Nebraska had several days with temperatures over 100°, nights not cooling under 80° and high humidity causing continual stress on cattle and several died. OGT was asked to help
with spraying down cows using our water tanker. We filled the tanker several times at Norfolk’s water department hook up site and sprayed cattle at two feedlots to relieve them of the extreme heat. We are grateful that the heat wave broke and we are back in the 80s.

Disaster Relief

Food and Gifts for the Hungry

German Lopez with Ministerio Cristiano Presencia de Dios in Honduras was overjoyed to be able to share 114,048 Mercy Meals, various clothing, bicycles, and toys with many families living in rural villages. The shipment was from the Norfolk warehouse and the Mercy Meals were produced by: 49,896 Norfolk, 28,512 Siouxland, 21,384 Hastings, 14,256 MM.
Loaded for Latvia
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia is grateful to soon be receiving backpacks, office supplies, bikes, medical equipment, clothing and blankets from donors and volunteers at OGT's Castle Rock Collection Center in Colorado. What wonderful gifts to serve many in need.

Christmas for Children
Rocky Mountain Branch in Julesburg, CO recently purchased the gifts needed to complete and pack 500 Christmas Gift boxes. Through this effort we were able to accomplish our goal of exposing more individuals to the mission work of OGT by inviting volunteers from our neighboring communities and churches to help us pack these boxes and also by gifting needy children. Some of the boxes will be loaded onto our upcoming Lithuania shipment. Volunteers came from a radius of sixty miles and included the Colorado communities of Sterling, Haxtun, Holyoke, Julesburg, Amherst and the Nebraska communities of Grant, Venango, and
Ogallala. We had two 3-hour packing times, and had ten to twelve workers each session. Our goal and mission were joyfully completed.

Fun Fellowship

Lots of wonderful volunteers at the Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska! They are here from Norfolk, Madison, York, Pender & Bancroft! So much fun and fellowship being shared while packing boxes for those in need. In the warehouse, not air conditioned, we have volunteers loading a warm 40 ft. container with aid for Republic of Georgia! Thank you Lord for providing OGT all with these awesome volunteers!

Norfolk Warehouse

Sew Giving

Lincoln Collection Center was blessed with many quilts from these three quilters! Thank you for your time and talent shared with many in need.

Lincoln Collection Center
Indiana Branch volunteers in Jonesville recently made two deliveries of aid. First was to Manna from Heaven in Myra, KY that included 6 bunkers of household items for many families living in poverty in the Appalachian Mts. The next was to Cincinnati, OH delivering medical equipment and diapers to Matthew 25 Ministries. Thank you, donors and volunteers for showing Christ’s love to many families in need.

Global Community Outreach in Guatemala will soon be receiving 513,216 Mercy Meals from the Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska. Praise be to God!

NAHA – Native American Heritage Association in Black Hawk, SD received 28 pallets of various food to share with many families living on reservations in two states.

**Weekly Devotion**

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified. (Rom. 8:28-30).*

**Called & Justified:** Here are two important truths found in this passage from St. Paul's *Epistle to the Romans*. For those who have been called—that’s you & me—“in all things God works for the good of those who love Him.” Do you love God? Then you can be assured that you have been called by Him. And God can take the hardest, the worst circumstances, & somehow, some way, make them work out for the best. I have seen this happen in my own life & in the lives of others. Perhaps you have, too.

Secondly, we have been justified. This is crucial, because, unless we are justified, we are lost. Our sin separates us from God forever. Yet Jesus Christ, because of His death & resurrection, justifies us. To be justified, according to dictionary.com, is to be “declared innocent or guiltless; to be absolved; to be acquitted.” Thanks to the work of Jesus, & not our own works, we have been justified, declared innocent, absolved & acquitted before our holy God.

**Prayer:** Thank You, Father, for calling us to be Your own. Thank You for declaring us justified because of Your Son Jesus. We praise You in Your Son’s name. Amen.

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