

Greetings,

THANK YOU to those who have reached out to God's people in Houston and in Florida. There are many ways that you can make a difference. None of us can solve the many problems the people are facing but we can each do SOMETHING to make a difference.

Following is an update on the IDW sheet rock outreach to Lutheran School Academy in Houston. For the first two updates go to www.idwlcms.org under District News.

1. Currently, \$7,445 has been collected for the **sheet rock and supplies**
2. Cost of the two semi loads of supplies from Menard's is \$11,300.
3. The first load of 702 sheets of 4X8 5/8" sheet rock will be loaded Monday, 18th.
4. The sheet rock mud and other supplies are on back order with Menard's and plans are for those items to be trucked to Houston the following week.
5. Trucking is the courtesy of Ramthun Trucking with Holtapp Trucking providing the use of their straight trailer.

If you wish to donate to the sheet rock project, make a check to Iowa District West-Sheetrock.

You may also make a donation that will go directly to the **Texas District**. If you wish to donate to their district, please make your check to Iowa District West--Disaster Relief

Many of you will probably remember the **Adopt-A-Family outreach** we did for the Katrina disaster. I offered that to Gregg Pinick from the Lutheran School Academy and he was overjoyed as 13 of their faculty members had MAJOR losses of property. Yesterday, I asked him to have the families send me an email with their situation, family needs etc. If you as a congregation or your congregational families wish to adopt a family, check out www.idwlcms.org I will send the family's information to Jason Fuller who will post it online. **Let me know** if you choose to adopt a family. I can then offer additional suggestions.

Whoever is interested in this and responds quickly, there is room on the second semi for beds, appliances, etc. that hopefully will leave Iowa the 28 or 29th. Since the supplies will be loaded at Menards, one suggestion is that if you wish to purchase items at Menards for the family you choose, it can be loaded and shipped from there.

I cannot put all the details in this email so please contact me if you are interested in adopting a family. [515-370-1159](tel:515-370-1159)

Another way you can help will be to collect items for **Orphan Grain Train**. A LERT trailer is parked at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge for the collection. That trailer or trailers will then be taken to Norfolk, NE and will be transported to Texas by Orphan Grain Train.

Following is a list of needs as stated on their website, www.ogt.org. For now we are collecting hygiene kits, new underwear and socks, tennis shoes, diapers, formula, non-perishable food, cleaning supplies to include large sponges, large heavy trash bags, brooms, mops, 5 gallon bucket, dust masks, safety glasses, work gloves, cleaning gloves (kitchen latex), tarps, pry bars (for removing sheet rock), square shovels, wheelbarrows, pressure washers (gas), and gas powered generators. A cleaning bucket can be prepared which would include a 5-gallon bucket, 1 large sponge, 1 roll paper towels, 2 gallons of liquid cleaner (Mr. Clean, Pine-sol, Lysol), 1 powder cleanser (Comet, Ajax), 1 kitchen latex gloves, 1 broom, and 1 mop.

Questions about the Orphan Grain Train collection can be directed to the office at St Paul Lutheran Church. [515-955-7285](tel:515-955-7285)

God's Blessings,
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