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## Indiana Division links up with new ministry partner

**G**ene Wint, Orphan Grain Train's Division Chairman in Indiana, is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran in Columbus, Indiana. Last year his pastor introduced him to a missionary from India. This meeting with John Peter Kirubagaran of Bangalore, India, made it possible for Gene and hundreds of other people to share the love of Jesus Christ with needy people in leper colonies, hospitals, and Christian day schools throughout India.

**3** School supplies—Sorted by Indiana children in seven Lutheran schools to be given to children in Christian day schools in India. With volume buying, identical materials were sorted for each child. Thus, 1,500 sets of school supplies were donated for the children in India. New Testaments and Bible coloring books were also in each box. St. Peter's Lutheran of Columbus and other churches in the area paid for the shipping, which totaled \$4,200. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans also helped with the effort.



Children at an orphanage in India hold the clothing they received from Orphan Grain Train Indiana.

John Peter's philosophy is "minister to human needs, but the Gospel comes first." New missions are based on cell groups within neighborhoods rather than church buildings. Thousands respond to the Gospel each year in India through this effort.

Gene knew immediately that he wanted to help. Indiana's response became a three-part effort:

- 1** Clothing—Indiana had presorted and boxed clothing that would be useful for the outreach.
- 2** Eyeglasses—M.O.S.T. Ministries of Ann Arbor, Mich., arranged for 25,000 pairs of eyeglasses donated by Lions Clubs International to be included in the shipment for eyeglass clinics they would host in India with American volunteers.

### Just one of many thank you letters the Indiana Division has received in response to this effort:

*"Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Respected Sir,*

*Sir, Thank you very much for the free cloth (clothing) distribution for the Orphan and Poor people. We have distributed the same to the needy people. They enjoyed a lot we praised God for the donors who gifted the same to us. My prayer is that the Almighty God may [bless] each person who is involved in this ministry and thank God for this Orphan Grain Train operation. 170 people gained in this project.*

*Thanking you. In His Glad Service, Pastor S. Murthy*

Gene Wint says, "The whole idea is to pray that God will lead people to do what He wants them to." Gene gives the glory to God for the success of this effort. †



Orphan children waiting for clothing distribution.

# Orphan Grain Train **CONVENTION 2004**

*Orphan Grain Train's Sixth Annual International Convention*

Theme:

***"...Did not our hearts burn within us...?"***

Luke 24:32 (ESV)

## ***Schedule and Activities***

### **Friday, September 10**

- 3:30–5:30 p.m. Tours at Orphan Grain Train Warehouse, 606 Phillip Avenue (see map)
- 5–6 p.m. Registration at Lutheran High School Northeast, 2010 North 37th St.
- 6–7 p.m. Wisconsin-Style Fish Feed, Indoor Picnic, at Lutheran High School Northeast (Free will offering will be taken for Orphan Grain Train shipping expenses.)
- 7 p.m. Welcome by Mr. Gary Thies, Mission Developer for the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS).
- 7:20 p.m. Message from Rev. Russell Sommerfeld, President of the Nebraska District LCMS, "The State of the Church"

### **Saturday, September 11** All Saturday activities and meals at Lutheran High School Northeast, 2010 N. 37th St.

- 8:15 a.m. Continental breakfast
- 9 a.m. Opening Devotions, Rev. Ray S. Wilke, President
- 9:30 a.m. Greetings from Rev. Dr. Walt Winters, International Director, Lutheran Hour Ministries, St. Louis, Mo.
- 9:45 a.m. Rev. Ken Greinke, Interim Africa Regional Director, LCMS World Mission, St. Louis, Mo.
- 10:10 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Dr. William P Foster, MD, Christian Medical Endeavor and Rev. John Fale, Interim Director of Health Ministries, LCMS Human Care and World Relief
- 10:55 a.m. Rev. John Reehl and Mr. Douglas Trampe, "Russia and the Baltics," with Mr. Artis Eglitis of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia
- 11:55 a.m. Lunch
- 1:05 p.m. Rev. Karl Heimer, Ysleta Mission, El Paso, Texas
- 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Donna Maurer, Sierra Leone West Africa
- 2:15 p.m. Mrs. Lori Mercer, Children's Ranch, Quemado, Texas
- 2:50 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Mr. Gene Wint, "Indiana to India"
- 3:45 p.m. Mr. Roger Koch and Mr. Allen Minchow, Report on Hallam, Neb., Tornado Response
- 4:15 p.m. Questions and Answers
- 4:30 p.m. Devotions, Mr. Gerald Perschbacher, Lutheran Hour Ministries, St. Louis, Mo.; Benediction, Rev. Ray S. Wilke
- 5 p.m. Free time
- 6:30 p.m. Buffet dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Linda Reiser, President, Lutheran Women's Missionary League

**ADVANCE REGISTRATIONS** of \$40 per person may be sent to Orphan Grain Train, P. O. Box 1466, Norfolk, NE 68702 through Thursday, September 9. (Please use registration envelope enclosed with this newsletter.) This amount covers all meals, materials, and coffee breaks. Walk-in registrations September 10 or 11 will be \$45 per person.

Diabetic menu is available for those registering in advance. Please mark the check box on the registration envelope.

# Motel Reservation Information

## Norfolk, Nebraska

### Country Inn

1201 South 13th St.  
(800) 233-0733; (402) 371-4430  
Flat rate 1-4 persons: \$40  
Pool, Restaurant, Lounge

### Days Inn

1001 Omaha Avenue  
(402) 379-3035  
Flat rate: \$44  
Pool

### Eco-Lux Inn

1909 Krenzien Dr.  
(402) 371-7157  
1 person: \$36.15  
2 persons, 1 bed: \$38.95  
2 persons, 2 beds: \$42.35  
Continental breakfast,  
Indoor Pool, Spa, Fitness Room

### Hampton Inn

904 S. 20th St.  
(402) 379-3585  
Standard Rate: Double \$74; Single \$77  
(fewer singles available)  
AAA or AARP: Double \$66.60 or  
Single \$69.30

### Holiday Inn Express

920 S. 20th St. Hwy 275  
(402) 379-1524  
Flat rate: \$59.95  
Free Breakfast Fitness Center, Pool

### Howard Johnson White House Inn

2206 Market Lane  
(888) 802-5000; (402) 371-3133  
Single \$41  
Double \$46 (2 queen beds)  
Studio: whirlpool w/queen \$56  
Suites: 2 room, Whirlpool, Microwave \$77  
Continental Breakfast  
Fitness Room

### Ramada Inn

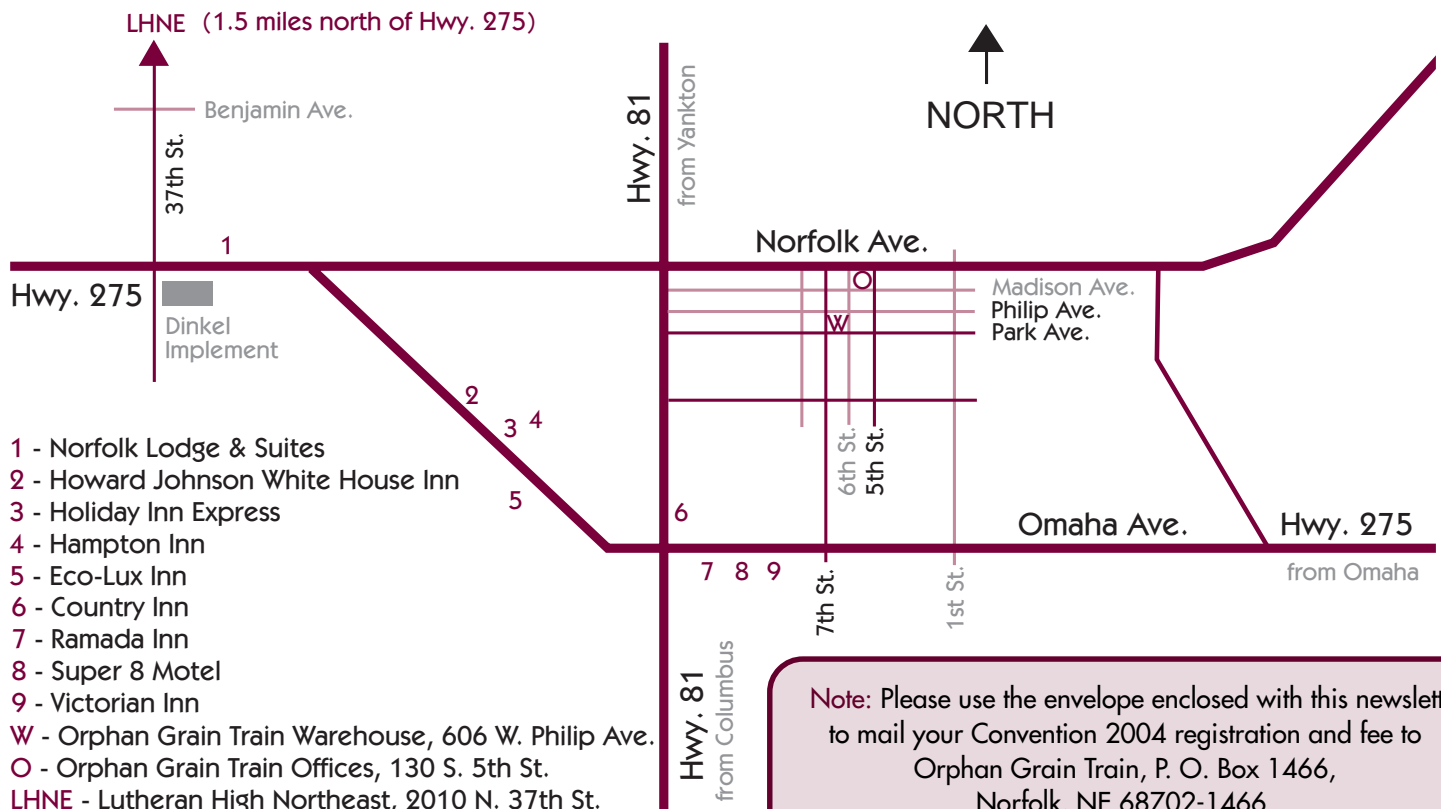
1227 Omaha Avenue  
(402) 371-7000, Ext. 604  
Flat rate: \$55  
Free Hot Cooked Breakfast  
2 Indoor Pools w/Water slides,  
Restaurant, Lounge

### Super 8 Motel

1223 Omaha Avenue  
(402) 379-2220; (800) 800-8000  
Flat rate: \$44.00  
Continental Breakfast

Shopping mall, restaurants, and a variety of fast food within 10 blocks of all motels.

## Map of Norfolk



**Note:** Please use the envelope enclosed with this newsletter to mail your Convention 2004 registration and fee to Orphan Grain Train, P. O. Box 1466, Norfolk, NE 68702-1466.

If registration envelope is missing, please print form from ["www.orphangraintrain.org/convention2004.cfm"](http://www.orphangraintrain.org/convention2004.cfm) or call (888) 371-7392.

## Orphan Grain Train

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See you in Norfolk September 10 and 11!

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## Orphan Grain Train's Sixth Annual International Convention

September 10 and 11, 2004  
at Norfolk, Nebraska.

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### Orphan Grain Train's Mission:

In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people, both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed.

A small Russian orphan girl smiles for Doug and Shirley Trampe. Come to the convention and see if they got as excited as Rev. John Reehl does about the children of eastern Europe.