



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.



A Great Loss for Many

OGT received some very sad news on Tuesday, January 17. One of our Haitian recipients, Leonard Isidor was shot and killed outside his home on Tuesday afternoon. Leonard visited OGT home office last year with Dick Bueche of Haiti Lutheran Mission Society. He gave to others freely what was given to him and often sang hymns of praise while doing so. He had a church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Zion, built beside his home and after services he would distribute baggies of beans or rice to those in need. He often sent OGT pictures and videos of distributing OGT donated food and supplies to those in need. He was given an OGT polo shirt and wore that in most all of the distribution pictures. Please remember Leonard, his family, friends and congregation in your prayers. He will be missed by many. Click on the above photo to see more pictures of his work.



Grateful for Equipment

Last September, the Norfolk warehouse volunteers loaded 15,000 Mercy Meals, Bibles, sleeping mats, Christian books, children's clothing, layette kits, dental furnishings, hospital beds, exam tables, medical furnishings, medical linens, and playground equipment for Nairobi, Kenya. OGT's recipient Missionary Benedictine Sisters shared the medical equipment with a remote clinic. The picture is of Mr Njorogethe, the health minister in Laikipia County along with some of the clinic staff. OGT received a sincere thank you from Susan Smith for the medical equipment and helping the needy people in Kenya. Click on the picture to view other wonderful photos of the equipment being unloaded in Kenya.



Team Work for Same Cause

In December the New England Branch and Mid-Atlantic Branch split a load for Riga, Latvia. Located in Wilmington, DE, the Mid-Atlantic Branch volunteers loaded gloves, hats, scarves, clothes, shoes, hygiene kits, school supplies and sewing supplies. Then in Terryville, CT, the New England Branch volunteers loaded blankets, linens, clothing, layette kits, medical equipment, school supplies and sewing machines. What wonderful gifts for children and families in need from two of OGT's locations. The first picture is of Mid-Atlantic Branch volunteers and the next is New England Branch volunteers.



Feed Many!!

The congregation at Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Island, NE raised more than \$900.00 for OGT's Project Feed 500! Pastor Reehl started the collection drive by handing out OGT Foodbank Boxes for members to put spare money into and the final gathering was Thanksgiving service. The donation was enough money for OGT to ship 30,875 meals! What an awesome job – thank you!! OGT has Project Feed 500 which is every \$15 is enough money to ship 500 meals in the US or worldwide. Last fiscal Year OGT shipped more than 4.6 million meals and our goal this year is to surpass 5 million meals. Thank you for supporting Project Feed 500! If your

congregation would like to participate, please call OGT at 877-371-7393. Pictured is Suzie Leffers, OGT's Director of Public Relations accepting a check from Pastor Reehl, retired Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church and responsible for the OGT Baltic accounts supporting orphanages, hospitals and prisons.

Devotion by Paul Leckband, Orphan Grain Train Correspondent

This week's scripture: "When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He returned to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, He went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: 'Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan. Galilee of the Gentiles—the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.' From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.'" Matt. 4:12-17

This week's devotional thought: Did Jesus high-tail it to Galilee because He was afraid of Herod? His cousin John—the forerunner of Christ—had been thrown in prison for preaching the Truth. Maybe the Christ would be next? Or did Jesus the Messiah head north to "Galilee of the Gentiles" to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah, uttered hundreds of years earlier? Jesus was not meant to be the Savior of one race of people. He was sent to be "Jesus", the "One who saves," for all people, including "the people living in darkness . . . living in the land of the shadow of death." That would be Gentiles, too. A reminder from a previous devotional: An "epiphany" can be, "An appearance or manifestation, especially of a deity." It can also be, "The reality or essential meaning of something . . ." [dictionary.com] We believe by God's grace that Jesus is the Son of God—a deity. The reality for believers? All people living in the darkness of sin & death have a Savior who can deliver them from the darkness of this world. Our response? We are enabled to share the Light of the World as we deliver God's mercy & grace to people still living in darkness.

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