Orphan Grain Train

Relief for Human Need Worldwide

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Goods for Mississippi
Lincoln Collection Center volunteers & donors did a great job collecting paper products, food, sanitation supplies and bleach along with putting together 200 disaster buckets that were packed with essential needs for sanitation cleanup following a disaster. The items were brought to the Norfolk warehouse where half of their products went to Moss Point, MS right after the most recent tornado hit on June 19. The other half of their load will go to Amory, Mississippi in August. Thank you, for stepping up and providing all these relief items for families in need!

Domestic Disaster Relief

New Region Reached
Christ Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church (CMELC) in Liberia will soon be receiving their first shipment from OGT. They support a school for children from low-income families and are thrilled to be receiving 71,280 Mercy Meals, student chairs and desks, bikes and other aid from Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska. What a blessing to be able serve more families in need in a different region of Liberia.

Volunteer Appreciation
Last month, Indiana Branch had an Appreciation Fish Feed luncheon for their volunteers in Jonesville. Besides good food, Pastor Bauman shared a short devotion centered on Matthew 25 "these" people whom we will probably never know but who have been blessed by our donors and volunteers through OGT. Gene Ernst; Branch Manager, shared some of the highlights over the last 25 years of OGT Indiana Branch. Overall, a good day to celebrate volunteers. First picture is of Gene Ernst (L) with Pastor Bauman.

Additional News

Phoenix Branch volunteers were busy delivering clothing and other items to various local organizations that help many families and children in need.

Norfolk warehouse volunteers in Nebraska loaded sewing machines, various medical equipment, bedding and other goods for Ysleta Mission in El Paso, TX.

Weekly Devotion

As the rain & snow come down from heaven, & do not return to it without watering the earth, making it yield seed for the sower & bread for the eater, so is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire & achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Is. 55:10-11) Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom & does not understand it, the evil one comes & snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word & at once receives it
with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life & the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word & understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. (Matt. 13:18-23)

**Seeds:** Matthew Chapter 13 contains the parable of the sower. A farmer sows seeds. Some fall along the path & are snatched up by birds. Some fall on rocky places. It does not have much soil because the soil is shallow, so when the sun comes up the plants are scorched. Some seeds fall among thorns. The thorns grow up & choke the plants. But some seeds fall on good soil, & it produces a bountiful crop.

What’s the point? The point is that the farmer doesn’t just scatter the seed on good soil. He scatters seed along the path, on rocky places, & among thorns. He’s rewarded when the seeds that fell on good soil produce a bountiful crop.

We may wonder why God’s Word doesn’t always seem to be effective. The prophet Isaiah reassures us, “My word that goes out of My mouth . . . will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire & achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” It is we who sow the seeds of God’s Word. It is God who makes the soil good, & it is by God’s work that there will be a bountiful harvest.

**Prayer:** “Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion; to You our vows will be fulfilled. O You who hear prayer, to You all men will come. When we are overwhelmed by sins, You forgave our transgressions. Blessed are those You choose & bring near to live in Your courts! We are filled with the good things of Your house, of Your holy temple.” Amen. (Ps. 65:1-4)

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