



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.



Christmas Shared In Nicaragua!

Merry Christmas from OGT to children in Nicaragua! Georgina and Ricardo are with Lutheran Hour Ministries in Nicaragua and they had their Christmas celebration for the children in their feeding program. They were able to share OGT Christmas boxes and have a piñata for the children that live in poverty and families have very little to put toward presents. Thank you to those that put together the Christmas boxes that put smiles on the faces of many children. Thanks be to God!

Watch for Upcoming Changes!

Coming soon will be changes to the Headliner look! It will continue to have the variety and

interesting OGT happenings but with a different look. We are also making changes to our website for an all new look and navigation of OGT. More information to come!

Gifts Given Locally

Iowa West Branch in Ida Grove shared clothing and hygiene supplies with Eric's Closet which assists people using the Siouxland soup kitchen and also at St. Augustine Indian Mission in Winnebago, NE. Thank you for helping local organizations!



Feeding 1,000s

Elgin Public School 5th and 6th grade students came to the Norfolk warehouse for a tour and to learn about the ministry of OGT. They also raised funds for OGT of \$162.00 which will go toward Project Feed 500. The Feed 500 program is that every \$15 donated is enough to pay shipping costs on 500 meals (Mercy Meals). You have given enough to pay for shipping of 5,399 meals for hungry children and families! Thank you Elgin students!

Food For The Starving

The Wisconsin Branch purchased 80,000 pounds of black beans and funded the transportation for half to ship to Liberia and the other half for Haiti from the Norfolk warehouse. Both shipments were shipped and will serve many families receiving aid through Lutheran AID Ministries in Liberia. Help For Haiti will share among several organizations to help feed the very poor throughout the region. Glory be to God!

Ready to Ship

43 boxes of quilts were packed at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wausau, WI, and were delivered to OGT's Wisconsin Branch in Westfield WI. The Wausau packers were very busy that day, besides those quilts another 122 boxes were packed. That was a record day! Thank you!



Servants for Christ

Recently the 1st graders at Christ Lutheran School in Norfolk, NE put together 50 hygiene kits for OGT. Mrs. Leckband, one of the teachers applied for a Thrivent Action Team that has seed money of \$250.00 and for a Walmart donation a \$50 which went towards purchasing towels and washcloths. The children brought the rest of the hygiene items. The students had fun and worked fast putting all the items into towels. They delivered them to the Norfolk warehouse and had a tour to learn more about OGT and how their donation will help others. They were an energetic and giving group of children! Thank you Mrs. Leckband and Mrs. Wood for organizing this special project of OGT!



Taught to Sew

OGT ships sewing machines, supplies and fabric to Marlin and Rose Jones in the Philippines. They have a small school to teach women how to sew so they can support themselves. Pictured is a lady using an OGT donated sewing machine to make curtains for Amparo Baptist church to help support herself. Thank you OGT donors!



Devotion by Paul Leckband, OGT Correspondent

This Week's Scripture: "In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus." Eph. 3:4-6

What Is Epiphany? In 2019, it's easy to overlook or take for granted the celebration of Epiphany, which is the observance of the announcement of the Christ child's birth to Gentiles, specifically the "Magi from the east." (Matt. 2:1) First of all, we just celebrated Christmas, which included all the pre-Christmas hype. We may be suffering from Christmas "fatigue" by now. Secondly, nearly all of us are Gentiles, & Jesus has been a part of our lives from birth, & not only our lives but for generations of Gentiles. We've never known a time when God's message was not proclaimed to Gentiles. This wasn't always true. The early Church struggled with how to assimilate Gentiles into a Church that was largely made up of Jews. Jesus was a Jew. All the apostles were Jewish. Was the message of salvation intended to embrace the Gentile nations? Emphatically, St. Paul says "Yes!" And already 800 years before the birth of Christ, the prophet Isaiah foretold of the Good News being broadcast to Gentile nations. (Isaiah 60:1-6). Consider how OGT embraces Christ's Great Commission to the entire world. In 2017-2018, we sent 340 full shipments of relief supplies within the U.S. & to other countries. That included 225 full semi-loads to domestic locations, and 115 shipping containers to destinations overseas. We are blessed by the Lord to be able to deliver the message of His grace & mercy to so many "Gentiles," both near & far. May He continue to bless our mission & ministry! How was the Messiah first revealed to Gentiles? How was He first revealed to you?

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