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Texas Fire Relief Efforts

Texas is facing its largest wildfire in history which has scorched everything in its path. High temperatures and strong winds are feeding the fire that has burned over 1,700 square miles in the Panhandle. More than 500 structures are gone and thousands of livestock have perished. OGT is working on ways to help, starting with hay relief efforts to feed cattle with no grasslands left. We have delivered one load of hay, with more to be delivered, along with other relief efforts. If you would like to help, please donate online at www.ogt.org to Domestic Disaster Relief and in the comments write Texas Fires. Or you can mail a check earmarked for Texas Fires to: OGT, PO Box 1466, Norfolk, NE 68702. Thank you for your support of the Texas ranchers and all the livestock in need of food and care. Photo from previous hay donation from OGT.

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Strong Backs Needed

OGT Logistics Director Brent Kummer (4th from the right) recruited a group of men from the Lindsey area along with Norfolk warehouse volunteers Janet & Jerry Mansfield (far left) to help load 11 church pews from the Palestine Baptist Church in St. Edward, Nebraska. These pews will be such a blessing for another congregation somewhere in the world.



Loaded for Latvia

Castle Rock Collection Center volunteers in CO. loaded 1,328 boxes of clothes, 30 bikes and assorted medical equipment for Saules kalns in Latvia. A special thanks to not only these loading volunteers, but all the other volunteers who pick up the clothes, sort, and pack the boxes. And, thank you to Larry Drees, the bicycle repair man! To God be the glory!



Grateful for Travelers

Earlier this month, eight adult volunteers from St. John Lutheran Church in Green Valley, Illinois, traveled 330 miles round trip to lend their hands to the work of the [Missouri-Illinois branch of OGT](#). They brought 20 handmade quilts plus a variety of men's coats. Brad Jackson, manager of the site, coordinated the initial scheduling and work. A tour of the site also took place. "Their work at the site involved sorting clothes, packing hygiene kits, bringing in food for distribution to various church-related pantries in St. Louis, and concluded with miscellaneous tasks," reported Dr. Gerald Perschbacher, a board member of the branch. "They spent additional time in the afternoon for a stop at Concordia Seminary. Their help was sincerely appreciated." Coordinator for the visiting group was Donald Lutz of Green Valley. Group photo by Keith Scherer. Other photos by Dr. Perschbacher.



Check Out South Dakota Collection Center!

The [South Dakota Collection Center volunteers in Milbank](#) have been very busy since the first of 2024! This location collects reusable goods and special kits, sort and pack the items then deliver locally and/or to the Norfolk warehouse in NE. They also have a needs list if you are in the area to donate or if you would like to give online at www.ogt.org write SD Location

in comments. Thank you, SD donors and volunteers!
Click the button to see what they have packed and what they need.

[The Latest from OGT's South Dakota Location](#)

Smiles & Servant Hearts

Mary Martha Circle at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux City, IA assembled 40 hygiene kits that were delivered to OGT in Norfolk, NE. Thank you, ladies, for sharing the love of Christ with many in need.



[OGT's 27 Locations](#)

Weekly Devotion

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, the Maker of heaven & earth, the sea, & everything in them—the Lord, who remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed & gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed

down, the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the alien & sustains the fatherless & the widow, but He frustrates the ways of the wicked. The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord. (Psalm 146)

Elections: We get pretty worked up about elections, don't we? We trust that somehow, someday, our elected leaders & political parties will deliver the goods. When we look at the recent history of our country, we should realize how futile this is. It's always been this way. The psalmist gives us a Holy Spirit-inspired reminder. *"Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save."* Our leaders will never deliver the results we hope for. But there is one who never fails. It's God! God never fails! He helps us cope with the many cares & concerns of this life. Furthermore, regardless of the outcome of any election or any of our earthly burdens, He calls us to be His children through the work of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord & Savior. *"The Lord remains faithful forever."* There is a further reminder in this psalm, & it reminds us of the mission & ministry of OGT. *"(God) upholds the cause of the oppressed & gives food to the hungry . . . the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down . . . The Lord watches over the alien & sustains the fatherless & the widow."* How does He accomplish this? He accomplishes this through His people! He blesses us so that we, in turn, may be a blessing to others. He gives us the privilege of carrying out His work on earth.

Prayer Prompts: Ask God to bless us with the leaders we need & help us cope with the leaders we get. Ask Him to help us be grateful for godly leaders & to give them the honor & respect that He desires. Ask Him to bless the mission & ministry of OGT & enable you to further His kingdom work.

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