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Gifts for Many

More distribution photos from [Iowa West Branch in Ida Grove](#) shipment to Republic of Georgia. Many of the families are Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) whom had to leave their homes and jobs due to war. These families make the best of the living conditions and lack of employment. Thank you, Iowa West volunteers and donors for sharing the love of Jesus with many.



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Disaster Relief Delivered

In Response to the generous monetary donations given along with Thrivent's match for Giving Tuesday last November, OGT's shipment of food and aid has arrived in Maui for fire victims. A container filled with 128,304 Mercy Meals, generators, white rice, hygiene supplies and scrub buckets were off loaded by OGT's Donor Advising Ralph Schmidt at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Lahaina. The church has a distribution center that helps the many families still struggling from the massive fire. Thank you, OGT donors and Thrivent!





[Phoenix Branch volunteers](#) were thrilled to serve retired Pastor Carl Hampsch and his wife, Karen, who live in Mexico. They operate an orphanage named Esperanza para los Niño's in Puerto Pensaco, Mexico, better known as Rocky Point to Arizona residents. Puerto Pensaco is a four-hour drive from the Metro Phoenix area. They were in Arizona on personal business and stopped at our warehouse and collected 25 boxes and stuffed these in their car. Where there wasn't room for anymore boxes, we took the contents of the boxes and stuffed every open space with clothing! Blessings to Esperanza!

Pictured, L-R Pastor Carl, Karen, Branch Treasurer Jeannie Becker, and volunteer Ken Weber.

Sewn With Love

Since October of 2019, this remarkable group of ladies from the Rochester, MN area has sewn over 5,000 dresses! These women have used their God-given talents to bring the love of Jesus to girls in need around the world. Over 2,100 of these dresses have been donated to [OGT's Wisconsin Branch in Westfield](#). Under the leadership of Denise Smalley (pictured in the back row, left side), these talented sewers have met monthly to receive prepared kits to sew dresses. Denise prepares the kits, which contain the fabric, bias tape, and elastic needed to make a dress. Each seamstress then adds her own creativity with the pockets and embellishments. Much of the fabric and supplies have been donated by individuals who have heard about this ministry and have desired to support it. Thrivent Action Teams have supported the project as well.

To God be the Glory!



Goods for Kentucky

Indiana Branch volunteers delivered sewing supplies, household items, bedding and other goods to Carol at St. Paul Catholic Church Mission (The Attic) in McKee, KY. Thank you, Indiana donors and volunteers!



Indiana Branch

Last December, Norfolk warehouse delivered a load of various food to Toi Carter in Louisiana. Pictures are from some of the food being distributed to a mostly Honduran community at the Iglesia El Aposento Alto. Toi worked with Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants and with many volunteers for this distribution.





Serving Others

Campbell Snodgrass, a junior in West Point, NE, made 50 dental hygiene kits as a personal project to donate to OGT's Norfolk warehouse. How wonderful to do this for others in need. Thank you for your servant heart.

Flooring for Tents

Wisconsin Branch funded a container of flooring designed to provide protection against cold and diseases for refugees staying in tents in Ukraine. The flooring will be used in tents previously purchased and shipped from Wisconsin Branch donors to Christian Mission New life – Smolin Ministries. What blessings for the many families living in cold tents during the winter months. May God continue to bless these families with aid and food.

Additional News

[Norfolk warehouse volunteers](#) loaded a semi-trailer filled with 34 pallets of various foods for Native American Heritage Association in Black Hawk, SD. The much-appreciated foods will serve many families, organizations and schools on reservations in two states.

Valley Baptist Retreat Center in Mission, TX was grateful for [Central Nebraska Branch volunteers](#) to deliver 21,168 Mercy Meals, hygiene items, medical equipment, bikes, school supplies and many other goods.

OGT's [Lincoln Collection Center volunteers](#) delivered medical supplies, hygiene kits, clothing and other goods to local organizations that help those in need.

Wisconsin Branch volunteers loaded 7,000 pounds of various foods, 1,944 Food for Kidz meals, bikes, school supplies, medical equipment and other aid for the Pavilion in San Benito, TX. Many gifts & nourishment for families in need!

Recently Latin American Lutheran Mission (LALM) in Laredo, TX was thrilled to receive more than 6,000 pounds of various foods, 11,880 Food for Kidz meals, medical equipment, diapers, school kits and other goods from Wisconsin Branch in Westfield. Thank you, donors and volunteers!

Weekly Devotion

I will declare Your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise You. You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor Him! Revere Him, all you descendants of Israel! For He has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; He has not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help. From You comes the

theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear You will I fulfill my vows. The poor will eat & be satisfied; they who seek the Lord will praise Him—may your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth will remember & turn to the Lord, & all the families of the nations will bow down before Him, for dominion belongs to the Lord & He rules over the nations. All the rich of the earth will feast & worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before Him—those who cannot keep themselves alive. Posterity will serve Him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn—for He has done it. (Ps. 22:22-31)

The Poor Will Eat: Lois & I lived in Chicago for five years. It was there that we developed a taste for “exotic” food. Just about any ethnic food you could imagine was available. Our taste for exotic foods continued even after we moved from Chicago. We have sampled Chinese food, Filipino, Thai, Italian, Vietnamese, Polynesian, Japanese, German, Polish, Persian, Armenian, East Indian, Native American, Greek—I may be leaving something out. How does your list compare to mine? The psalmist has this to say about food: *“The poor will eat & be satisfied . . . All the rich of the earth will feast & worship.”* He’s talking about more than just earthly food. He’s talking about Jesus, the Bread of Life. (SEE *John 6:35*.) This is truly exotic food. Jesus comes to us in the Word & in the bread & wine of Holy Communion, where we receive His body & blood. This food does not satisfy us in this world alone. It satisfies us for eternity. God also calls us to feed the hungry of the world—those who are hungry not only for earthly bread but also hungry for the Bread of Life. At Orphan Grain Train we work through Mercy Meals & Feed My Starving Children to accomplish this. May God continue to bless us with the resources we need to feed the hungry, both here & abroad.

Prayer Prompts: Thank Jesus that He has blessed us with the Bread of Life. Ask Him to bless our efforts to feed the hungry.

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