless and working poor that ring hope, dignity and positive life transformation. La Mesa offers weekly meals at two locations, housing and job resources, a mobile food truck, and a clothing ministry. Phoenix Branch supports La Mesa Ministries by regularly donating much needed clothes and hygiene supplies. We recently hosted a presentation given by Laurie McClellan from La Mesa Ministries. Laurie shared the compelling La Mesa story and vision with OGT volunteers. We were impressed by the strength of La Mesa Ministries and feel blessed to play a part in their work with the homeless and working poor.

Shipment Cleared

Iowa West Branch shipment is ready to be unloaded in Riga, Latvia! Thank you everyone that helped with this shipment.

[Iowa West Branch](#)



Additional News

OGT's [Highland Lakes Collection Center in Buchanan Dam, TX](#) recently delivered toys, backpacks, hygiene supplies, medical items, blankets and clothing to Cornerstone Children's Ranch in Quemado, TX. Thank you volunteers and donors!

Manna from Heaven serves many families living in poverty in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky. They were thrilled to receive nearly 6,000 pounds of various foods, bikes, school supplies, toys, furniture and other goods from Wisconsin Branch volunteers and donors in Westfield! To God be the Glory!

Iowa West Branch in Ida Grove recently delivered clothing, shoes, winter accessories, and bedding to local organizations that help families in need. Thank you, donors and volunteers!

Weekly Devotion

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit consists in all goodness, righteousness & truth) & find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said, "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, & Christ will shine on you." (Eph. 5:8-14)

Light vs Dark: Have you ever been in a cave when the lights were turned off? Deep in the recesses of the cavern it's so dark that you cannot see your hand even when it's inches from your face. It's very disconcerting! It's a genuine relief when the lights are turned back on again, & you can safely make it back to the surface. The Apostle Paul talks about the present darkness in which we live. It doesn't take much looking around to discover "*the fruitless deeds of darkness.*" It's an apt metaphor for our sinful world, where those living in darkness cannot see their hands in front of their faces.

We are called to live in the light. We are called to be "*light in the Lord.*" We are encouraged to "*find out what pleases the Lord.*" Where do we find out what pleases the Lord? The answer is found in Holy Scripture. But we remember that our good deeds don't earn us God's favor & love. They are a reflection of His love for us. Jesus said, "*In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see Your good deeds & praise your Father in heaven.*" (Matt. 5:16)

Today's Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for shining Your light into our dark world. Bless us to live as children of light. Amen.

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