

Grateful Hands

November 2026

October 2026: 52 pallets of medical supplies loaded for Ukraine.

The Day a Semi Backed Up to Powerline Road

Dear friends,

In mid-October, a 53-foot semi-trailer backed up to our warehouse on Powerline Road.

By the time its doors closed, it held **52 pallets: 1,200 boxes of medical supplies**, more than 14,000 pounds of surgical gowns and drapes, orthopedic and respiratory supplies, IV supplies, gloves and bandages. They're headed to Ukraine through our partner, **Eltech Trust**.

Here's the part you can't see in the photos: **every one of those 1,200 boxes was sorted, checked, packed and labeled by hand.** Not by a machine. By volunteers, many of them retirees, students and neighbors, who gave **863 hours** to this work in October alone.

And they weren't working with supplies we bought. Every glove and gown came from a hospital, clinic or family that chose to donate it instead of throwing it away.

Two weeks earlier, a 20-foot container left the same dock for Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea. Put together, **October put more than $865,000 in medical supplies and equipment to work overseas**, and that's before counting the families right here in the Treasure Valley.

This Thanksgiving, that's what we're grateful for. Not the numbers. **The hands behind them.** Yours included.

Thank you.



October at a Glance

The value of medical supplies and equipment placed into the hands of people in need in October, including a semi-trailer of medical supplies for Ukraine and a container for Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea.

International
- Ukraine: $623,650 (Eltech Trust)
- Papua New Guinea: $237,850 (Kudjip Nazarene Hospital; Medical Missions Outreach)
- Tanzania: $2,500
- Burma: $1,960

Idaho
- Shelters: $3,960
- Clinics: $3,880
- Other Organizations: $820

Outside Idaho
- Insulin for Life USA: $2,300

Local Loan Program
- Families helped: 151
- Equipment loaned: 210

- Value saved for families: $102,860
- Items given away: $9,020

Volunteers
- 863 hours given in October

Giving Tuesday Is December 1

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is Giving Tuesday, a day when people all over the world choose one cause and give.

We'd be honored to be yours.

Every $25 you give puts $375 worth of medical goods into use. It pays to ship the next container, repair the next wheelchair, and keep saying "it's free" to the next family who walks through our doors.

Want it to last all year? **Make it monthly.** A small monthly gift gives us something steady to plan around.

Give on Giving Tuesday (one-time or monthly)

Ways to Help This Month

- **Shop our Amazon Wish List:** doing holiday shopping anyway? Office and Local Loan Program needs are on our list. See the wish list.

- **Volunteer:** individuals Tuesday to Thursday, 9 AM to 12 PM. Groups (a great holiday outing for a team or family) are scheduled on Mondays or Fridays, 9 AM to 12 PM; call (208) 461-1473. Applications are at handsofhopenw.org/volunteer.

- **Pray with us:** for safe arrival of the Ukraine and Papua New Guinea shipments, for the families borrowing equipment this winter, and for provision for a new warehouse.

Holiday hours: our office is closed Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday, November 26 and 27.

P.S. Remember those 1,200 boxes? A gift of $25 on Giving Tuesday puts $375 of supplies like them into use. **Give here**.



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