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Orphan Grain Train--Michigan News Relay

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Sammy's Like Boys Everywhere



What do you do with outgrown boots and shoes? You remember there are other boys around the world smaller than you who would love to wear bright colored footwear just like you do.

Sammy came all the way from Virginia recently and brought Orphan Grain Train four of his outgrown pairs. Just think of the happy smiles, just like Sammy's here, that these boots will bring to a boy in Kyrgyzstan or Georgia or to a boy playing in Malawi. Thanks! Sammy.

**+ Next Shipment Poised for Rep. of
Georgia +**

Virlan Gheorghe



Orphan Grain Train--Michigan is returning to Georgia to assist people such as Virlan Gheorghe, a 98 year old gentleman from Trusheni, the Republic of Georgia.

A shipment is anticipated for this March when inclement winter weather is less likely to interfere with loading. Virlan Gheorghe is pictured here using a wheeled walker delivered with an Orphan Grain Train shipment from Michigan in August, 2022.

Wildfire Relief Efforts Increased with Thrivent Match



Here is shown remains of the former family home of our OGT branch manager Pastor Dave Reed located in Altadena, California.



The house was among thousands of structures destroyed in the devastating January Eaton Fire.

Thrivent is offering a Match in support of OGT's California disaster relief efforts. Several people lost their lives and thousands of structures were destroyed. We need your help to offer support and comfort to many of those devastated families. Thrivent will increase your impact. As part of the response, for every \$2 donated through Thrivent's online giving platform or gifts from a Donor Advised Fund through Thrivent Charitable Impact and Investing to Orphan Grain Train, Thrivent will match \$1, up to \$500,000.

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Please note: This Thrivent Match can ONLY be made through Thrivent's online giving platform linked here. OGT cannot accept checks or donations for the Thrivent Match. For every \$2 donated through Thrivent's online giving platform to Orphan Grain Train, Thrivent will match \$1, up to \$500,000. This matching opportunity will run until the match cap is met or 3/10/2025.

Thrivent pays all processing fees so 100% of your gift goes directly to the cause.

Thank you for your support of California disaster relief efforts.

Lutheran Heritage Foundation Notes Teamwork with Orphan Grain Train-- Michigan



Lutheran Heritage Foundation recently distributed the following notice:

"4th year seminary students from Concordia Lutheran Institute for the Holy Ministry (CLIHM) in South Sudan have returned from vicarage to begin their final year of studies. Awaiting them was a newly-stocked library, filled with books donated by Lutheran churches and individuals from across the United States. Keep these men and their instructors in your prayers as they work toward graduation, ordination and service as pastors in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Sudan/Sudan.

Special thanks to Orphan Grain Train - Michigan for shipping the container with these donations and more to ELCSS/S headquarters in (Yambio) South Sudan!"



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