

# Being the Hands & Feet of Jesus

Maui Shipment Distributed

OGT has distributed our first air-cargo shipment of requested food, water, wheelchairs and other items for Maui families on Tuesday, August 22, 2023! Rev. Ralph Schmidt, OGT's Director of Donor Advising and Chris Singer; Lutheran Church Charities, is in Maui and helped distribute OGT's relief aid to those in need.

Please continue to pray for the many families still looking for loved ones, for first responders and those searching through debris. We also ask that if you are able to help with the cost of purchasing \$40,000.00 worth of food and aid along with air-cargo costs from this shipment, it would be very-much appreciated. A second shipment is being planned.

To donate online, click the button below.

Give to Maui Fire Relief



If you prefer to mail in a check, please earmark it Maui and send to: OGT PO Box 1466 Norfolk, NE 68702

This disaster will be costly and we plan to be there for the long-term, as OGT is with most disasters. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

## Items Needed for Maui

We are starting to work on the next shipment which will include requested items such as diapers, hygiene items, rice, pasta noodles, etc. We need your help to fill the second shipment. If you would like to purchase any of these items, they MUST be purchased in bulk or in cases for our volunteers to easily palletize for the shipping container. We have a wish list on Amazon for your convenience to purchase and have shipped to our warehouse, please click on the Amazon button below.

Have items shipped to: OGT - Norfolk warehouse 606 W. Phillip Ave Norfolk, NE 68701

We appreciate your continued support of this ministry.

### Amazon Wish List

### Maui Relief Items List

### More Help for Ukraine

Recently the Norfolk warehouse volunteers loaded two shipments for Ukraine. First one was loaded with 12,012 Mercy Meals, blankets, medical equipment, bikes and other aid for "Religious Community" Christian Church in Dnipro. The second shipment contained 42,768 Mercy Meals, hygiene supplies, 432 Luci solar lights and other aid for Charity Fund "Modern Village and Town" in Uman, Ukraine. May God bless these shipments to arrive safely and in a timely manner to serve many



people and children in desperate need of food and aid. Thank you, OGT supporters.



## Another Country Served!

OGT has shipped aid to our 71st country which was Syria to help feed earthquake victims. 256,608 Mercy Meals were distributed by Syrian Red Crescent, equivalent to our Red Cross. Mercy Meals were shared with many families in need.

Praise be to God!



**Many Grateful Hearts!** 

This video was made by PLAEP in Zambia of distributing their first OGT shipment of Mercy Meals, Bibles, blankets & clothing from the <u>Norfolk warehouse in</u> <u>Nebraska</u>. They help underserved families with economic empowerment, education and health initiatives. They were so grateful to receive the food and aid for the students and families.



# Help for Students

Native Hope in Chamberlain, SD picked up school kits, hygiene supplies and clothes from the Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska. The items will help supply the students for the start of the school year.



## **Busy Collecting**

<u>Lincoln Collection Center volunteers</u> loaded an OGT semi-truck with 12 bicycles, 10 wheelchairs and pallets of boxed goods for OGT headquarters in Norfolk. Pastor Ron Holling from Omaha repaired the bicycles to be sent overseas. Thank you everyone involved!



# Additional News

OGT funded a shipment of 272,160 Manna Pack meals from Feed My Starving Children to Bread of Life orphanages in Romania. BoL has many orphanages and rural feeding programs that these meals will bless.

<u>Missouri-Illinois Branch in St. Louis</u> made several local deliveries of food and hygiene supplies to organizations that help many families in need.

Everything Beautiful in Lame Deer, MT received children's items, medical equipment, household items, bedding and clothing from <u>Central Nebraska Branch</u> <u>volunteers in Grand Island</u>.

Recently *lowa West Branch volunteers in Ida Grove* made several local deliveries to organizations that help families. Thank you, donors and volunteers!

# Weekly Devotion

May God be gracious to us & bless us & make His face shine upon us, that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You. May the nations be glad & sing for joy, for You rule the people justly & guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You. Then the land will yield its harvest, & God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, & all the ends of the earth will fear Him. (Psalm 67)

**Benediction:** If the opening verses of *Psalm* 67 sound familiar, it's probably because the psalmist is echoing the words of the Aaronic blessing, found in *Numbers* 6:24-26. "The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell Aaron & his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them, 'The Lord bless you & keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you & be gracious to you; may the Lord turn His face toward you, & give you peace."

This benediction is still commonly used at the end of worship services. According to dictionary.com, a benediction is "an utterance of good wishes; the form of blessing announced by an officiating minister, as at the end of a divine service." As a young boy I strained to see the pastor pronounce this blessing & make the sign of the cross at end close of a church service. For me it brought closure to Sunday morning worship.

And how has the Lord blessed us? First & foremost, He blessed us with the gift of His Son Jesus Christ, who suffered & died on the cross & was raised to life on the third day. His death won forgiveness for us, & His resurrection assured us of our salvation.

**Prayer:** Thank You for Your great blessings, Lord. Bless us so that we in turn may be a blessing to others. Amen.

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