

Feed the Philippines packing event exceeds goals by 27,200

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The Zion Lutheran Church in Imperial, Neb., was a flurry of activity Feb. 21-23 when over 400 volunteers gathered to package meals for starving people in the Philippines.

Mercy Meals of Southwest Nebraska hosted the mega packing event, a collaborative project with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and Orphan Grain Train, with a goal of packaging 160,000 meals. At the end of the weekend they surpassed their goal by packaging a total of 187,200 meals.



Over 400 volunteers rolled up their sleeves and packaged meals for starving children and families at Mercy Meals of Southwest Nebraska’s Feed the Philippines mega packing event in Imperial, Neb. A total of 187,200 meals were packaged during the three-day event. □ □

—Wauneta Breeze photo

“It was awesome! The event was very well organized and ran smoothly. The volunteers were very willing to help wherever needed, were excited and had a good time helping with this mission project. Some of them said it was nice to get to do ‘hands on,’” said Mercy Meals board

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member Mary Haarberg of Imperial.

“We had people of all ages. The kids were very inquisitive and eager to find out where the meals were going and asked many questions about the ingredients and the kids from the Philippines who were receiving it. It gave the kids a sense of pride and accomplishment.”

The meals—which consist of rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, chicken flavored vitamin and mineral powder—are designed to be gentle on the digestive system of individuals who may be malnourished or starving.

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