Almost 4 years ago Black was a gang leader in one the 36 sectors of Cite Soleil. He would peddle around the slums on his bike carrying his rifle. Black’s goal was to kill Jean Lafortune and Sandra Koch from Help For Haiti (HFH).

Black would see the food, clothes, and supplies that HFH sent every month to 6 other sectors and toys at Christmas. The people of his sector would scream, "Where is OUR food?"

HFH determined to add Black’s community to the monthly list and also contracted a local repairman to fix the broken block wall and cistern pipes so the community would have clean water.

HFH never spoke to Black but was told that he stopped trying to shoot them. God was at work.

Eight months ago there was a knock at the HFH gate. There stood Black with 3 of his soldiers and asked if they could speak to us.

Black asked if we could pray for him. That he wanted to stop shooting and turn his life over to Jesus and for Pastor John to forgive him. Black bowed his head and prayed. He turned his life over to the Lord. His soldiers declined and said they were not ready yet.

Black attended church and Bible study every time it opened. He threw away his guns, but his soldiers said, "What type of leader is this, with no guns and no killing?"

His soldiers issued a coup to eliminate Black, and he hid to protect himself and his family.

Black said he needed a Study Bible. So, OGT Wisconsin Branch included several boxes of new French Bibles in their shipment to HFH along with a new Study Bible for Black. His top soldier said he also was ready to receive a Bible.

It was a happy day to see a man named BLACK, now living his life for the LIGHT of the world...Jesus Christ.

Thanks again to the Orphan Grain Train & the Wisconsin Branch for food and clothes to help the naked and starving, and a special thanks for Bibles to strengthen men’s souls!

Love, Sandra Koch
Dear OGT
Wisconsin,

Here are a few photos of the feeding center that opened today in Gorom, South Sudan. There is food for the children of Gorom. Praise the Lord!

William Okweari
+ Carol Brown

(September 2018)
Feeding Center Opens in Gorom
The student coloring intently is doing the fish with the invitation on it in Spanish to "Come, follow Jesus." This is our prayer for each of these 60 students who attended this mission site in Mexico. May each one of them comes to trust and follow Jesus.

The student in the center of this picture is 12 year old "Baruc." He is an excellent student who is also studying for Confirmation. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. He is a strong disciple and we see him becoming a teacher some day in one of our classes.
This picture features the VBS students at our 4th mission site in Mexico singing John 3:16 in Spanish. This class has about 22 students every Saturday and began in April of this year.

In this picture are Pastor Christian Morales (graduated from our Concordia Seminary in St. Louis) and the 4 teachers-in-training with him in Bible study. From left to right are Lizbeth 13, Cynthia 13, Pastor Cristian, Alejandra 13, and Christian 10.
Father Maxeau came from 7 hours south by Mirabalais, stopped by for food, blankets, clothing.

His brother, --who also is a priest-- still has 23 families living in tents in the mountains from the September hurricane.

Thank you for a great shipment!

Love,

Sandra Koch

(April 2018)
Sister Joseph's group picked up her thirty mattresses, food, and beans for the flurant housing project.

Thank you Orphan Grain Train!! (shipment 1750)

Love,

Sandra Koch

(April 2018)
On February 23, 2019, Pella Lutheran Church in Waupun hosted a Mercy Meal Kit Assembly Workshop. With the gracious help of about 60 volunteers, we were able to provide meals for 38,670 people.

The Mercy Meal ingredients were purchased from Kids for Hunger, which is a charity that obtains the food that is used to share with charitable organizations. The food consists of rice, dehydrated vegetables, a soy protein and vitamins. Every ingredient is measured and weighed to ensure each bag provides a balanced nutritional value. Each bag that was assembled and packaged can feed approximately 6 people, at a cost of twelve cents per meal. These meals were supplied to Orphan Grain Train- Wisconsin Branch, who will transport them to the starving individuals of Haiti and Liberia.

This great accomplishment would not be possible without the generous volunteers in our community. A huge Thank You to all of the individual volunteers as well as the local businesses that were involved; Kwik Trip and Subway for providing lunches for the volunteers, NAPA Auto Supply for assisting in the delivering of the materials, The Brakebush Family Foundation and to Orphan Grain Train for shipping the meals. None of this would be possible without any of you.

Pella Lutheran Church will be holding another Mercy Meal Kit Assembly Worksheet in July. If you would like to volunteer, or would like more information on this event, please to go the Pella Lutheran Church Facebook page or contact Karla Ceman, Youth Leader and organizer of this event, at 920-291-8600. The Pella Lutheran Youth Group will also be accepting donations for gently used clothing and pillowcases, which will be made into dresses, that will be boxed up and sent in July as well with the meals. For every dollar donated to Pella Lutheran Church, eight empty stomachs will be filled. Please memo “Mercy Meals” on your check and mail to Pella Lutheran Church at 315 S. Madison St. in Waupun, WI.
We should share more than the material blessings God puts at our fingertips for good stewardship. That follows the sharing of His love and good news of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Our first sharing is the extension of good will that we have received from God the Father when He sent His only-begotten Son from eternity into our fallen creation to bring His forgiving life to lighten up our darkness. Even if the first thing people perceive from us is something material, we should be sending God's goodwill toward them in our prayers that precede and accompany our actions.

Can you see that in Romans 3:27-28? We might be tempted to boast of our works and the good we do through OGT. Don't waste your time doing that. You know we are not saving ourselves through these admirable works. We are saved to do works that show we're no longer dead in our guilt and sin but we dare not boast about it. We'd fall flat on our faces if OGT was about us.

We've been justified apart from the works of the law (or any works that follow). The law always condemns us because we are sinful by nature and all our works are tainted. Christ saved us anyway and every way. Now we simply work and ask Him to make it good by going before our works, being in our works and following through with the Holy Spirit to bring His gift of faith wherever our works go.

Our boasting is not excluded by the law. The law would allow us to compare ourselves to others and chalk up a few points to the good. We could deceive ourselves with legalism to make ourselves feel important. That would not get us very far. Boasting in the law is a dead end. God provides what lasts, His goodwill at the cost of that only-begotten Son. We can only boast in the cross that shows us the final solution to all our sin. That takes faith, faith to boast in the crucified One.

The crucified One lives victoriously. Our works help make that believable to many people all around the world and right in our neighborhoods. Praise the Lord Jesus Christ and keep up His good work. His light shines through us in OGT and in all our Baptized living.

Blessed Reformation Celebrations to you all!

Rev. Mark R. Meier, Sr.

"Praise be to Jesus the Christ of God"
Dear Wisconsin Orphan Grain Train,

This is Ralph Tackett from Manna from Heaven.

We would like to extend our greatest thanks for the load. It was a blessing to the people in this area, and it came just in time for the children to go back to school.

The last 5 major mines here have gone broke. And, some are not paying the men on their pay day. This has been in the last 3 weeks. You have been a God-send to these people and a blessing to us all.

God bless you and every thing you do.

Love from all of us at

Manna from Heaven
Clip from a Local Newspaper

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

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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.

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