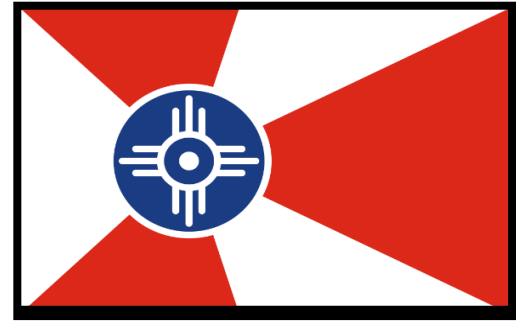


WICHITA BRANCH ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN



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Thanks to all the donations and to those



who prepared Quilts & Kits this past quarter.



Saturday, July 13th Mount Hope Bible Fellowship stopped by to sort clothes with us.

Thanks to Daniel and Cathy for coming back with a new bunch of volunteers. It is always good to see our friends from Mount Hope. Come back any time.

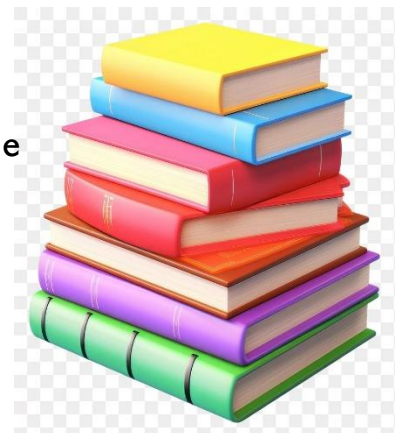


Once again this year, volunteers from Summer Safari joined us to lend a hand at sorting. Summer Safari is an extension of VBS (vacation Bible school) for the older students at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita. They came on a Friday in July and worked for two hours. They worked hard and accomplished a lot during that two hours. Thanks again for helping out. Come back anytime.

BOOK, BOOK, AND MORE BOOKS!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Unless you have an idea for us on where to send books, Bibles, hymnals, etc. we are at a loss. We have never been able to include books in any of our shipments and local resources are few. If you have a suggestion for anyone or any place that would like to have some books, **PLEASE** let us know.

Due to the overwhelming stock of books in our inventory, we will not be accepting more books at this time.





Our branch has been fortunate enough to purchase some much needed improvements in our building. The warehouse needed more pallette shelving to help with inventory. We were running out of floor space in the front warehouse room and being able to stack the pallettes on shelves three-high helps tremendously. We had previously added these same pallette shelves in the back warehouse space and it has been a tremendous blessing.

We updated our older washer and dryer set with new front loaders. The larger machines help us cope with the multiple loads of laundry we do each week. The older set was donated to CarePortal, picked up by volunteers at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and delivered to a needy family.



If you are not familiar with Care Portal, check them out. Whether you simply want to keep one child out of foster care, help one family in crisis stay together or rally your community, CarePortal connects you. Holy Cross has partnered with CarePortal's local Wichita branch. They have served over 50 families, 250 children, and made an economic impact over \$50,000 so far this year in Sedgwick County. They have given beds, bedding, pillows, other furniture, strollers, cribs, toddler beds, other baby items, and more. OGT Wichita is happy to be a part of this wonderful service in our community.



Our aging AC unit was having trouble keeping up with the triple digit heat this summer and it wasn't even August yet. So we installed blinds on the west windows of our front sorting room and hung oscillating fans in opposite corners to help with the air flow. These two things have helped tremendously during these hot summer weeks.

The front room was a difficult spot to work for those close to those west windows. They say the binds and fans have made a big difference.



We have also installed some new signage to the front of the building thanks to a donation from one of our volunteers. We had visitors complain that we were difficult to find when coming from the east on Maple Street. Previously the only signs were on the west side of the building and one in the front window. This flag sign extends out from the front of the building over the window and can be seen from the east and the west.



OGT CONVENTION



John and Susan Evans and Michael and Teresa Hauschild were able to attend the OGT Convention in September in Norfolk, NE. During the visit they were able to tour Norfolk's new facility. The staff at Norfolk were most anxious to move in and get started. They have done a wonderful job improving function and organization in the new spaces.

During a break the next day, Michael bumped into the founder of Open Door Foundation of Ukraine, Vitaliy Smolin. This just happened to be the destination of our upcoming shipment on October 2nd. Vitaliy agreed to come to Wichita and help us load the truck and give a talk to our volunteers. He also told us he had a need for men's, women's, and children's winter shoes and coats. We put out a special request when we got home and the response was wonderful.



Thank You

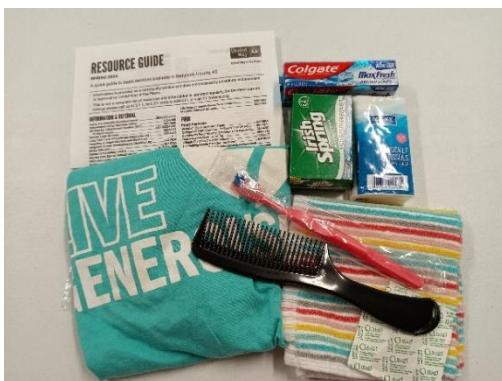
We want to thank those who responded to this special request.

WICHITA OGT SHIPMENT TO UKRAINE



However, due to the longshoreman strike on the east coast, our shipment was cancelled. Vitaliy came anyway and spoke to our volunteers. One of the local television stations came and interviewed John (our branch manager) and Vitaliy. The piece aired that evening during the 10:00 news. We thank Vitaliy for the kind words encouraging people to come and check out Wichita OGT.

We hope our shipment will be rescheduled soon, now that the strike has been postponed until January.



Last newsletter, I told you about the little hygiene handout bags we made for any needy person who comes to our door. I am pleased to report that we have actually handed out three of those and it felt good to be able to help someone. We hope to hand out more. Praise Be!!



*We will be closed on
Wednesday, Nov. 27th
& Saturday, Nov. 30th
for Thanksgiving.*



*We will be closed
Wednesday, Dec. 25th
and Saturday, Dec. 28th
for Christmas.*

*We will be Closed
Wednesday, January 1st,
2025 for New Years.*



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE FROM WICHITA OGT.