



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 24 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.



Grateful for Rice Meals

The Reverend Chuchu with Diakonia Compassionate Ministry in Kisumu, Kenya recently received a shipment from the Norfolk warehouse. The ministry received 43,200 Kids Against Hunger meals, blankets/quilts, Bibles, Christian resource materials, summer clothing, sanitary kits, new underwear, medical equipment/linens, adult and children's PETs (all terrain wheelchairs), school desks, chairs, and school furnishings. Victorious Golgotha Ministry received 6,000 of the Kids Against Hunger meals. They were over joyed by the gift and shared these wonderful pictures with OGT.





Celebrating Elroy Koch!

OGT would like to send a very special Happy Birthday wish to Elroy Koch who turned 80 years young on January 10, 2017! Elroy dedicated 22 years as the Iowa West Branch Manager and his wife Barb worked alongside him as the Warehouse Coordinator. Earlier this year, failing health made it necessary for Elroy Koch to step down as the manager. Barb continues to sort and box clothes weekly at the Ida Grove location. The Iowa West Branch has seen much growth and outreach of support. They outgrew their first location in

a garage in Battle Creek, Iowa and are now in Ida Grove, IA at an old service station with rollers to help load trucks. Elroy was a farmer and a trucker which was beneficial to the branch. In the early years with OGT, he would truck clothes to disaster sights in the U.S. such as flooding in Grand Forks, N.D.; Oklahoma (tornadoes) and El Paso for a mission in Mexico. Elroy also participated in Operation Hay Lift, where area farmers would donate hay bales, and they'd truck them to Nebraska as drought relief for farmers. Some of the places clothing and medical supplies gathered at the Ida Grove warehouse have been shipped to include Lithuania, Latvia, the Baltics, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Baku, Estonia, Belarus, India and Kenya. Words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation of the 22 years of dedication, time and talent that Elroy Koch has given to Orphan Grain Train. We hope your day was filled with lots of joy celebrating YOU! Happy Birthday!

Wheels to Get Around

OGT recently received these wonderful picture of Caleb, an 8 year old boy with cerebral palsy. Caleb is at one of (KIM) Kids International Ministries' orphanages in the Philippines. He cannot walk and is at the mercy of people to push him around in his wheelchair. KIM received bikes from OGT and gave some of the smaller bikes to the orphanage. One of the bikes did not have pedals and Caleb was put on this bike. To everyone's amazement and his amazement, he was able to scoot around on this bike and it gave him the freedom to go where he wanted. He was so happy. KIM shared these pictures and story with us and said "Thank you for the gift of bikes that make a BIG difference in one boy's life."



Incentive for School

These precious students in Haiti were served Mercy Meals donated by OGT. Sandra Koch with Help For Haiti receives the OGT shipments and distributes some of the food and goods to other organizations, orphanages and schools in need. Sometimes it is the only meal the children get that day which is why attendance increases when meals are served. Thank you for helping to feed these children through your generous contributions.



Devotion by Paul Leckband, Orphan Grain Train Correspondent

This week's scripture: "The next day [after Jesus' baptism] John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A Man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me' . . . Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). And he brought Him to Jesus.'" (John 1:29-30, 40-41)

This week's devotional thought: Last week I shared this definition of "epiphany" from dictionary.com: "An appearance or manifestation, especially of a deity." It was certainly an "epiphany" when John the Baptist saw Jesus of Nazareth approaching. Also an "epiphany" when Andrew, originally John's disciple, feels the call to follow the Messiah, then shares this calling with his brother. [I have a feeling we'll hear more about both Andrew & Simon Peter.] Another definition of "epiphany" I shared with you was this one: "A Christian festival observed on Jan. 6." We actually call this the Festival of Epiphany, & the Christian Church designates this Epiphany as the day when the Wise Men first encountered the Christ child. It's also referred to as the "Gentile" Christmas—the Bible's first account of non-Jewish people encountering Christ.

Now listen to these words from the Old Testament Prophet: "'I will also make You a light for the Gentiles, that You may bring My salvation to the ends of the earth.' This is what the Lord says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel . . ." (Isaiah 49:6b-7a)

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