

# NEWSLETTER

To encourage & enable God's people to share personal & material resources in bringing Christ's name & character to needy people both far & near.



## SUPPLIES NEEDED

Items requested for upcoming shipments and also those in need locally.

- school supplies\*
- bath towels\*
- washcloths\*
- cloth diapers\*
- large safety pins
- baby sleeper (newborn - 12 mo)
- toothbrushes
- combs
- rubber or swimmer pants\*
- soap boxes\*
- travel size Kleenex
- nail clippers\*

\*Items in greatest need at this time.

We often get questions about what we can and cannot accept. Here are some of the most common:

### Can Accept

- furniture
- bed pillows
- pots & pans
- dishes
- beds (new or used)\*

### Cannot Accept

- knick knacks
- holiday decorations
- decorative pillows

## OGT ND SUPPORTS NORTH CAROLINA HURRICANE RELIEF

Hurricane Helene, which struck in late September 2024, caused significant damage in North Carolina. The storm brought record-breaking rainfall and catastrophic flooding, particularly in western parts of the state. The heavy rains and high winds led to widespread power outages and extensive property damage. In November 2024, we were able to help those in need by working with local churches and OGT Minnesota.

### What organizations did we work with?

The shipment to the Hurricane Helene victims in North Carolina began with generous donations from Lutheran churches in the Fargo-Moorhead area. OGT North Dakota volunteered to take the Mercy Meals truck to North Carolina to deliver the donations. Kirk Rosin, from OGT ND, drove the truck from Jamestown, stopping in Fargo-Moorhead, Detroit Lakes and finished the load with donations from the Minnesota OGT. The donations were delivered to St. Peters Lutheran Church in Conover, North Carolina, who served as a distribution point in the state.

### Who will benefit from the donations?

These donations were delivered to St. Peters in Conover to churches and organizations in the mountain areas. From there they were dispersed out to the local people in need.

### What donations did we provide?

There were various items provided for disaster relief in the area, including cleaning supplies, quilts, blankets and winter coats as well as OGT's health, hygiene, and school kits.

### How will this shipment make a difference in the recipients' lives?

Many of the people in the mountains of North Carolina, two months after the Hurricane, still did not have their roads open or their electricity back. These donated items were needed for their daily lives. The people in these remote areas were getting aid from the churches, and were not receiving aid from the government, so there was a great need.

### Anything else notable?

OGT volunteer, Kirk Rosin, spent a week there and then went back into the Blue Ridge Mountains to work in some of the disaster areas. Kirk stated that devastation was unimaginable and the people in the remote mountain areas suffered greatly, especially through winter.



# EAGLE PASS SHIPMENT DELIVERED TO MEXICO

OGT ND often sends shipments to Eagle Pass, Texas and most recently in December. From there, the shipment went to Fuerza Espiritual to Pastor Juan Valadez in Piedras Negras, Mexico. The donated items will be helping Christians and others struggling in Mexico.

We provided food, clothes and medical supplies, along with health kits, coats and quilts. For the children, we shipped toys and school supplies.

The shipment also included children's Christmas shoe boxes that were put together by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Moorhead, Minnesota and from a church in Rochester, Minnesota. The shoe boxes were dispersed at Christmas time to children at churches in Mexico in a 100 mile radius from Piedras Negras. The Christmas shoe boxes were decorated by Sunday School children and a Christmas message in Spanish was included with them.



We pray that these shoe boxes will bring joy to the children in Mexico, along with a Christian message that will witness to their heart at Christmas. The food will also help families that are struggling with hunger, along with the other essential life items sent. They will be coming from Mexican churches with a Christian message, sharing the Gospel and the love of Jesus through these donations.

OGT ND volunteer, Kirk Rosin, went to church in Mexico, where he witnessed the poverty. The back wall and the roof, had been blown off the church. They only had tarps to cover and enclose the roof and the back wall so they could have church services again. The children were so excited and thankful to receive the items. We truly feel blessed to be

able to share God's word through this ministry.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Sue Corwin

**What's your role with OGT ND?** *Warehouse Manager and Treasurer*

**How long have you been volunteering?** *Since the organization moved to Jamestown in 2017*

**What's your favorite part of the work you do?** *I enjoy being able to help people and how thankful they are when we can assist them during a great time of need.*

**What made you interested in OGT?** *Being able to help others. Also, it is nice to see how happy those are that get our shipment.*



Sue is pictured on the far right of this photo.



Alpha Chi group from the University of Jamestown and the clothes they donated and packed.

## THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

Recent volunteers include a confirmation group from St. Croix United Church in Valley City who packed 135 hygiene kits and the Student Leadership group from University of Jamestown who packed 5,630 Mercy Meals.



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**“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:18**

## FACT SUMMARY as of May 31, 2024

From OGT Headquarters in Nebraska

Organized: April 1992    First Shipment Overseas: March 1993    Semi-loads Worldwide: 4,782

### 27 Regional Branches and Collection Centers

Castle Rock, CO	Houston	Maryland	Missouri-Illinois	Ohio	Wichita
Calif.-Ariz.-Nev.	Indiana	Michigan	Missouri West	Phoenix	Wisconsin
Central Iowa	Iowa-West	Mid-Atlantic, PA	New England	Rocky Mountain CO	
Central Nebraska	Kansas	Minnesota-North	North Dakota	South Dakota	
Colorado West	Lincoln, NE	Minnesota-South	Norfolk, NE	Texas	

### Disaster Response or Aid Sent To 38 States

Alabama	Kentucky	New Mexico
Arizona	Louisiana	N. Dakota
Arkansas	Maryland	Ohio
California	Michigan	Oklahoma
Colorado	Minnesota	Penn.
Connecticut	Mississippi	S. Carolina
Delaware	Missouri	S. Dakota
Florida	Montana	Texas
Hawaii	N. Carolina	Tennessee
Indiana	Nebraska	Tennessee
Illinois	Nevada	Wisconsin
Iowa	New Jersey	W. Virginia
Kansas	New Mexico	Wyoming

### Local Organizations Assisted

Food Pantries	Soup Kitchens
Homeless Missions	Christian Camps
Domestic Shelters	Mission Churches

### International Humanitarian Aid Sent To 71 Countries

Argentina	Gambia	Madagascar	South Africa
Armenia	Georgia	Malawi	South Sudan
Azerbaijan	Ghana	Mexico	Sudan
Bangladesh	Greece	Moldova	Swaziland
Belarus	Guatemala	Mongolia	Syria
Brazil	Guinea	Nepal	Tajikistan
Bulgaria	Haiti	New Guinea	Tanzania
Cameroon	Honduras	Nicaragua	Thailand
Cambodia	India	Nigeria	Togo
Chile	Iraq	Panama	Trinidad
Congo	Japan	Paraguay	Uganda
Costa Rica	Kazakhstan	Peru	Ukraine
Czech Rep.	Kenya	Philippines	Uruguay
Dominican Rep.	Kyrgyzstan	Romania	Uzbekistan
Ecuador	Latvia	Russia	Venezuela
El Salvador	Liberia	Senegal	Vietnam
Estonia	Lithuania	Sierra Leone	Zambia
Ethiopia		Somalia	Zimbabwe

### Special Projects

#### VOLUNTEER LABOR

Orphan Grain Train volunteers have given more than 4,440,800.40 hours of work since 1992, sorting, packing, and shipping items with love and care. Fiscal Year 2023-24 had 122,994.85 volunteer hours valued at \$1,475,938.20 if paid \$12/hour.

#### FREIGHT COST

One 40-ft.-long ocean-going freight container will cost between \$4,000 and \$19,000 to ship (an average of \$11 for each box of relief supplies shipped).

#### TOTAL SHIPMENTS

A total of 278— 40 ft or larger containers were shipped in FY 2023-24; 105 international and 173 domestic.

#### WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

98.05% of all donations go toward OGT mission, only 1.95% goes toward administrative/marketing costs.

#### “Sponsor a Box”

Orphan Grain Train’s avg. cost to ship an apple-box full of relief supplies = \$11

#### “Project Feed 500”

The goal is to ship meals to feed hungry people all over the world.      \$15.00 ships food for 500  
\$150.00 ships food for 5,000

#### “Adopt An Orphanage”

Sponsor an orphanage in Russia, Baltics or Ukraine.      \$280 per month  
These funds will provide medicine, medical supplies, vitamins, hygienic supplies, school needs, bedding, and some clothing items.

#### “School Kits” for children around the world

Fill backpacks with spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, construction paper, crayons, ruler, glue sticks, blunt scissors, colored pencils, eraser and sharpener.

#### “Hygiene Kits” for disaster survivors

Fold sides of towel over a wash cloth, bar of soap, toothbrush, large comb, soap dish, nail clippers, tissue packet and 6 Band-Aids. Roll towel length-wise and bind with two large rubber-bands

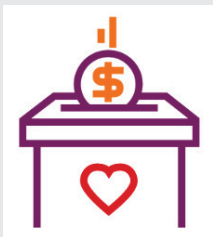




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North Dakota Branch  
PO Box 1546  
Jamestown, ND 58402-1546

## FUNDS NEEDED!



We're busy preparing for future shipments. We can use your support to continue our mission.

To donate to the North Dakota Branch, send checks to:

North Dakota Orphan Grain Train  
PO Box 1546  
Jamestown, ND 58402-1546

To contribute by credit card, visit [www.ogt.org/nd](http://www.ogt.org/nd) and click "Donate to North Dakota Branch."

**A sincere thank you for your support.  
Your donation will help us change lives!**




## ND Branch Warehouse

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## Branch Hours & Volunteer Opportunities

We continue to be open  
Mondays and Saturdays  
from 9am to noon.

For additional drop-off  
and volunteer times, call  
Sue at 701-320-3259 or  
Andrea at 701-658-9057.