



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.



FFA Students Give Their Time and Talent

Rocky Mountain Branch in Julesburg, CO had some great help loading a shipment for Taurage, Lithuania. The FFA students from Revere School District in Ovid, CO donated their time and muscles to load 976 boxes containing quilts, layette kits, linens, coats, clothing, shoes, hygiene kits, diaper t-shirts, backpacks, sewing supplies and bikes. What wonderful gifts for Taurage Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive and distribute to families in need.

Boxes Filled with Gifts

Last November the Indiana Branch shipped a load to Managua, Nicaragua. Rainbow Network cleared and unloaded the shipment containing blankets/quilts, clothing and shoes, hygiene kits/towels, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, folding/student chairs, backpacks and sports equipment. What wonderful gifts for the families in Nicaragua.



Quilting Marathon & Amazing Women

What do you get when you put "50" Christian Women together on 'the march' Saturday...? answer...34 Exquisite Quilts! Fifty women, ages 9 to 90 from Mt Olive Lutheran Church of Aurora, Colorado held their 2nd annual quilting marathon this past Saturday for Castle Rock's shipment to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Talsia, Latvia in February. Altogether they donated 74 quilts, including outstanding baby quilts. What works of beauty! Thank you!



Relief Supplies Loaded

On Tuesday, January 24 the Norfolk warehouse volunteers hustled loading a shipment in a snow storm for the Philippines. The hard working volunteers loaded 42,768 Mercy Meals, 200 pounds of plain rice, blankets, linens, Bibles, beds/mattresses, folding chairs, hygiene items, towels, crutches, bicycles, PETS, wheelchairs, solar ovens, school kits, sewing machines, file cabinets, tables, and toys. Pastor Ryan Tormentar with the Christian Missionary Baptist Church will receive the cargo for use in the church, school and outreach program. Pastor Ryan works with very poor families that have minimal incomes from working on sugarcane farms. They are very grateful to receive the Mercy Meals, rice and other needed supplies. The pictures are from loading in the snow storm and a previous photos sent to us from Pastor Ryan from the outreach program.





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as simple as getting on line or making a phone call and it only costs you your time. Your Choice Dollars can help ship food to a hungry child. Please go to thriventchoice.com or call 1-800-847-4836. Thank you for supporting the ministry of OGT.

Devotion by Paul Leckband, Orphan Grain Train Correspondent

This week's scripture: "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter--when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard." Isaiah 58:6-8

This week's devotional thought: Doesn't this sound like Isaiah's OT mission statement for those who serve Orphan Grain Train today? Doesn't it sound like self-congratulatory words for those of us who donate our time, talent, & treasure on behalf of the oppressed, the hungry, the homeless, the naked, the sick? Not so fast! We may do all these things, but do we serve God by serving the needy . . . perfectly? After all, what's God's standard? Listen to Jesus in these words from His Sermon on the Mount in Matt. 5:20: "For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven." Here is an Epiphany truth for today: "We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has FREELY given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words." (1 Cor. 3:12-13) Praise be to Jesus that we are saved—not by our own righteousness but by the FREE GIFT of grace given to us by Jesus Christ through faith.

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