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Being the Hands & Feet of Jesus

Double the Love Shared

New England branch volunteers delivered hygiene items, sewing machines & supplies, school desks & kits, and medical equipment to St. Paul's Lutheran church in Providence, RI. These items will then be shipped to Gbarnga Lutheran Mission Project in Liberia to bless many children and families in their education, food, hygiene and medical assistance programs.

[New England Branch](#)



New England Branch volunteers have been super busy with loading three shipments within 2 weeks! This third load was sent to Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) which aids those less fortunate over an 8-state area and is headquartered in Kentucky. The shipment, included over 1,100 boxes of linens, various clothing, hygiene supplies, medical supplies, and diapers along with bicycles, wheelchairs and sewing machines. So many wonderful blessings for many families in need – Thank you!



Help for a Family

Tracy Paulsen and sons, Coy and Kip (first photo) are busy cleaning up and repairing after the April 28, 2024 tornado went through their farm. The tornado

took out several smaller buildings and fences. It also tore off the garage to the house along with roofing. Tracy's father Ron from Pueblo, Colorado came to help for a few weeks. Pastor Wilke and his wife Judy (second photo on the left) drove to Primrose, NE to deliver a few items that were requested: extension cords, air compressor, laptop, wooden picnic table and a halogen stand-up work light. OGT continues to reach out to families devastated by tornadoes to see how we can lessen some of the burden. Please continue to pray for those in need.



OGT's Christmas Gift Boxes

Over the previous five years we have sent 7,921 Christmas boxes to children all around the world who rarely receive any gifts. This year we have the unique opportunity to send our largest amount ever! Thanks to a generous donation at the very end of last season, we are starting this summer with 3,428 pairs of socks and 2,466 pairs of underwear. Because of this, we are requesting donations of monetary gifts, t-shirts, and toys to help us finish these boxes.

Click the button for a list of needed items and where to drop off or mail to.

[Needed Christmas Gifts](#)



New Location

Lincoln Collection Center is moving! On Thursday, June 13th some of St John's Lutheran church gals out of Tecumseh packed the last pallet being shipped from the old warehouse in Lincoln. We hope to be up and running on Thursday, June 20 at the new location:

1901 SW 6th Street

Suite #1 (was Surface Sealers Bldg.)

Lincoln, NE

Come see us, our warehouse hours are: Tuesdays 1-3:30 pm

Thursdays 9-11:30 am and 1-3:30 pm

Saturdays 9-11:30 am





Gifts to Share

The youth group at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce, NE completed several hygiene kits that Derek Jareske and others delivered to OGT's Norfolk warehouse. Thank you for your time & talent in completing these much-needed kits.

Additional News

Norfolk Food Pantry received several pounds of various foods from the [Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska](#). We are blessed to be a blessing to others!

[Indiana Branch volunteers in Jonesville](#) delivered bikes, children's items, toys, furniture, clothing and bedding to St. Paul Catholic Church in McKee, KY. They have an outreach program that assists many families living in poverty and struggling with loss from natural disasters. Praise be to God!

Weekly Devotion

Jesus continued, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them . . . But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son,

threw his arms around him and kissed him . . . The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him . . . 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'" (Luke 15:11, 20b, 28, 31-32)

Who Is the Prodigal? In Luke 15:11-32, we read the familiar parable of the lost or prodigal son. Here's how dictionary.com defines "prodigal": As an adjective, "giving or yielding profusely, very generous, lavish." That wouldn't apply to the father's son. As a noun, "prodigal" is "a person who is wasteful of his or her money, possessions." Yep, that would describe the younger son. We commonly consider this son to be the prodigal in this parable. But who really is the prodigal? It's obvious that it applies to the lost son. He wasted his inheritance. An inheritance was gained when the father died. Just by asking for his inheritance, this son was wishing that his father was dead. However, the prodigal could also be the brother, who refuses to join in the rejoicing of his father. He rejects his father's celebration of his lost brother's return. He, too, is lost because of the hardness of his heart. And then there's the father. Even after his son's heinous behavior, he chooses to welcome him back; to be very generous, even lavish. Isn't this how our Father in heaven responds to our sin and rebelliousness? He lavishes His blessings upon us through the lavish sacrifice of His Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, may we lavish forgiveness upon those who have offended us, even as You lavish forgiveness on us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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