



## Orphan Grain Train Headliner

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The Headliner tells about the latest shipments, events, fundraisers and distribution of humanitarian aid in the United States and worldwide by the 27 Regional locations of the Orphan Grain Train. Learn how you can be a part of the bigger picture. Thank you for your support of the ministry and mission of OGT.



## OGT Mission Trip to Haiti

Traveling to see where Orphan Grain Train containers are shipped and provide hand-on relief aid was the joy of six Orphan Grain Train staff and associates earlier this month. Grant Schmidt, Vice President, Karen Mangels, International Shipping Director, and her husband John, Doug Sunderman, Board of Directors member, Jim Schmersal of Lincoln, and Watson Marin of Omaha spent 6 days in Haiti. Partnering with Kids Around the World, Orphan Grain Train shipped a playground in early August. With the blessing of the Mayor of Thomassique, Haiti this playground was assembled by the team, and dedicated in a city wide celebration with over 1000 in attendance. The smiles on the faces of the children playing in this community where no swings, see-saw, or slides ever existed will stay in the hearts and minds of this group forever. The reality of the poor and needy in Haiti was overwhelming everywhere. Their requests are the basics, water, food, latrines, and schools for their

children. Hundreds of children attend schools in simple facilities with food cooked over outdoor fires for the child's only meal of the day. Despite the conditions the children are dressed in uniforms, respectful, and eager to learn. Thomassique is located in the mountainous east central part of Haiti close to the Dominican border. A four hour drive from Port au Prince over dirt roads passable only with 4 wheeled vehicles the people of Thomassique welcomed their guests from OGT. Friends were made, relationships built, and memories last. Above picture L-R: Grant Schmidt, Bruce and Julie Rearick with Kids Around the World, Karen and John Mangels, Doug Sunderman, Jim Schmursal and Hudson Isidor from Haiti. Hudson receives goods and food from OGT to share with children in orphanages and schools.



## Gifts For Kids

OGT got word that 253 student desks were cleared and unloaded by Save the Poor International in Ghana! These desks were loaded from Iowa City Public Schools and transportation costs were divided and paid by Central Iowa Branch and OGT's home office in Norfolk. Distribution pictures coming soon. Praise be to God!



## Puppets Needed for Sharing Joy

OGT received a special request for hand and/or marionette type puppets to use as an evangelistic tool in the Philippines. Grace Ayala with World Harvest Mt. Moriah Camp shared that they are great puppeteers and are good in making story lines that peek interest in others watching. They take their puppets with their ministry to the evacuation centers for all ages to

enjoy and learn about Jesus. If you have a puppet you would like to donate for this special project please send or deliver it to the Norfolk warehouse 606 W. Phillip Ave. Norfolk, NE 68701. The puppets need to be at the warehouse no later than Monday, Dec. 10 to be on the next shipment to the Philippines. This is a unique request with endless ways of helping those in need in the Philippines. Thank you.

## Help for the Homeless

Iowa West located in Ida Grove delivered blankets, quilts, clothing, shoes and hygiene supplies to Eric's Closet in Sioux City, IA. It is located at the soup kitchen and is open one day a week right before the evening meal. Anyone, homeless or not, can come in and pick two or three items. Thank you Iowa West volunteers and donors for sharing with our brothers and sisters in need.

## More Than Just Goods- Hope is Shared

OGT's Central Nebraska Branch shipped a load of humanitarian aid to Church of God of Prophecy in Panama. Kern and Jennifer Saleena have shared some of the goods with families and organizations in need. Picture is of a family that the lady's husband recently died and one of the children was diagnosed with Leukemia. One of the volunteers from the church was able to share words of comfort from the Bible along with some supplies from OGT. An elderly lady received a bed and wheelchair to help give comfort and ease of mobility. A young lady (middle photo) has a huge smile saying 'thank you' for the child size wheelchair. The best part of her story is that the gift of the wheelchair also opened the hearts of the whole family to accept God and a Pastor is working with them in their walk with Christ. A young man is overjoyed to receive a box of clothes and shoes. Praise be to God!





## Many Fed

Missionary Benedictine Sisters have heartwarming smiles while unloading 225,504 Manna Pack Lentil meals or 1,044 boxes by hand. OGT Norfolk funded the transportation of these meals from Feed My Starving Children to Nairobi, Kenya. What wonderful lifesaving meals for starving children and families. To God be the Glory.

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### Devotion by Paul Leckband, OGT Correspondent

**This Week's Scripture:** "When He came near the place where the road goes down the Mt. of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven & glory in the highest!'" Luke 19:37-38

**A Triumphant Entry** A text associated with Palm Sunday may seem strange as we begin our season of Advent . . . until we reflect on the reason for Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The same crowds that hailed Him as the "king who comes in the name of the Lord" would, just a few days later, cry out for His crucifixion. Jesus, whose birth we celebrate in a few short weeks, was born to die.

Amidst all the trappings of the Christmas season, we do well to take a time out & remember that Jesus was sent by the Father in the fulfillment of the prophet Jeremiah's words: "In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord Our Righteousness.'" (33:16)

"Those days" include our days during Advent 2018, so we join with believers throughout the centuries to proclaim Jesus as King, who came to win salvation for us. We hail the baby born in Bethlehem as "The Lord Our Righteousness." Advent is a time to celebrate Jesus' birth, & it is also a time to make preparations for His return. Why is a Palm Sunday text appropriate for Advent?

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