

# WISCONSIN BRANCH Quarterly Newsletter

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### **CORNERSTONE CHILDREN'S RANCH** BORDER MISSIONS

All the potatoes were gone within an hour and a half! I'm afraid I could've used more, but thank you so much for the big blessing! Many children will he fed!

Blessings to you all, Lori Mercer







# LAREDO, TX LATIN AMERICAN LUTHERAN MISSIONS



Dear Friends, Thank you for your efforts! Here are photos from our first "harvest!" Blessings, Yael













## REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

### INTERNATIONAL CHARITY FUND PEACE



A little gift for you:

One of the members of our partner organization
Association "Merkuri" had a wedding a few days ago. She and her husband were married during former
Soviet years, but at that time it was only possible to do a civil wedding, not a church wedding. After so long, they decided to have a church wedding.

The bride wore a wedding dress which was sent by WI - Orphan Grain Train in one of the previous shipments. She was genuinely happy and grateful because she loved this dress a lot and could use such beautiful and meaningful gift for a very precious and memorable occasion in her life.

Blessings, Turpa

# SOUTH SUDAN COMPASSION FOR CHILDREN

#### ARRIVAL OF CONTAINER ON NOVEMBER 4TH 2022



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Dear Mrs Robinson and the WI – Orphan Grain Train, Greetings to you in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I truly apologize for taking so long to send you more details of our recent container to vulnerable children of South Sudan. The container arrived safely, though there were some small delays in Kenya due to changes in government requirements of transit. We are glad that all has gone well!

Upon the arrival of the container our team did well to first distribute 350 sacks of beans to 11 centers in which Gorom is the most affected by child anemia. We have reduced infant fatalities since OGT started feeding in Gorom with an average of 960 children combined in one place. THANK YOU. I will share the feeding pictures once I get them.

We have started Pochalla Secondary School. This village has never had high school before. It's a great blessing to this community, only lacking proper educational materials and teacher's incentives. Currently we spend \$50 a month for a teacher.

We give thanks to OGT and the Brakebush family for standing with us in this life changing mission. We know only God can reward what you have started for us.

Compassion for Children exists because of Brakebush and all of your gifts and prayers. Thanks again.

Thank you, sincerely, William Okweari



### DISTRIBUTION OF BEANS TO THE FEEDING CENTERS





POCHALLA SECONDARY SCHOOL STARTED ONE YEAR AGO FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS COMMUNITY









# LIBERIA THANKFUL FOR TABLES AND CHAIRS!

Good morning beautiful family in Christ!

There were great excitements from the little children this morning for their OGT support of American children school chairs. These chairs have made it very comfortable for their learning activities.

The kids are very excited for their beautiful chairs you sent for them to help make the leaning capacity very easy as you can see from the picture. Thanks for all you have been doing for us during period under review. Remain blessed!

What joys and smiles you have brought to these little children, as you can see from the picture how grateful they are for the chairs you have given them. It was something to see this morning at the Christ Inspiring Pentecostal School CIPS.

Thanks for bringing some smiles to these little children's faces today. May God richly blessed you and your family along with the donors.

Thanks a lot!









# and THANKFUL FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

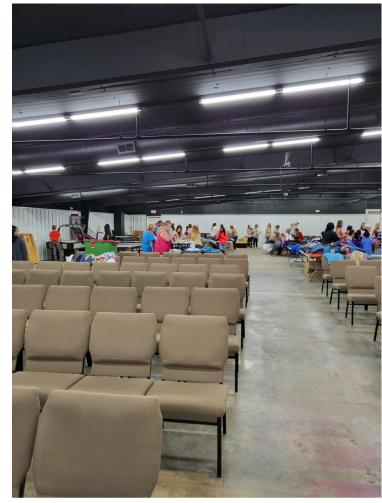
Thank you also for the children's Christmas gifts. As you can see the love and excitement from these little kids. Thanks for the continued love and charity support. Thanks a million!

The distribution continued for the Christmas season. The Child Survival Children's Orphanage received the supply this morning with more excitement. Thanks for the supply for the orphans.



# WINGO, KY

We are very thankful for the blessing load we received from y'all on Wednesday! We have already shared with the church that several Christ-based food pantries in our area! They include: the Paducah Community Kitchen who feeds 200 per day, the Samaritins Purse crew who are still feeding volunteers daily and who are still building houses for tornado victims, two more trailer loads were sent to Eastern Kentucky, and we also have a local River County Mission House that we are sharing with who have over 200 families they serve! All of this is in addition to our regular food pantry folks that come on Monday evenings for a food box and a prayer as well as the many shut-ins that we deliver to. Oh, thank Jesus for these blessings. We pray over these folks and this program and your mission as well. We are honored to serve Jesus and very much appreciative of the blessings we receive from OGT! Pics loading!













# DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTORS "THE FEAR OF THE LORD"

#### Luke 14:21-23

"So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled."

"The Master of the house became angry"? And why? Because He couldn't get enough of us to fill His banquet hall.

The wedding feast of the Son to His Bride deserves to be respected by all. How dare anyone refuse! Do we know Who we are offending? Do we know what He has done for us?

Those of us who know the LORD know some of the answers. Our hearts are filled with thankfulness and praise for our Creator and Redeemer and the One Who calls us to be more than guests. God, the Master, is making us family through the blood of Jesus. Nothing else matters like THAT.

The point is that it makes God angry (in this parable) when He can't get enough of us to respect His love for us and for the Son. The first Commandment is "You shall have no other gods." (Exodus 20:3) And a literal translation could be, "You shall have no other gods in My face."

Dear brothers and sisters in our OGT family, Keep sweeping those "other gods" out of the way and putting the invitation to the banquet of the Son and His Bride out there! Out of respect for the invitation we dress it up with our acts of charity; we gather stuff and send it back out with the invitation to the wedding feast of the Lamb to gather souls. Aside from those at the wedding feast, outside, there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. God's anger is real but His love for us is greater and His patience is still being extended to us and through us. Keep His love in your hearts and on your lips; in your actions and in your prayers. He notices, listens and acts for Jesus' sake.

He will get enough of us. His banquet hall will be filled. There will be a last day; the Day of Judgement when all who love the Lord will rejoice at His coming and rejoice forevermore.

How many more will be there with us; we don't know. We "compel people to come in" because Jesus is worthy and we fear and love God above all things. Everything else flows from that; especially our forgiveness received and extended to the glory of His Name.

There is also the command to go "quickly." May that refresh you in your service. Trust that He will continue to provide all we need as we seek to provide for the needs of others.

And may the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Joyfully serving Him with you all, Rev. Mark R. Meier, Sr.

"Praise be to Jesus the Christ of God!"

### SPECIAL NOTES

Please remember when you have Orphan Grain Train coming to pick up a load, make sure you have a few people to load up the truck.

Orphan Grain Train is in need of children's shoes and clothing (sizes INFANT through children's size 12) new or lightly used.

Another item we are really low on is hygiene kit supplies, like towels, bar soap, toothbrushes, combs, bandaids, and nail clippers.

> Thank you for your support!!!

### So...What's Sewing?

BY RITA WOLLER

Mary Rastall from the Appleton area was very busy sewing these 62 items for Orphan Grain Train. From corduroy pants, to shorts, to t-shirts and gorgeous little girls' dresses...Mary has used her talent to share with those in need. Thank for sewing these precious items. I love hearing from people, so, as always, keeps sewing and show us what you have made for Orphan Grain Train.







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#### ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN MISSION STATEMENT

In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan GrainTrain 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.

If someone you know would like to receive this newsletter, and is not on our address list, please let Linda Isberner know. If you wish to have your name removed from the address list, please also let Linda Isberner know. Thanks!

If you have an article or picture you would like to include in the next newsletter, please contact Allie Sherron by phone or email. If you prefer to send by mail, please contact Linda Isberner.

Linda and Allie's contact information can be found on page 10 of this newsletter.

#### **WISCONSIN - ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN**

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Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be
designated by March 31st on a yearly basis.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!