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Being the Hands & Feet of Jesus

Giving Tuesday was a Success!

'Thank you' to everyone who supported our cause to Feed the Hungry! We were able to raise **\$22,748.35** for purchasing product to make Mercy Meals. From your generosity, we will be able to plan big with our first meal packing event at our new Servant Center coming up this June. More details to come. This will also help with other packing events! Thank you for feeding the many orphans and those in need worldwide.

Praise be to God!



Needed Aid Distributed

Many wonderful blessings of clothes, quilts and aid were distributed to families living in poverty in Romania. Thank you, New England Branch donors & volunteers, in Terryville, CT for sharing the love of Christ!

[New England Branch](#)



Another Successful Giving Tuesday



Maryland Branch Teams With Thrivent

Maryland Branch volunteers are extremely grateful for the support received on Giving Tuesday. It has been an honor to be chosen as the Thrivent Member Network Northeast's Giving Tuesday partner for 2024. We exceeded our goal and truly thank everyone who made this possible.

Maryland Branch had a Giving Tuesday Open House at their warehouse with lots of good food and fellowship shared.



Praising God For All Blessings

This is from Tony Rodriguez, Asst. Manager of the Maryland Branch in Millersville: Brothers and Sisters in Christ – it is my deepest honor to report to you that the [Maryland Branch](#) loaded and shipped 1,642 articles of linens, clothing, medical and hygiene supplies, boxes of school supplies, 12 boxes of quilts specifically donated to Appalachia, and one church organ and much more to the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) in Paintsville, KY. I will never get tired of raising up and thanking all those that tirelessly collect, sort, clean, pack, store, organize, and prepare for these loads while maintaining the safety of our warehouse. Praise God from Whom ALL blessings flow!!!! From conversations with our CAP constituents, this donation and these articles are eagerly

anticipated. Good work, guys!!!! I offer a very special shout-out to our loading team which has the honor of seeing our Branch's collective efforts come to fruition, load after load – really good work, guys!!!! Also, a special thank you to Chris Carstens with OGT in Nebraska, who tirelessly provides us with guidance, encouragement, and due administration of every domestic load. Thank you!!!!

Holiday Hours

OGT Office & Norfolk Warehouse in Nebraska will be closing at noon on Friday, December 20 and will reopen on Monday, January 6, 2025 for Christmas & New Year's celebration. Please wait to drop off items until we are open.



Much-Needed Aid Is Loaded



Bible Mission International in Moldova is anxiously waiting for 59,400 Kids Against Hunger meals,



Central Iowa Branch volunteers in Clemons were grateful to be able to load more than 1,400 boxes of

44 Christmas Gift boxes, toys, bikes, quilts and other aid to share with many in need and orphanages in their region and into Ukraine. Thank you, Wisconsin Branch, for showing the love of Christ this Christmas season!

various aid and medical equipment for many families in Republic of Georgia. Praise be to God!

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Mission Sunday Accomplishments

Zion Lutheran Church in Imperial, NE had an amazing Mission Sunday to support OGT's [Rocky Mountain Branch in Julesburg, CO](#). The congregation had

many happy helpers put together 100 School Kits and 70 Disaster Cleaning Buckets. A huge 'Thank you' to Troy Worth and his wife for donating all of the buckets and also to all the congregation for purchasing and putting together all these items! The top-left photo (R-L) is Mary & Jim Haarberg & Scott Hampton with Imperial Lutheran Church delivering the 100 school Kits & 70 Scrub buckets. The top-right photo (R-L) is David Orth, Rocky Mountain Branch Manager; Muriel, Branch Secretary with husband Marvin Nelson receiving all the wonderful gifts to share with those in need worldwide. Bottom photos are from Mission Sunday.



Additional News

Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) with Operation Sharing was grateful to receive 11 pallets of fortified rice & oatmeal meals, 23,760 Food for Kidz meals, nearly \$15,000 worth of purchased foods & hygiene supplies, along with diapers, clothing and disaster buckets from Wisconsin Branch in Westfield. CAP delivers the donated goods throughout Appalachia to serve thousands living in poverty &/or recovering from natural disasters.

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Cornerstone Children's Ranch in Quemado, TX was thrilled to receive 7,128 Mercy Meals and various clothing to share with many in need along the border. Thank you, [Norfolk warehouse donors & volunteers in Nebraska.](#)

Weekly Devotion

Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. (Is. 40:1-2)

Comfort: When our kids were younger, we had a guinea pig. And it was only for a little while. One day after we got home from school, we discovered that Joe the Guinea Pig was dead. He was deader than a doornail. Our daughter Sarah, who was pretty small at the time, took it especially hard. When we buried Joe in the backyard, placing a brick on the ground for his headstone, she sobbed. My wife and I took turns comforting her. Have you ever needed comforting? Have you ever had to comfort someone else? Comfort is especially needed at the loss of a loved one, even if it's just a guinea pig. When we grieve, we look for comfort. God provides us with His comfort, & it's no small thing. We take comfort in Him, because our "*sin has been paid for.*" We take comfort in Him because of the forgiveness He offers to us, to our loved ones; and also when we struggle. A favorite Advent hymn, "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" (TLH 61), is based on this text. God is always present to comfort us. And He enables us to share this comfort with others.

Prayer: Comfort us, O God, and enable us to give words of comfort to those who need them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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