



## AMAZING MEMORIAL PROJECT FOR MISSION CENTRAL!

Mission Central has been blessed with 51 Volunteers! What a blessing to work with people who want so much to get the Gospel out everywhere! Two of our long time volunteers who have helped with the plantings, repair and cleaning of the buildings at Mission Central were Gail and Arnie Otten of York, Nebraska. Gail was an amazing lady who helped with the mailing and preparation of the newsletter for one of our Missionary couples in Africa. Gail also sold books from her home for many years, and God used her in so many ways! It was the Lord's will to call Gail to our real home in heaven, after a battle with cancer.

However, the Lord had something very special in mind for Gail's dear family. For the last six months or more, we have been working on a special project to send a full container of books from the Orphan Grain Train at Norfolk, Nebraska to the Gutnius Lutheran Church (GLC) in Papua New Guinea. This partner church serves more than 7,000 students in 24 Lutheran elementary schools, 3 Lutheran junior high schools, and 1 Lutheran high school, in addition to Highland Lutheran International School. Dr. Steve Lutz and his family (from Iowa District West) have served in New Guinea for 23 years and have worked with so many of the schools.

The biggest challenge for these students and the schools is lack of books for their schools. Most schools in the remote areas don't even have text books. The medium of education in this country is in English. Just this past week we received the final approval and final information that we needed to move forward with this project. The project could only be completed if someone would provide the funding needed to send the container half way around the world to Papua New Guinea. In the last few days we have received word from Arnie Otten and his family that they will **PROVIDE THE FULL FUNDING NEEDED TO SEND THIS GIFT OF LOVE TO THE 7,000 STUDENTS IN NEW GUINEA**, as a special Memorial Gift in Honor of Missionary Gail Otten. What a blessing!

Now, we need everyone's help in Iowa and Nebraska. Send, ship, carry, bring your books to the Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, Nebraska so that they can be loaded on the Gail Otten Memorial Book Container! Encyclopedias, school books, Christian study books, and all kinds of books are needed. Please load up your car or pickup and head to the Orphan Grain Train at Norfolk! The call is now out, and we need to do our part! I have posted photos of some of the students who will be receiving these books in their schools in Papua New Guinea. What a wonderful blessing that God can use Mission Central and Orphan Grain Train in such a special way!



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