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## ■ 100 Year-Old Serves With Thousands to Benefit Orphans and Hungry People

Decades of Service, Travel, and a Song in Her Heart

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“She began traveling internationally in her 80s, became a social butterfly in her 90s, and began singing her way through the day at age 100.” This is how Boyd Nixon describes his mother who turns 101 in July. Nell Emiline Nixon traveled with Boyd as he drove two days from Stone Mountain, Georgia, to Pennsylvania to serve along with 2,000 volunteers packing humanitarian aid in the Global Aid Network® (GAIN®) warehouse in Mount Joy this week.

This joyful mother has volunteered with GAIN for years — since it began as Operation Carelift in the early 90s. After her husband passed away, Nell determined it might be time to take her first trip to Russia to distribute aid to orphans who needed to feel a warm hug and understand about the kindness of Jesus, perhaps for the first time. She made eight international trips over the years.

She tells, with great accuracy, stories from each trip and from her days as a girl when she was baptized in a cold mountain stream at the young age of 10. Children at the volunteer packing event are drawn to Nell as she sings hymns and strings beaded bracelets that will be distributed with the aid to help people understand the eternal hope that keeps her singing.

GAIN packing events are free and open to the public twice a year. Private food packing and seed packing events also are available for churches and organizations for a modest fee. For more information, visit the GAIN website at [gainusa.org](http://gainusa.org).

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■ PHOTO RESOURCE INCLUDED WITH RELEASE:

- Eleanor, age two, from Missouri, and Nell, age 100, from Georgia, string bracelets.
- Nell Nixon, age 100.

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