

Feeding the hungry, worldwide

By Joy Cowan

Vice-President of Gospel Outreach

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.”

— **Matt. 25:35-36**

LWML Texas District is helping Orphan Grain Train (OGT) accomplish some of these directives through the Mercy Meals mission grant. The pandemic has led to food shortages in many countries and the need is very critical.

OGT will use the funds for its Project Feed 500. Every \$15 donated is enough for OGT to ship 500 meals, and the Texas District grant will pay for more than 166,000 meals.

Along with food, Orphan Grain Train delivers other supplies necessary for health and comfort to those in need. OGT accepts donations of clothing, medical supplies and



Lois Teinert was able to deliver the first installment of LWML Texas District Mercy Meals mission grant to Paul Leckband at Orphan Grain Train headquarters in Norfolk, Neb. Leckband serves as OGT director of Spiritual Correspondence.

Christian literature to help meet real needs and respond to disasters.

There are at least 27 OGT branches receiving items and working to spread God's love. One of these sites is in Texas, on Highway 29 in Buchanan Dam, next to Genesis Lutheran Church. Donations to this branch are delivered to Cornerstone Children's Ranch in Quamado, which are then dispersed on both sides of the Rio Grande, to a women's shelter and orphanages.

OGT also teamed up with another

of our mission grant recipients, Lutheran Disaster Care, Inc. (LDC), in fall 2020. OGT provided a shower trailer, bunk trailer and generator for use after two hurricanes hit the Lake Charles-Sulfur area in Louisiana. LDC helped with coordinating volunteers to help residents begin recovery.

Your mites are a vital part of obeying God's command in Matthew 25 and helping all of our mission grant recipients fulfill their call. Thank you and to God be the glory.

LWML 39th Biennial Convention

June 24-27, 2021 • Lexington, Ky.



Scripture verse: Heb. 12:1-2

Goal: Looking to Jesus, we run the race set before us and proclaim the joy of the Lord.

Visit lwml.org/2021-convention

Make plans to attend the convention. Experience the joy of meeting women from across this great nation, joining in worship, mission service and celebration.

Discover the goal and objectives of this convention as together we seek to learn what it means to be “**Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus.**”

There is still time to submit a design for the LWML Texas District banner for the convention. **Designs must be submitted to the district president by Feb. 3.**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thank you volunteers!

I had the pleasure of spending time with a hard-working, diligent group of volunteers for the Lutheran World Relief ingathering at Epiphany, Houston, on Nov. 7. The volunteers unloaded and reloaded box after box of quilts and kits.

These volunteers and the three women in charge of this well-oiled machine, Sandy Miller (site chairman), and Jean Webber and Mary Afsharirad (of the district Mission Service Committee) can

certainly be complimented for planning and executing the ingathering. These three ladies, along with the other two site chairmen, Debra Mattke and Priscella Reid, and all the many volunteers that make this happen year after year are surely deserving of a rousing vote of thanks from all of us.

May the Lord bless these packages to be a blessing to others.

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2020-22 Mite goal

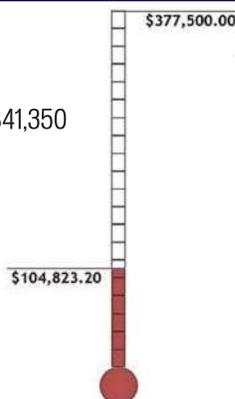
Mites received through October: \$104,823

Mites still needed to meet goal: \$272,677

Mission grants paid through September: \$41,350

Please include a remittance form when submitting your mite offerings. Send them to:

LWML Texas District
Attn: Kathy Walther, Financial Secretary
PO Box 124, Giddings, TX 78942



God's love in Copperas Cove

LWML members of Immanuel, Copperas Cove, delivered donations of baby items to Hope Pregnancy Center. From left, Jessica Amspacher, Nancy Lost, Betty Secrest, Elke Amspacher and Rachel Amspacher. At right is Anna Leach, Hope director.

Scholarships available for church work students



We have some good news to share with you! The LWML Texas District will award scholarships to women attending an LCMS institution of higher learning during the 2021-22 school year. To be eligible, the applicant must be a member of a Texas District congregation and is studying to become a full-time professional church worker in the LCMS.

The application deadline is March 31.

For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit lwmltxdist.org; go to "Committees" and select "Scholarships" from the drop-down menu. For more information, contact Joyce Martinets, Scholarship Committee chairman, from her link at lwmltxdist.org/contact-your-officers.