



## 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.



## Prayers For Those Suffering

OGT's Nevada-Sierra Branch in Sparks, NV is responding to a request for help with the Paradise, CA fires. They loaded clothing, coats and hygiene kits and delivered them to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Chico, CA for victims of the fires. Please pray for the families that have lost love ones and for the firefighters and others working in the midst of these fires.

As wildfires continue to burn throughout California, causing unprecedented devastation and destruction, we need your support now more than ever. Make a donation today to help families affected by the wildfires and Thrivent will double your impact!

Thrivent will match up to \$250,000 in personal donations made online through [Thrivent.com](https://www.thrivent.com) to Orphan Grain Train! The matching opportunity will run through January 31, 2019, or until the \$250,000 goal is met, whichever comes first. Thrivent will also help pay processing fees, so 100 percent of your donation goes to help those in need. To find out more, visit [Thrivent.com/disasterresponse](https://www.thrivent.com/disasterresponse). OGT is helping with this disaster and any gifts you can share would greatly help families in California.

OGT also continues to help families in Florida and N. Carolina with hurricane relief efforts. It is not too late to have your online donation doubled for these efforts through

Thrivent.com. Thrivent is matching up to \$1 million in personal donations or until Dec, 31, 2018, whichever comes first. Go to [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) or just click the Double your Donation button below. What an amazing opportunity to have your impact doubled for families that have lost everything. Thank you for your support of OGT's disaster relief efforts!

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## Aid for Appalachians

Last week the Indiana Branch volunteers loaded goods for Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY. They assist with community outreach, health and wellness, economic opportunities and improvements in housing. Red Bird will soon be receiving bedding, clothing, household items, hygiene supplies, toys, and backpacks to share with families in need.

## Gifts Loaded

Bible Mission in Moldova will soon rejoice with receiving goods from Rocky Mountain Branch in Julesburg, CO. The OGT volunteers loaded sewing supplies, coats, winter accessories, clothes, linens and quilts. Bible Mission shares with those living in poverty and also offers Bible classes. What wonderful gifts for families in Moldova.





## Love for the Disabled

Recently Central Iowa Branch volunteers in Clemons loaded a shipment of quilts, bicycles, toys, school kits/supplies, sports equipment, clothes, coats, shoes, hygiene kits, and medical equipment/supplies on a brisk Saturday morning for Republic of Georgia. Association of Persons with Disabilities will be receiving the goods to share with children

and adults with various disabilities. Praise be to God.



## 'Tis the Season

Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday will take place on November 27th and will kick off the charitable season by inspiring people to give back. Everyone has something to give. You can give time or expertise, monetary donations large or small, simple acts of kindness, goods or clothing.

## Beans For Many

Minnesota North Collection Center recently purchased 38,040 pounds of dried kidney beans that will be shipped from the Norfolk warehouse. The beans were divided into 17 bunkers weighing 2,238 lbs. each and will be distributed to Cornerstone Children's Ranch, Ysleta missions and various Navajo reservations. As to date, one bunker of beans has delivered to Natahani Ranch (Navajo Nation) along with clothing, household items and medical equipment. Another shipment to Ysleta Missions in El Paso, TX included 1 bunker of beans, other various foods, clothing and household items. Thank you Minnesota North for the

purchase of beans to fill many tummies.

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## Smiles After Loading

OGT has a new recipient, International Charity Fund Peace in the Republic of Georgia which will soon receive quilts, school supplies, medical equipment and clothing from volunteers and supporters of Iowa West Branch in Ida Grove. Fund Peace works with families living in poverty, with disabilities, and those suffering from illnesses with little medical assistance.



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### Devotion by Paul Leckband, OGT Correspondent

**Read:** Luke 17:11-19 + Deut. 8:1-10

“One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, ‘Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ Then He said to him, ‘Rise and go; your faith has made you well.’” Luke 17:15-19

**“Unclean! But not for Long.”** This text should be very familiar. It is commonly included in the lectionary for Thanksgiving Day or—in more recent times—Thanksgiving Eve services. Leprosy was a death sentence. Lepers were kicked out of their towns & villages. They were not allowed to approach others. In fact, if it looked like someone was getting too close, they were to bow their heads, cover their faces, & exclaim, “Unclean! Unclean!” They had to beg for sustenance, since no occupations were open to them. Today it’s known as Hansen’s Disease today, & unlike today, there was no treatment for this disease.

Ten lepers cry to Jesus for deliverance. He hears & acts. The men are healed even before they show themselves to the priest—a necessary step in order for them to be declared clean & return to society. What a life-changing miracle! An unheard-of healing! And they respond by returning to thank Jesus. Well, hang on a second. Only one returned to Jesus, & he wasn’t even part of God’s chosen people.

This scripture can easily be used to focus on the Law. We should be thankful for everything we receive from the Lord, especially the gift of new life through Water & the Word. In Baptism we were cleansed from the leprosy of sin. There’s a Gospel message to be found, too. God’s love in healing us becomes motivation for noticing, appreciating, & giving thanks for the many blessings we have received. And that same love can lead us in gratitude to seek to meet the

needs of “orphans,” both near & afar.

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