



## Orphan Grain Train †

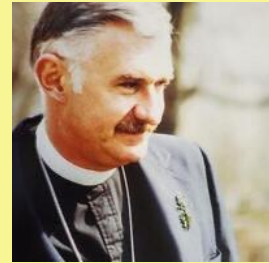
### Good Tidings

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## Tribute to a Big Man

**Bill Eberle was not only big in physical stature, but he was big in so many other ways. His trust in God was enormous. His love for his family was conspicuous. His dedication to his church was humongous. His concern for others was sublime. His allegiance to his country was inspiring. His zest for life was brimming. Yes, to know Bill was to revel in his outsized exuberance for life and his joyful humanity. Many of us can surely say that it was a privilege and honor to have him enrich our lives. And it is a comfort to know that he is now in the glorious presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you would like to read more of Bill's interesting life's journey, click the button below.**



[Bill's Life story](#)



## Volunteer Spotlight

Orphan Grain Train is powered by volunteers and Dean Castle is a reason for our success. Dean has been volunteering at OGT since 2003, bringing with him a strong desire to help the poor. He helps to load our outgoing containers, helps with packing groups, picks up donations, and picks up empty boxes for us at Chick-fil-A. When not volunteering, Dean

enjoys fishing and spending time with his grandkids.

Volunteering at OGT gives Dean a "feeling of purpose" and an opportunity to "give back for his many blessings". The people he works with makes him realize that there is hope in this world. "God loves us all and there are so many people at OGT willing to share His love by helping others". We thank Dean for his 19 years of dedicated service to our organization!

## OGT NATIONAL CONVENTION

Bruce Coonradt, our branch manager, attended this year's rousing OGT 2022 conference. Upon arriving in Norfolk, Nebraska, participants were treated to a tour of the warehouse and the Mercy Meals facilities followed by a visit to the headquarters where Bruce had a face-to-face greet with the ladies who make our shipments possible.

The conference kickoff on Friday afternoon included several sermons and a delicious dinner. On Saturday, speakers from Ukraine, Russia and Concordia seminary spoke to the attendees concerning their missions and the support given to them by Orphan Grain Train. Live and silent auctions were conducted to raise funds for the Ukrainian refugees. Judy White contributed a quilt that helped raise over \$10,000 for this effort.

Topics during the conference covered the Ukrainian relief efforts, Ukrainian refugees in Norfolk, the Louisiana domestic disaster, Guatemala missions, the Hannah House in Russia, Baltic and Russian orphanages, prisons and hospitals. In addition, there were reports about the hay relief provided in the western US and the new facilities being built in Norfolk to expand operations for their warehouse and the Mercy Meals facilities. Bruce found the conference to be both inspirational and informative.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

**The Orphan Grain Train has benefitted greatly in numerous ways by its connection with Chick-fil-A restaurants. They have donated food on many occasions when we were hosting special events at the warehouse. They have brought volunteers to the warehouse on numerous occasions to help sort and pack. And probably their biggest contribution to OGT is their willingness to save their empty boxes for us. Most of what we ship is packed in Chick-fil-A boxes. Without them we would be spending an incredible amount of money to purchase boxes.**



**We would like to recognize the following Chick-fil-A restaurants, along with their marketing directors, and thank them for all that they do for us!**

**Waugh Chapel (Joy Hutter)  
Pasadena Crossroads  
Annapolis (Karen O'Kane)  
Quarterfield Crossing  
Severna Park (Teresa Bennett)**