

Orphan Grain Train †

Relief for Human Need Worldwide



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Being the Hands & Feet of Jesus

Relief Aid Headed to N. Carolina

Our first shipment of hurricane relief aid for Asheville, NC left early this morning. OGT is working with Pastor Paul with Forged by Fire (was at OGT's Dedication & Convention), who will be serving meals to volunteers, emergency response personnel and residents in Asheville. Included on the load of 29,000 lbs. of purchased various foods and water was #10 cans of baked beans and various vegetables for Forged by Fire to serve. Majority of the food will be distributed to many people in need. 108 Disaster Relief Buckets were included to help with clean up. So many blessings to help many in desperate need. Thank you to all OGT supporters & donors that have contributed to make this and future shipments possible.

We are accepting monetary donations to help with purchasing needed food/items and transportation costs. Donate at www.ogt.org and earmark for Hurricane Helene. Thank you for your support.

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Donate for Hurricane Relief Efforts



Disaster Cleaning Buckets & Hygiene Kits are Needed.

Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska is in need of disaster cleaning buckets and hygiene kits for Helene disaster relief efforts. OGT is working with Sally Hiller & Ed Grant with LCMS Southeastern District and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Asheville where distribution will take place. We encourage Thrivent clients to take immediate action and provide critical and timely resources by holding a Thrivent Action Team. Choose to make relief items, assemble a team and take action. Thrivent provides all the promotional resources and up to \$250 in seed money to bring it to life. Use promo code: "Hurricane Helene2024" to receive your expedited kit. If you are not a Thrivent member, you can still get a team together, ask to bring items and assemble needed kits for clean up. Thank you for your support! Click on the Button below to learn more about Thrivent Action Teams.

[Thrivent Action Team](#)



Hygiene and Bucket Instructions

Thrivent to match up to \$500,000 to support Hurricane relief.

Help support families impacted by the deadly hurricane. Make a donation today and Thrivent will amplify your impact! For every \$2 you donate through Thrivent's online giving platform to our organization, Thrivent will add \$1. Thrivent pays all processing fees so 100% of your gift goes directly to the cause.

<https://thrivent.cotribute.co/events/1024587/detail>

Thank you for your support as this disaster relief will be costly and long-term.

*The match will run until the \$500,000 cap is met or November 30, 2024, the sooner of the two. Donations must be made through Thrivent's online giving platform or through a Thrivent Charitable Impact and Investing® Donor Advised Fund to one of the organizations featured for this disaster response. Donations raised through this campaign will go toward the Hurricane Helene Disaster Response.

** Thrivent will pay the online processing fees for personal donations made through the Thrivent Online Giving Platform, up to \$300,000 per calendar year.

Thrivent Match Platform

Lincoln Collection Center Open House!

You are invited!

Enjoy lunch, tours & hear about
serving those in need worldwide!

Meet Lincoln officers & OGT leaders
from Norfolk.



Lincoln Collection Center

Open House

Oct 19 | Saturday
11AM - 2PM

NEW Location!
1901 Southwest 6th St.
Lincoln, NE

Gifts Shared for Many

The Way Church with their community center in Wingo, KY. has many local missions including food pantry and closet for those in need, Bible studies, VBS, daycare, and other community events to spread the Word. They were thrilled to receive 15 pallets of various foods, rice, edible dried beans, Bibles, other goods and



Christmas Gift boxes for the children!
Praise be to God!



Aid for Border Missions

Indiana Branch volunteers in Jonesville

loaded 14,256 Love the Hungry rice meals, 1,369 boxes of various aid along with medical equipment for Ysleta Mission in El Paso. Thank you for being the hands & feet of Jesus!

Wisconsin Branch purchased another 875 – 4-gallon bottles of water from Artesia Springs in San Antonio to be delivered to Cornerstone Children’s Ranch in Quemado, TX. That region is suffering from severe drought and the town’s water is nearly depleted. Please pray for rain for this region.

Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso was overjoyed to receive medical supplies, furniture and clothing to share with many in need along the border. Thank you, Norfolk warehouse donors & volunteers!

Manna From Heaven in Myra, KY was grateful to receive more than 5,000 pounds of various foods, 19,008 Food for Kidz meals, Bibles and various other goods to share with many families living in severe poverty. Thank you, Wisconsin Branch donors & volunteers!

Norfolk warehouse volunteers loaded medical supplies, household items, sleeping mats & other goods for Trinity Navajo Bible Church in Thoreau, NM. Praise be to God!

Wisconsin Branch volunteers have been very busy loading potatoes – lots of potatoes!! Three full loads of 40,000 pounds each! The Pavilion in San Benito, TX & Christian Appalachian Projects in KY each received a load. The Way Community Center in Wingo, KY split a load of potatoes with Manna from Heaven in Myra, KY. The potatoes did come in 8 lb. bags for easy distribution to many, many families in need. Thank you, Wisconsin Branch donors and volunteers!

Weekly Devotion

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that He had come. So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and He preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Immediately Jesus knew in His spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and He said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat & walk?' But that you

*may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . . ‘
He said to the paralytic, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” He
got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed
everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like
this!”* (Mark 2:1-12)

A Ruined Roof: A few years ago, after a devastating hail storm, we discovered that our shingles had been ruined. Fortunately, our insurance company agreed, and we got a new roof. In the case of Jesus & the “paralytic,” the man’s friends “made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on.” I’m thinking that the owners of the house couldn’t have been too pleased, but they are about to witness an amazing thing. This man’s friends impressed Jesus so much that He said to the man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” This immediately drew the wrath of “the teachers of the law,” who thought to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins except God alone?” Jesus has an answer for them. He perceives their rebellious thoughts and proceeds to heal the paralytic right in front of their eyes. He says, “The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” You and I may not suffer from physical paralysis, but we are paralyzed by our sins. Jesus has authority to forgive our sins, too. We are healed, forgiven, saved.

Prayer: We trust in Your forgiveness, O Lord, because we believe that You have been given the authority to heal us of our sins. Amen.

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