



## 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.



### Pews for Congregation in Liberia

Last week the Norfolk warehouse volunteers were busy loading a shipment for a new recipient in Liberia. Pastor James Kollie with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Cotton Tree, Liberia will soon be receiving 28,512 Mercy Meals, church altar, baptismal font, lectern, pews, Bibles, choir robes and church supplies, clothing, children's shoes, handbags, folding chairs, hygiene kits, towels, adult PET, bicycles, school books, chalkboards, school kits and supplies, student desks/chairs and classroom tables. Good Shepherd Church was started in 2002 with 27 members and has grown to over 400 members today. The school also continues to grow with 258 students. On this shipment, the pews and church furnishings were donated to OGT from St. Paul's Lutheran church in Seneca, SD. How wonderful for the furnishings to continue to bless others in another congregation in Liberia. Thank you to those that donated so many wonderful gifts for Liberia. The above picture is of their Sunday school students. Click on the picture to see more pictures of the congregation and Lutheran school students.

### Tragedy in Bishkek

On Monday, January 16 a Boeing 747 cargo plane crashed into a neighborhood outside Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, killing 37 people in the plane and on the ground and destroying 23 homes. At least 15 people including children were hospitalized. The devastation for loss of lives and the destruction is great for this small village which only had 43 homes. OGT is in contact with our recipient Lena with Compassion in Bishkek. Lena shared "that all of Kyrgyzstan is helping those hurt in this tragedy. People are generously donating money, food, clothing and

supplies for those that have suffered. We got in touch directly with the local administration of the village where the tragedy happened and offered help. We have just received OGT shipment and are giving blankets and quilts from this container. Thus, OGT also helps the victims of this terrible tragedy. I will send you pictures when we have them. Thank you very much for your prayers for us and those suffered in the tragedy.” OGT is grateful to be able to help the victims. Please keep this community, families and the children affected by this tragedy in your prayers.

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### Save the Date!

OGT is excited to announce our upcoming 25th Anniversary Convention this September 15 & 16, 2017 in Norfolk, NE. We will have a special recognition of OGT's President Pastor Ray Wilke, and the late Clayton Andrews, former CEO/Vice President. The Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Dale Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and has been speaking and preaching for 30 years. We will also have some of our recipients from around the world share how OGT impacts others and entertainment from Concordia University of Nebraska Show Choir. For more information on events, quilt auction, registration and lodging, click on the OGT 25th Anniversary logo. We hope to see you there!

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### Feeding Programs for Many

In early December the Norfolk warehouse volunteers loaded a shipment of 199,584 Mercy Meals and 57,024 Kids Against Hunger meals for Manila, Philippines. Kids International Ministries (KIM) received the shipment last week and will be using the food at their rural feeding programs and orphanages. KIM shares stories from the Bible at some of their feedings to also enrich the soul. They also have roadside feeding programs which is parking alongside a road, open the back end of vehicle and children and adults come with a cup, bowl or baggy to be filled with prepared rice meal, sometimes the only meal they eat that day. Thank you to our supporters and volunteers that help feed the hungry children and families in the Philippines. The photos are from various feeding programs with Kids International Ministries.



## Devotion by Paul Leckband, Orphan Grain Train Correspondent

**This week's scripture:** "Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength." 1 Cor. 2:22-25

**This week's devotional thought:** What kind of Messiah did 1st century Jews expect? As God's chosen people, subjugated by the hated Gentile Romans, they did NOT expect or welcome a Messiah who preached the Beatitudes in Matthew: "Blessed are the poor in spirit...the meek...the merciful...the peacemakers...Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me." (Matt 5:3a, 5a, 7a, 9a, 11)

Nor did they expect a Messiah who would be crucified on the cursed tree, as Jesus ultimately would be, also by the Gentile Romans—with no little help from pious yet sinful Jews—or pious yet sinful Gentiles. What about us 21st century Christians? What kind of Messiah do we expect?

Living in a culture where individual freedoms & rights are not only expected but demanded, do we expect a Savior who—instead of encouraging us to fight tooth & nail for our entitlements—encourages us to "Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward IN HEAVEN, because in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you..."?? (Matt. 5:12) Remember an "epiphany" can be, "The reality or essential meaning of something . . ." [dictionary.com]

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