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NEW This Year

Online Quilt Auction

OGT's Silent Quilt Auction held at every convention will be online only this year - opening up the bidding to anyone in the US! A link will be available soon to log in and view all 41 quilts available for auction starting September 10.

If you are interested in bidding on an item, then you will need to put in a credit card to be able to bid. If attending convention, you will still put in credit card to bid but can pay with check or cash. If you are attending the convention, please bring a cell phone, as online bidding will be the only method to place your bid for silent auction. We can help register you for the online silent auction but your phone will receive text messages about how your bidding is going and if you Win a Quilt! We will have 15 additional Quilts on the Live Auction which will be available to convention attendees only. Proceeds from all quilts will go to helping families in Iowa repair their homes from the recent record floods. We have already delivered two loads of drywall and insulation along with loads of supplies, generators and power washers. We need your help to continue these deliveries of disaster relief supplies to the many families in need of home repairs.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission.



Dire Need For Rain

OGT's Logistics driver Bob Schleppebach (pictured) delivered a 5,300-gallon water tanker to Cornerstone Children's Ranch for residents of Quemado to fill jugs for drinking water. The city well is nearly dry with very little drinking water available. Please pray for rain in this region.





Aid for Many In Need

[Central Iowa Branch volunteers in Clemons](#) were busy loading more than 1,000 boxes filled with various clothing, blankets, hygiene kits, feminine kits, toys, school kits and other medical equipment for Ukraine. Vitaliy Smolin's ministry will be receiving the goods to share with many families in desperate need. OGT is grateful to have Vitaliy as one of our speakers at our upcoming Convention on September 14 in Norfolk, NE. It is not too late to make plans to attend - click button below.

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Christmas for Kids

Thank you everyone that supported this year's Christmas Gift Box Project through Grace Lutheran Church, Kelly Asbury, & Janet and Gerry Mansfield. This year 2,380 boxes were packed which means 2,380 children will learn about the love of Jesus this Christmas! So many blessings to bless the children!



Many Blessings Loaded!

[New England Branch volunteers in Terryville, CT](#) loaded a 53-foot trailer for Manna from Heaven in Kentucky. Included was over 6,300 pounds of food along with 26 pallets of blankets, linens, various clothing, household items, cleaning supplies,

diapers and other needed goods. Thank you, volunteers and donors for sharing Christ's love to many families in need.

Additional News

Various clothing, school supplies and hygiene kits were delivered to local organizations that work with families in need by [Houston Branch volunteers](#). Thanks be to God!

Ysleta Mission in El Paso received bikes, desks, medical supplies and other goods to share with many along the border from the [Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska](#).

[Highland Lakes Collection Center in Buchanan Dam, TX](#) delivered bedding, clothing, toys, hygiene items, diapers and other aid to Cornerstone Children's Ranch in Quemado, TX.

[Missouri West Collection Center volunteers in Concordia](#) delivered a load of clothing, medical equipment, blankets, toys and backpacks to Cornerstone Children's Ranch in Quemado, TX. Thank you, donors and volunteers for your servant hearts!

Recently [OGT's Ohio Collection Center volunteers](#) delivered medical equipment, toys, clothing, household items and furniture to several local organizations that help families in need. Thank you for helping many and spreading the love of Christ!

[Missouri-Illinois Branch volunteers in St. Louis](#) delivered various foods to several local organizations that help families in need.

Weekly Devotion

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and He said, "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar & poured oil on top of it. He

called the place Bethel (Gen. 28:10-19a)

Vivid Dreams: I had a vivid dream the other night. I dreamt that I was still principal of Lutheran High Northeast in Norfolk, NE. Some of my former staff and students were in the dream. We were trying to figure out ways to cope with COVID. Some of the ideas were pretty wild. Incidentally, I dream in color. Do you?

Jacob certainly had a vivid dream, didn't he? *"He saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven."* He saw *"angels of God ascending and descending on it."* Perhaps most vividly of all, *"above it stood the Lord."* The Lord reminded Jacob that He was *"the God of (his) father Abaraham and the God of Isaac."* He adds a vivid promise: *"All the peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go."* Jacob is so shaken by this dream that he names the place *"Bethel,"* which means "holy place." According to [dictionary.com](https://www.dictionary.com), a "covenant" is "an agreement, usually formal, between two or more persons to do or not do something specified." The Lord's message to Jacob was His covenant. It was one-sided, however, because there was nothing Jacob could do to fulfill his side of the covenant. God has made a covenant with you and me, too. He has promised that we are His children, bought with the blood of His Son Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Jesus is the *"offspring"* spoken of by God in this covenant. This covenant is also entirely one-sided. There is nothing we can do to accomplish our side of this covenant. It has all been accomplished for us by Jesus.

Prayer: Thank You, Holy Father, for establishing Your covenant with us through Your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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