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“THANK YOU” OGT Supporters and Thrivent for the Match

that has raised \$94,193.00 in Donations Plus \$47,096.50 in Match for a
TOTAL of: \$141,289.50 for CA Wildfire Relief!

OGT has already given \$50,000.00 in \$1,000.00 checks to families that have lost everything in the California fires. We are in the works of sending another \$50,000.00 and see how else we can help serve those that have lost everything. Please continue to pray for the many still living in uncertainty. We truly appreciate our generous supporters. Your contributions make a real difference and help us continue our mission.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

Flood Relief

Manna From Heaven is an outreach program for many families living the Appalachian Mts. of Kentucky. Ralph and Lois Tackett run the mission and is a very humbled couple serving families living in one of the highest



poverty regions of the US. During this latest flooding in KY, they were hit hard and had severe damage to buildings and lost freezers, food and other goods. Indiana Branch immediately went to work to see how they could help and delivered 1,150 pounds of canned food, disaster items, freezer, stove, and other

aid. So many blessings to help the many families they serve. Thank you, Indiana Branch volunteers & donors! The picture is of the 18' trailer loaded except for two box springs and mattresses to be added before closing the doors.

[Indiana Branch](#)

Opening Soon!

Dedication of the new [OGT Houston Branch](#) Servant Center is Sunday, March 23 at 3:00pm.



Join us for the Dedication and Open House at 5040 E Sam Houston Pkwy S,
Pasadena, TX 77505.

The service will be led by Rev. Ralph Schmidt with Rev. Dr. Jerry Kieschnick as guest speaker. Nice, casual attire is appropriate. After the service, take time to look around the facility...pick up a plate of finger food along the way. Forged by Fire Ministries, based in Louisiana, will provide hot bowls of shrimp pasta and chicken/sausage Jambalaya prepared and served by Pastor Paul & Peggy Ernewein. We are excited for this day. To God be All the Glory!

If you would like to see videos from their recent [Ribbon Cutting Click Here.](#)

Smiling While Serving



Norfolk warehouse volunteers loaded school furnishings, office equipment, toys, bedding, hygiene kits and clothing for Ryan Tormentar with Christian Missionary Baptist Church in the Philippines. Many wonderful donations to be used at his school and church.

Norfolk Warehouse



Norfolk warehouse volunteers loaded 71,280 Mercy Meals, medical equipment, diapers and other aid for Gospelink in Zambia. The clinic serves the underprivileged, malnourished children and pregnant women whom they share the much-needed meals with. Thank you, OGT volunteers and supporters!



With a huge thank you to the MOMCo - Friendswood ladies for their generous in-gathering of items donated to Orphan Grain Train Houston - 3 SUVs packed to the dash and doors. Board member Holly Harris shared a presentation about the OGT ministry along with information about Houston's new OGT Servant Center. Holly and Board member Erika Adams answered questions and shared details about volunteer opportunities.



Container Arrives!

Psichotery Rehabilitation Center Gabrielius in Lithuania has received and unloaded aid from OGT's [Castle Rock Collection Center in Colorado!](#) Distribution photos to come!



[New England Branch volunteers in Terryville, CT](#) loaded a box truck that was delivered to a warehouse in Providence, RI to go on a shipment to the Gbarnga Lutheran Mission in Liberia. Included were 19,440 Harvest Pack meals which will help with the food program they offer at the school. They have also supplied treadle sewing machines in the past to help with their sewing program and this year there were 35 graduates who now can sew for their families or sell to make some income. Two boxes of Lincoln Logs and blocks were also shipped. Many blessings to help those in need become self-sufficient and for students to receive a nutritious meal. Thank you, New England Branch donors & volunteers for being the hand & feet of Jesus.

Additional News

A semi-load of 40 beds with mattresses, six pallets of various cheese, two pallets of chicken patties, two pallets of bananas, 28,512 Beans and Rice Mercy Meals, and other needed supplies left for Mountain Mule Packers in North Carolina. The food and goods will be shared with many families still recovering from the massive floods caused by hurricane Helene.

[Ohio Collection Center volunteers in Napoleon](#) donated \$5,000.00 to OGT Headquarters in Nebraska to be divided between California wildfires & Kentucky flooding relief efforts. Thank you for helping many families in need.

[Colorado West Collection Center volunteers](#) recently donated to domestic disaster relief efforts through OGT headquarters in Nebraska. They gave \$2,000.00 each to California wildfires and to N. Carolina hurricane disaster relief efforts. Thank you for your generous gift with helping many families recover from devastating disasters.

[Wisconsin Branch volunteers in Westfield](#) delivered 960-4-gallon jugs of water to Latin American Lutheran Mission in Laredo, TX. The water was for two communities in Laredo, whose wells have been contaminated by the Rio Grande River. Many families and organizations are in need of clean drinking water. Thank you, Wisconsin donors & volunteers.

“Open Door Foundation” with Vitaliy Smolin in Ukraine is anxiously waiting for 272,160 Manna Pack meals from Feed My Starving Children funded by OGT – Thank You donors!!

Weekly Devotion

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to Him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about” . . . When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven,

“Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” He said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from Me your son, your only son” . . . The Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time and said, “I swear by Myself,” declares the Lord, “that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you obeyed Me.” (Gen. 22:1-2, 9-12, 15-18)

Sacrificing a Son: In Genesis Chapter 22, we read how God tested Abraham by commanding him to sacrifice His only son Isaac. What a test! Lois and I know what it’s like to lose a son. After a miscarriage, Lois got pregnant a second time. There were severe complications, and ultimately, we lost this child, a boy. I can only imagine what must have gone through Abraham’s mind as he heard God’s command. And you’ll be glad to know that Lois and I were subsequently blessed with three beautiful children, including a son.

Incredibly, Abraham complies with God’s command! In fact, there is no evidence that he objected, argued, or even hesitated. He heads for the mountain in *“the region of Moriah”* with the intent of sacrificing his *“only son,”* a son whom God had promised him, a son whom he treasured. This story has a happy ending. As Abraham prepares to kill Isaac, the *“Angel of the Lord”*—the pre-incarnate Christ—stays his hand. This has been a test of Abraham’s faith. Abraham passes the test.

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, the son whom he loved. God the Father was prepared to sacrifice His Son, His only-begotten Son, the Son whom He loved. The difference? The Father followed through. Jesus was sacrificed on the cross. The Father was willing to do this for the

sake of His great and gracious love for all humankind.

Prayer: We praise You, O Lord, for You sacrificed Your only Son—Your beloved Son—for our sake. And You raised Him from the dead. You are a great and merciful and awesome God! Amen.

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