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## Greetings from OGT, Jonesville, Indiana!

**Hurricane Helene and Milton response has been phenomenal!** Once again, the generosity of the people of this area (and beyond) has proven to be exceptional. The plea went out over email blast, church announcements, Bridge FM and WCSI radio interviews, as well as word of mouth, and folks responded. The OGT 48' trailer was full and made its way to eastern Tennessee and was loaded at Bristol Motor Speedway. From there, the donations will be distributed to areas devastated by the torrential hurricane rains.



This was one of 3 OGT trailers spotted for donations. One was at St. Peter's, another at Immanuel, Seymour, and the third at St. Paul, Clifty.

## Thank You. Thank You. Thank You!!!!!!

Physical donations of water, diapers and wipes, cleaning supplies, brooms, canned and dry foods, shovels, mops, scrub buckets, and countless new blankets filled the trailer.



With financial donations we were able to purchase 10 generators (which when were promised to be at OGT by the 22<sup>nd</sup> but then got delayed to the 29<sup>th</sup> and missed the trailer load) and will be sent as needed on a future load. At the direction of our contact

person in Tennessee, OGT will send a load of clothes and furniture when needed.

It always takes time to figure out the levels of needs and how best to distribute them.



**October 24 the trailer finally left** our yard after some electrical hook up issues got resolved.



Randy Fisher called the next morning to report that a flat tire on the trailer had been fixed and he was on his way to the Speedway for the drop off. On the way he was alerted to smoke coming out of the back wheel on the trailer. Turns out the bearings decided they had gone far enough. At this point the load was about a mile from the drop point. After getting a wrecker involved to get the load to its destination, we made arrangements with the wrecker service to keep the trailer (something we had discussed before) in place of a bill. It was actually a win-win for both parties! OGT is now officially out of the larger trailering business, and when needed, we will hire. It's been an interesting adventure with Hurricane Helene. But, as with all things, the Lord remains in control and He sees us through it and we can worship Him for His faithfulness in letting us serve others in His name. All praise be to Him!

**Volunteers!** Folks who give of their time and energy are what make OGT Indiana work. The following pics are just some of the latest who have helped OGT keep moving loads to those in need.



Central Lutheran Brownstown Jr Nat'l Honor Society



St. Peter's Serve Columbus team



Cummins guys loading the Ysleta load



Grace Lutheran, team 1 and team 2



Thanks to the many folks willing to share their time and energy in order to help others in their need. If you are so inclined to volunteer, please call, email, or connect with me to see when you can come and be part of this ministry.

### Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, TX.

Serving the people on and near the border is a huge mission opportunity to share God's love in Word and deed. OGT IN sent over 1300 boxes of clothing and many containers of household and Christmas items for the folks there. Included in the load were 11 hospital beds that were sent across the border to a hospital. The response is always one of thankfulness for the love of their neighbors up north who care. Again, thank you folks of Indiana for caring for those in need.



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If you are involved with Thrivent Financial, you have the opportunity to direct Choice Dollars and/or use an Action Card to help the ministry of OGT. Talk with your representative advisor for details.

### How to help OGT save money!

This newsletter has been mailed to you. Here is the catch—the post office requires us to have “Return Service Requested” on each envelope. This means that, if an address has been changed and OGT Indiana isn't notified of the new address, a returned newsletter to be resent costs an additional \$.73 for each one.

SO, if your address has changed or will change, please let us know so we can update our list.

If you would like your newsletter emailed, please contact us at: [indianaogt@gmail.com](mailto:indianaogt@gmail.com). Thank you.

### OGT Wish List

1. Prayers of the faithful that OGT Indiana continues to serve the needs of those less fortunate and remains true to the Lord's challenge defined in James regarding the care of widows and orphans, as well as the

words of the Lord who calls us to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, care for the sick, and visit those in prison.

2. **Drivers and those willing to assist** in picking up donations, especially appliances and furniture. Please call **812-405-2045** to add your name to the OGT list of volunteers.
3. **Volunteers** willing to share a couple of hours a week or every other week or whatever fits your schedule. The basic days for sorting and packing items are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Other times can be scheduled whenever OGT members are available.

**OGT Indiana** is blessed by those who give so willingly of their time. Some have asked about the number of volunteers. Over the course of a week there are 18 regulars. Coupling that with the groups that come in once a month, that number jumps to 50. Adding in the various groups that come once or twice a year, talking around another 50-60 people

that get to experience the volunteer effect of serving others in the name of Jesus.

**As I finish off this newsletter**, I would like to invite you to consider a year-end gift to Orphan Grain Train Indiana. This is the only “ask” that you will receive from us and so I would like you to prayerfully consider making a financial gift for the ongoing work of OGT Indiana Branch.

Thank you and may the Lord continue to bless and keep us in His love and mercy.

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