

THIS IS ONEIDA GOT CHICKEN?

We are often blessed with many donated items. These donated items come in by the bag load and tractor trailer loads, and often include clothing, food, and furniture. Our donations coordinator has been working overtime of late. She has loads coming in day after day. One of the biggest blessings she has helped secure for our ministry has been thousands of pounds of donated chicken. We have been blessed with so much chicken that we have been able to utilize it in our cafeteria, bless our staff with some of it, and also bless our local community with it. On a recent Saturday we had cars lined up nearly a mile long to come onto our campus and be given some chicken.

My travels recently took me to the Blackford-Breckinridge Baptist Association's annual meeting in Hancock County. I had a great meal as always, met some fine people, and made some great Oneida connections. After spending the night across the river in Indiana, I then headed for Ohio County.

This donated chicken I mentioned earlier has been coming from Ohio County. I was privileged to spend about an hour with a gentleman there who is running a fantastic ministry that serves that county and beyond. I was blessed beyond measure as my new friend shared his heart and ministry for the people of Ohio County. Of course I invited him to come and see Oneida and see the young people from across the world that he is helping us serve. Naturally, I told him we would feed him a great meal or two when he comes, and those meals would most likely be chicken.

Interestingly enough, we had surveyed our students about our food in the cafeteria last school year. Nearly to a man the kids asked for more chicken. Ask and ye shall receive. I highly doubt any of our kids are now longing for more chicken!

When the Lord blesses us, it is our duty and privilege to bless others. If the Lord lays something on our hearts to do, we need to do it and we need to do it quickly. As my travel companion and I listened to our friend from Ohio County tell us about what God was doing through his ministry, we were both compelled to open our wallets and give him what we had. Between the two of us, it probably only amounted to about \$50, but the Lord can multiply our gift to serve and feed more people.

Every able-bodied Christian ought to possess at least three things -- a Bible, a passport, and some cash in case the Lord leads you to give to someone quickly. Even if you don't have a passport, you can still serve the world by coming to visit Oneida!



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