Hi OGT Wisconsin,

Here are some photos from OGT 1859 that you loaded for Kyrgyzstan last January.

Thanks for all you do,

Karen Mansels

(July 2019)

We received very many pictures from the organizations that benefited from the OGT 1859. Below are just a few of them, but they help to understand the value of the humanitarian aid sent by Orphan Grain Train for the poor of Kyrgyzstan.

Lena

See pages 1-2 for more photos of specific organizations that benefited from the OGT 1859 load.
Crisis Shelter for the Homeless "Colomto"

We received these pictures from the municipal crisis shelter for the homeless "Colomto." This Kyrgyz word means "hearth." Any homeless person or any person who is in a tight situation can come to the shelter and find there a bed to sleep and a shower to wash. They are also provided with medical examinations and, if necessary, with treatment. Oftentimes, the homeless are helped to restore their lost passports and other documents.

There are 60 beds in the establishment, but in cold winter months sometimes about 100 people stay there. The Center is always in need of clothing, footwear, bedding, canes, wheel-chairs, and walkers which it regularly receives from the OGT through Fund Compassion.

Lena
The Social Agency "Arimad"

The Social Agency "Arimad" was established in 2003. The organization helps disabled women and single mothers. The Agency regularly receives humanitarian aid from the OGT containers. From OGT 1859 they received 10 boxes of blankets and quilts, 30 boxes of women's clothing, 10 boxes of men's clothing, 5 boxes of children's shoes, and 5 boxed of women's shoes.

Lena
HELP FOR HAITI
BABY Formula Distribution

Today we took Milk and Potato W down to Cite Soleil and stayed for the distribution run by the gang-- and they do a really good job. One-hundred-twenty-five babies were helped.

I am very happy to report as I examined the babies that are in the monthly program I saw only one out of a hundred with thin legs and red hair. Every baby looked healthy, solid, and no red hair.

Thank you, Love,
Sandra

(Feb. 2018)
HELP FOR HAITI

"Our Cup Runneth Over"

In an update from Sandra Koch in April 2018, she simply said,

"Our cup runneth over. Thank You!"
Because He Lives

There once was a Pastor who wanted to get to know a church visitor who was a sports enthusiast. Since the Pastor liked boxing, he invited the man to a boxing match, to which the man had never been. Just before the fight started, one of the boxers made the sign of the cross. "What does that mean?" asked the man. The Pastor quickly replied, "It doesn't mean a thing if the guy can't box."

St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:17 that if Christ has not been raised, our faith is futile; "it doesn't mean a thing" because we are still in our sin. But Paul goes on to say in verse 20 that Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, and that means our faith is not useless, but useful. Because Jesus lives, we too will live. In response to this good news, we live for the Lord, and one way we do that is by helping the less fortunate through Orphan Grain Train. We fight the good fight of faith because we know our efforts to serve others will not be useless, but have a lasting impact upon those who are helped. Because our king, Jesus, has won the victory, fought the good fight, we share in His victory.

When we die and the sign of the cross is made over us, that will mean everything. Because Christ has been raised from the dead, we too will rise. May that good news empower you to be about the Lord's service, knowing that our work in the Lord is not in vain. Thanks be to God!

God's blessings,

Pastor Bruce
Hello Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin,

Your shipment OGT 1794 has arrived successfully and was unloaded in Kretinga, Lithuania. At the moment we are preparing it for a giveaway. Our community is saying a big Thank You for given support.

Sincerely,

(Sept. 2018) Ar‘nas Šulskis
Fifty bikes are on their way to Moldova! Besides the bicycles, we also sent blankets, quilts, bedding, clothing, accessories, coats, canes, crutches, PETS, walkers, school supplies, and school supplies kits.

(March 2019)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Pictured here are the 23 volunteers who gathered at St. Peters School gym in Reedsburg to sort and pack the many donations that are given. This was a special day as it was the 10th anniversary of packing at St. Peters. After having a packing station at Zion in LaValle for 15 years, St. Peters opened its gym to this special ministry as Zion congregation voted to discontinue sorting and packing in their facility. Many of the volunteers from LaValle continue to be part of the team at St. Peters.

Since March of 2009, the volunteers have gathered 134 times. Over 19,500 boxes have been sorted and packed. Almost 12,000 volunteer hours have been donated by the many volunteers who have been part of the fun group that gathers for the work and fellowship that is held about once a month. We always take a coffee break and end the morning with a potluck. Fellowship and fun is a big part of what we do. We had a special cake at lunch to celebrate the anniversary.

The volunteers pictured here are from Reedsburg, LaValle, Hillsboro and LaCrosse. Dennis and Betty Andreasen coordinate the OGT ministry in Reedsburg.

(March 2019)
Just wanted to share what I have been up to in this cold, rainy weather.

In mid-January one of the local hotels donated the shoe runners from the bottom of their beds. They are a heavier upholstery material, and when you open all the seams they are about 53-54 inches wide. I thought they would make a good quilt, especially for somewhere like Haiti. They donated between 50-60.

Today I finished number 13.

God is good!
Rita Woller

(Feb. 2019)
The Labor of Love Quilters displayed quilts at the Orphan Grain Train fish boil fund raiser at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wausau, WI.  

(May 2018)

Here is a photograph of some of the distribution of vegetables going to a Missionary's wife who prepares a meal every Sunday for a meal after the worship service.  

Thank you,  

Pastor Martin  

(July 2018)
Loading Crew
This good-looking crew packed the container for Lithuania in August 2018.

Camp LuWiSoMo
Upcoming Events
Aug. 9-11 - Family Weekend
Sep. 10 - Cracking Clays for LuWiSoMo
Oct. 18-20 - Fall Work Weekend
Nov. 8-10 - Craft Retreat
Dec. 6-8 - Kid’s Christmas

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I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you. -John 14:18

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