## Omaha, Nebraska Family Church Peace Road USA 2020 activity

Mark Lincoln August 7, 2020



## Part 1

First day of the Omaha Family Church Peace Road activity, Friday, August 7th. Katherine Anglin has a good friend, Christy, from her days on a swim club. They swam together for over 10 years. Christy now works as an administrator at the Jesuit Academy in North Omaha. The school serves underprivileged youth in the 4th thru 8th grades. They pay their teachers the same salary as the Omaha Public Schools and only charge \$500/year for tuition. They also have two counselors who follow-up with the graduates to make sure their high school experience stays on track. Many of the students come from fatherless homes. Katherine heard that the school was facing some financial difficulty because of Covid 19. We decided we could offer some financial support as part of our Peace Road activities. The Academy has a wish list of items on their website. Our biggest purchase was a portable/adjustable basketball hoop for the playground. We also bought basketballs, a lot of tissue paper boxes, sanitizer, white board color pens and erasers. The total value was \$1200 through our brothers and sisters donations (T-shirts and individual and church donations). They were so appreciative. We offered our True Mother's book, also.



## Part 2

A total of 7 members did volunteer work for 2 1/2 hours on Saturday morning at the Food Bank for the Heartland. Yasutomo Tsubaki, Paul and Maria Canarsky, Kim Wagner, Katherine Anglin, and the Lincolns worked on the assembly line packing boxes of food for delivery to local food pantries.

We distributed 10 memoirs; 4 to the staff and 6 to other volunteers. Our job was like working on a factory line for 2 hours, but we focused and worked hard. We were told we did better than the average and filled 7 pallets. This was an intense experience for most of us older members because of the fast pace. We hope our 2nd gen can use this as an opportunity for serving the community and volunteer once-a-month.



## Part 3

After watching the National Family Service together at the Omaha Family Church, we all drove up to the Mormon Trail Center grave site for a 30 minute event to connect with and liberate the spirits of all the Mormon pioneers who died there.

We sang a holy song and listened to a brief history of the site. Katherine Anglin offered an opening prayer and Mark Lincoln read from True Mother's Memoir. Theresa Tsubaki gave a short message about the Peace Road initiative followed by a closing prayer by Paul Canarsky, unison prayer and Ok mansei in Korean by Keiji Zushi. A total of 20 people came.

