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Gifts That Give Smiles

Rocky Mountain Branch volunteers in Julesburg shipped OGT Christmas Gift boxes and other aid to Pastor Valdas Miliauskas in Lithuania. We received these wonderful pictures and they were especially thrilled to receive the Christmas boxes to share with many children eager to hear the Christmas story and put smiles on their faces!

What We Do

Rocky Mountain Branch



Supplies for Warmth

You may recall a story about a sewing workshop set up for women at a shelter in Republic of Georgia that was supplied with sewing machines, fabric and lots of yarn. The ladies started knitting winter clothes. Turpa, one of our recipients is in awe of their work, sharing that “they are really good at it!” They are slowly but



surely using all the materials they received from OGT and creating beautiful and necessary items for women to use. And it looks like she is also a Nebraska Huskers fan! I wonder if she watches Husker football or volleyball?

Newsroom

Serving Those in Need

Youth from St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Omaha put together 30 hygiene kits for the Norfolk warehouse. Thank you for your servant hearts to help those less fortunate.





[New England Branch volunteers in Terryville, CT](#) were busy loading 1,371 boxes of diapers, hygiene supplies, blankets, clothing and other goods along with sewing machines & bikes for Lithuania. Evangelical Lutheran Diaconia is grateful to be receiving the aid to share with many, many families in need.



[North Dakota Branch volunteers in Jamestown](#) loaded 19,734 Mercy Meals of North Dakota, 17 bikes, student chairs and desks, Bibles and other aid for Lutheran Church in Liberia. They enjoyed hot coffee and treats after loading in the cold. So many wonderful gifts and food to fill bellies for families living in poverty. Praise be to God!

Busy Little Helpers

Neligh-Oakdale Student Council students in Nebraska had a clothing and school supply drive bringing in many bags/boxes of items. They then toured the [Norfolk warehouse](#) and asked many inquiring questions. They ended their afternoon at the Mercy Meals operation putting together meals to feed the hungry. What a great group of future leaders!



Additional News

[Wisconsin Branch volunteers](#) delivered 7,606 pounds of various foods, 11,880 Food for Kidz meals, furniture, hygiene supplies, bikes, children's items and other needed aid for Manna from Heaven in Kentucky where unemployment is one of the highest in our nation. Praise be to God!

[Missouri-Illinois Branch in St. Louis](#) delivered food, hygiene supplies and other goods to many local organizations in the area that help families in need.

In response to Giving Tuesday's funds raised for Maui, Norfolk warehouse is planning a shipment for mid-January to include Mercy Meals and purchased foods, hygiene kits and other requested aid. Emmanuel Lutheran Church near Lahaina will again distribute the food and items to many families still devastated from the fires. Thank you to all that generously gave for Maui on Giving Tuesday!

[Ohio Collection Center volunteers](#) delivered blankets, clothing, furniture, toys and household items to local organizations helping families locally in need.

Weekly Devotion

"Here is My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen one in whom I delight; I will put My Spirit on Him & He will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise His voice in the street. A bruised reed He will not break, & a smoldering wick He will not snuff out. In faithfulness He will bring forth justice; He will not falter or be discouraged till He establishes justice on the earth. In His law the islands will put their hope." This is what God the Lord says—He who created the heavens &

stretched them out, who spread out the earth & all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, & life to those who walk on it: "I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness; I will take hold of Your hand. I will keep You & will make You to be a covenant for the people & a light to the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison & to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness." (Is. 42:1-7)

A God Who Speaks Softly: There were many reasons why the Jews of the 1st century A.D. wouldn't accept Jesus as the Messiah. Mainly, they expected a Messiah who would come in power & might to vanquish the Romans & restore Israel to prominence among the nations. This would require a Messiah who would shout in victory over His foes.

Instead, they got a Messiah who *"(would) not shout or cry out."* They got a Messiah who would not *"raise His voice in the street."* And this Messiah's idea of *"justice"* would not coincide with the people's idea of justice. His idea of *"justice"* would be to offer Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of all people, & that included the Gentiles. We still have a Savior today who comes to us gently. *"A bruised reed He will not break, & a smoldering wick He will not snuff out."* His faithfulness in the face of our faithlessness establishes Himself as our humble Lord & Savior.

Prayer Prompts: Give thanks & praise to Jesus, because He is the humble Savior of the world.

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