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Being the Hands & Feet of Jesus

Did You Know....
Our Fiscal Year ended on May 31 and this is some of what we did during the year because of the support from You!

- 274 full shipments (40 or 53 ft. containers) worldwide.
- 155 – 53 ft. full semi-loads were distributed to domestic locations.
- 119 - 40 ft. full shipping containers went to 23 different countries overseas.
- More than $44.1 million worth of donated humanitarian aid, food and disaster relief assistance was distributed.

Sharing Christmas with Kids

OGT & Kelly Asbury with Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska is asking for your help to make 2,000 Christmas Gift boxes! We are in need of small stuffed animals and toys including dolls, Barbies, blocks (Legos, Duplos, wooden) and children’s puzzles. If you prefer to help with a monetary gift donation (marked ‘Grace Lutheran Christmas Box Project) please send to Grace Lutheran Church or Orphan Gain Train, Norfolk, NE. Kelly is accepting donations through July 31st. If you have any questions or would like to help pack the boxes, contact Kelly Asbury at 402-371-3521. Through this project, many children will know they are precious and that Jesus is the greatest gift of all! Thank you for your support!

Other donations that that are still being accepted for the Christmas Gift boxes include new underwear & socks, 24 count boxes of crayons, coloring books,
Food for Families

New England Branch volunteers in Terryville, CT delivered 8,200 pounds of food to Manna from Heaven to help them with their meal program to feed hungry families of Kentucky. They also delivered Bibles, bedding home furnishings, diapers, medical supplies, toys and sewing supplies. What wonderful gifts for many families living in poverty – thank you, donors and volunteers.

Loaded for Liberia

Pastor Kollie with Lutheran AID Ministries in Liberia is anxiously waiting for 95,040 Food for Kidz meals, Bibles, school desks and supplies, children’s clothing and other aid from Wisconsin Branch in Westfield. The ministry serves many families in need of daily basic needs and food. Praise be to God!

Wisconsin Branch
**Houston Branch volunteers** delivered various clothing, hygiene items, school kits and bedding to Valley Baptist Retreat Center in Mission, TX. Many will be served in the outreach program.

Willowbank Hutterian Association in North Dakota received 17 pallets of potatoes from the **Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska**.

Norfolk warehouse volunteers recently delivered two shipments of various foods to Native American Heritage Association (NAHA) in Black Hawk, SD. Wisconsin Branch was able to deliver sleeping mats, bedding, blankets, hygiene items, toys and other aid to NAHA which serves many, many families on various reservations in two states.

**Maryland Branch volunteers** in Millersville delivered medical equipment and supplies to St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Center in NJ which will fill a container going to Ukraine.

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**Weekly Devotion**

*I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who does it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind & making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! (Rom. 17:15-25a)**

**A War within Us:** I have a problem with food. I want to eat a healthy diet, especially because I’m diabetic & need to watch my carbs. I know that I shouldn’t help myself to a donut in the break room, but I can’t seem to help it. I know I shouldn’t order French fries, but I really like fries. And buffets? Don’t get me started. There’s a war about food within me—between what I know I should do & what I do anyway.

St. Paul is talking about a war going on inside him. It’s a war common to all of us. He desperately wants to do what is right, but because of sin, he ends up
doing what is wrong. He writes, “I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.” He is in turmoil because of this. “What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?” He answers his own question. He & we are delivered from the body of sin “through Jesus Christ our Lord!” It is Jesus & the Holy Spirit living within us that help us in our struggle against sin. By God’s power we are able to lead sanctified lives.

Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for delivering us from the body of sin & death. Enable us to lead holy lives. Amen.

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