



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.



Thank You OGT Donors!

Norfolk warehouse funded a shipment of 272,160 Manna Pack Rice meals from Feed My Starving Children that was received with shouts of joy in Monrovia, Liberia! Children Relief Services shared the boxes of Manna meals with children in orphanages, the elderly and visually impaired that live in desperate need of food daily. To God be the Glory.



From MN to Liberia

Minnesota North Collection Center volunteers have been busy packing donated clothes at Zion Lutheran Church in Morris, MN. They also received chairs that were donated from Moorhead State College in Moorhead and Island Camp in Henning, MN. The chairs will be shipped to Pastor Kollie in Cotton Tree, Liberia. Pictured with the OGT truck and chairs from L to R: Pastor Kollie; Gene Pasche, MN North Collection Center coordinator; and Ken Earlandson.

Gifts Given

Last October Indiana Branch volunteers loaded a shipment of quilts, clothing, coats, shoes, hygiene items, canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, hospital bed/mattresses, over-the-bed tables, bicycles, children's items, backpacks/school supplies, and sewing supplies for Cesis, Latvia. Pastor Eglitis with Gaujaslici Ministry had the goods unloaded with the help from Latvian militaries, an army base in Cesis. The ministry has a soup kitchen, homeless shelter, camps for children and Bibles studies. The first photo is the Indiana Branch volunteers after loading the goods and the next photo is the volunteers that unloaded the goods in Latvia. Praise be to God. Thank you Indiana Branch volunteers and donors!



Beans For Many

Last October Gene Pasche the coordinator for Minnesota North Collection Center helped to arrange the purchase of 39,000 pounds of light kidney beans from Bonanza Bean in Morris, MN. The purchase was made by Apostolic Christian Harvest Call and Zion Lutheran Church (Georgia Libbon memorial) both from Morris, MN. The beans were picked up by OGT Logistics and delivered to Norfolk warehouse where they will be shipped to various organizations that will share them with to those in need in the US. Some of the beans have already shipped and fed families at Navajo Nation in Arizona and Ysleta Mission in Texas. In the first picture from L to R is a Bean plant employee, Corky Fehr, Gene Pasche, another plant employee, Bill Rickmeyer and OGT truck driver Mike Fink.



Ease of Loading

More than 30 volunteers in the Missouri-Illinois Branch of OGT recently were very active in obtaining, preparing, packaging and loading much-needed items for use in Gambia, a needy area in Africa. Items were prepared for young and old, from cradle to school-age, to young adult and beyond. Included were personal items to augment health, clothing of various sizes and types, and

items to be used in educational efforts: small school desks, chairs, tables, cabinets, teaching aids, and more. Blankets of all types were bagged and counted, then placed strategically to protect the items. A special conveyor system was used for loading. Part of the system allowed easy manual rolling of items with hardly any effort. A new addition, thanks to the generosity of regional volunteers and of a contributor about 250 miles away, a motorized conveyor was designed, configured, and adapted in order to convey items uphill into the truck where these were then properly packed for shipment to Norfolk.

"The whole process worked wonderfully," said Ron Loesch, who manages the branch headquartered in St. Louis. "A big word of thanks to all the volunteers, especially those who made the conveyor system a reality." The loading was completed in about four hours, thanks to the innovation. It was estimated that the work time was nearly cut in half thanks to the number of volunteers and the safety of the conveyor. The load was prayerfully sent off to its eventual destination to help those in need.



God's Blessings

On Friday, November 16, the Maryland Branch sent out its 9th international shipment for the 2018 year. This was shipped to the village of Duk, South Sudan, the shipment included clothing, tables, walkers, commodes and wheelchairs- over 11,900 pieces of humanitarian aid. At this Thanksgiving, we're thankful for the warehouse space that enables us to stage the pallets for more efficient loading, and especially for

the countless volunteers who generously give of their time to sort, pack, load, and collect the needed items!

Together to Serve

OGT's Minnesota North Collection Center recently held their annual meeting with the Lutheran Layman's League. Together they assembled 66 hygiene kits at Zion Lutheran Church in Morris, MN! Thank you!



Devotion by Paul Leckband, OGT Correspondent

This Week's Scripture: "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before Me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty." Mal. 3:1

Christmas Garments John the Baptist's clothing certainly caused him to stand out. According to St. Matthew, he wore clothing made of camel's skin. His decrepit dress testified to his message: "He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." (Luke 3:3) The prophet Malachi had foretold his appearance 400 years before Christ; Isaiah had prophesied his coming 800 years before John's public ministry. John was a forerunner of Christ. We 21st century Christians have been endowed by the Holy Spirit to know that Jesus came & fulfilled John's message of repentance in preparation for the Messiah. Jesus came as a lowly infant, but grew into a man, who made His way to the cross, died to win forgiveness for all, & rose in triumph over sin, death & Satan. An Advent message is this: He will come again in glory to judge the living & the dead, & for believers His kingdom will have no end. How did John's manner of dress support his message?

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