

## **ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN-NORTH DAKOTA BRANCH.**

### **2010 UPDATE**

During the past year the OGT has been presented with great challenges in far away places as well as right here on our doorsteps as we are reminded of the words "Do not become weary in well doing".

We thank God for the well-being of our senior volunteers who continually labor with enthusiasm as we meet at the warehouse weekly. From time to time we are visited from a married couple and LWML units that join us on our workdays.

When the Haiti disaster hit, it seemed like the most appropriate way of handling that situation was to gather funds and so we contacted all LCMS congregations and our donors and submitted \$10,000 + and channeled the funds through the Norfolk office who had made contacts in Haiti.

We traveled across ND into Montana and occasionally into Wyoming with our '95 - F350 Ford bus and trailer picking up and delivering shipments. We have been to Cody Wyoming and Lewistown, Montana. We pray that the old Ford and we will continue to endure.

A laundry in Minot contacted us offering hundreds of men's uniform shirts and pants that had been hanging in a back room at the laundry for a couple of years. They were in very good shape but needed washing. We brought home a portion of them. This has been Avonne's special little project. To date she has washed, folded and packed 525 shirts and 250 pair of pants ready for shipment.

Our last year shipments include one to the Lutheran Mission at El Paso, Texas; One to the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Rock Point, AZ.; Also four truck trailer loads to the Bdecan Mission at the Spirit Lake Mission, Devils Lake, ND.

We continue to financially support the Christian Day School in Liberia, Africa.

Our finances are adequate and we do with what we have. We are grateful for those who see our needs. The LWML grants have been a great blessing.

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