



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.



Three Months Later....

Last month, three OGT branches worked together to deliver supplies to Florida to help with destruction from hurricane Michael. Rich Klepp and Jim Northup, volunteers from the New England branch drove a truck partially loaded with supplies from New England branch to the Maryland and Mid-Atlantic branches to load more cleaning and hygiene supplies and food. They delivered the goods to Trinity Lutheran Church in Panama City, Florida. Planning to stay and help, Rich and Jim slept in bunk beds at Trinity Lutheran Church with other volunteers. They stocked shelves at the Trinity food pantry

daily and unloaded trucks with donated goods from other Churches and the air force. The Trinity food pantry serves approximately 3,000 people weekly! They shared these pictures and that Florida is in desperate need of volunteers to help with clean up, tree cutting, pulling and dragging branches, helping out in the food pantry etc. After all that is done they will need to rebuild and need building materials, plywood, Sheetrock, etc. along with more volunteers. It has been three months since hurricane Michael swept across the region and yet it is overwhelming the amount of destruction and desperate need for help. Please remember the families, children, volunteers and workers affected by this devastating disaster in your prayers. The photo below has Jim Northup on left and Rich Klepp on the right.



Children Rejoice

Maryland Branch's shipment for Bethania Kids in India arrived just in time for Christmas! Some of the cargo was shared with three orphanages that serve children living in poverty and some with disabilities. One truck load delivered at 2:30 in the morning to an orphanage; the adults and some of the older girls helped to unload the gifts with great excitement. The next morning all the girls were up early to ride the bikes. So much gratitude was shared for these wonderful gifts, especially for the smiles that were put on the children's faces. Thank you to the donors and volunteers that made this possible for Bethania Kids!



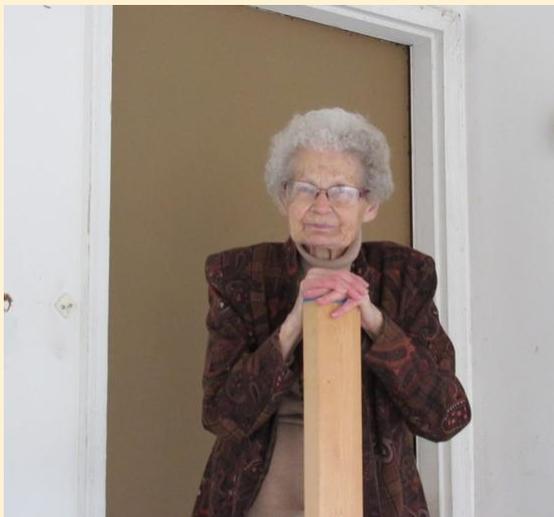


Feeding The Hungry

OGT funded a shipment of 272,160 fortified rice meals from Feed My Starving Children to be shipped to Gospelink Zambia. Dr. Marjie Heier will distribute the food to families living in severe poverty and those attending feeding programs through their clinic. Praise be to God!

Making Meals For Many

Immanuel Lutheran Church's Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) of Colorado Springs started up a Mercy Meal program. Their meals will be donated to Castle Rock OGT for shipment to those in need. Their first day was truly a learning experience and yielded 12 full boxes which is 2,592 meals! Awesome job for the first packing event! Pastor Kern began the day with a beautiful prayer and then "all" donned their hair nets. A big thanks to Marilyn & Duane Grasz, Karen Mann & Pastor Kern and to all the participants for filling 12 boxes.



Packed With Energy

What surprises are there in Wosley, SD? Neoma Frank, an amazing 90 year old lady whom collects goods for OGT then sorts, packs and labels the boxes in her garage! OGT's Director of Care Ministries Pastor Jim Carretto spoke at the local St. John Lutheran Church and was asked to visit Neoma at her home. When Pastor Carretto went into her garage he was absolutely amazed to find nearly 100 boxes of needed items ready for OGT to ship! The congregation also gave 54 boxes of goods along with the LWML donated items. Thank you everyone for your support and sharing for gifts to help those in need.

Devotion by Paul Leckband, OGT Correspondent

This Week's Scripture: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." Is. 43:2

Water & Fire You know that a major source of OGT's relief efforts is to send much-needed supplies to areas that have been ravaged by flood waters, often the result of hurricanes. We continue to supply people in need in our own U.S. but also in the Philippines, Haiti, & Puerto Rico. We also provided crucial relief to those suffering the effects of wildfires in Oklahoma & out West. We even sought to meet the needs of those who lost much or all of their worldly possessions due to the volcanic eruption in Hawaii.

The OT prophet Isaiah is speaking of deliverance from waters & fires, but he is not only talking about natural disasters. He is speaking of those challenges that God's people face daily—ongoing assaults by the devil, the world, & our own sinful flesh.

His relief comes to us through Word & Sacrament. He delivers us by the Living Water & Bread from Heaven. "For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him." (Rom. 6:6-9) To God be the glory! How do we know that Jesus Christ has conquered death? What does this mean for you?

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