



**Orphan Grain Train  
Central Nebraska Branch Bulletin  
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## Latvia

Pastor Artis Eglitis recently sent pictures showing items knitted by a lady in Latvia using yarn sent by OGT. Yarn is very much desired in Latvia. The knitter is pictured to the right.

Pastor Artis also sent a picture of medicine purchased with funds from the US by a sponsor for the women's and children's prison in Riga. Many orphanages, women's prisons and children's hospital are sponsored by individuals, families and church groups through OGT. Anyone interested in the Orphanage and Prison Ministry can contact OGT for information about sponsoring an orphanage, prison or hospital in the Baltic countries or Russia.



## Caring Woman's Jr. Woman's Club

Members of the Caring Women Jr. Woman's Club of Grand Island recently invited Cheryl Tickner, OGT Volunteer Coordinator, to their meeting. She explained that the warehouse facilities in Grand Island continue to expand, the number of volunteers who work there have increased as well as the types of donated items that are shipped to needy people in the U.S. and internationally. The group was interested in area Fish Feeds which are sponsored to raise money. They also learned about a number of special projects such as school kits, hygiene kits and plastic mats made from plastic bags that individuals or groups can provide. Most members of their club have been to the OGT warehouse and several volunteer on a regular basis.

### Hymnals

The Central Nebraska warehouse recently received more than 100 new & lightly used Lutheran Service Book hymnals from a church in rural Nebraska that closed. If anyone would have a need for some of those hymnals, please call 308-380-3730.

### Cordova

Fourteen youth and adults from St. Johns Lutheran Church in Cordova came to Grand Island to sort clothes and fill boxes for about two hours on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all of the youth and adults who volunteered their time to share the love of Christ with people in need.

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### Janitor Needed

We are still looking for a new janitor at warehouse. If anyone is interested in giving some of their time once or twice a week to do cleaning at the warehouse, please contact Dick at 308-380-3730.

## Zambia

In January, eleven volunteers at the Central Nebraska Branch loaded a shipping container for Zambia. Many of the items on the shipment were donated by Mission Heart, a local organization with a warehouse in Central City as well as items from OGT. Items shipped included Mercy Meals, summer clothing, medical supplies, sleeping mats, school books (English is the official language of Zambia). In addition, we were able to ship a large diesel engine and generator for a hospital in Zambia. The generator and motor were purchased by the Rotary Club in Central City. We also shipped a water purification system purchased with funds raised by Ross Peterson of Mercy Meals in Norfolk. Many people in Zambia do not have access to clean drinking water so cholera and dysentery are very common in Zambia. The water purification system produces about 14 gallons of clean drinking water per minute and should purify about 1.2 million gallons before the need for any replacement of parts. Pictures of the generator, motor, water purification boxes and the volunteer loaders are shown below.



### FISH FEED DATES 2019 - CENTRAL NE BRANCH - GRAND ISLAND, NE

Contact: **Beth Stark**, Fish Coordinator for OGT Central NE Branch, Grand Island, NE  
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- March 29, 2019 (5:00-8:00pm) – UNL, Lincoln – Fish
- March 31, 2019 (11:00-1:00pm) – ST. JOHNS, Columbus - Brats
- April 10, 2019 (5:15-7:00 pm) – PEACE, Waverly – Fish
- April 28, 2019 (11:00-1:00pm) – ST. PAUL, Auburn – Fish
- June 2, 2019 (12:00-1:00pm) – TRINITY, Lexington - Fish/Brats
- June 14, 2019 (5:30-7:00pm) -ZONE 8 LLL, ZION, Hastings -Fish
- June 23, 2019 (11:30-1:30pm)-CROSS OF CHRIST, Aurora – Fish/Brats
- June 30, 2019 (11:30-1:00pm) -ST. PAUL, Shelton – Fish/Brats
- July 7, 2019 (11:00-12:30pm) – ST. JOHN, Kramer – Fish
- August 25, 2019 (12:00-1:30pm) – FAITH, Hazard (sponsored by LWML) – Fish/Brats
- September 1, 2019 (11:00-1:00pm) -1<sup>ST</sup> TRINITY, Beatrice – Fish
- September 8, 2019 (11:00-12:30pm) -HOLY CROSS, Kearney – Brats
- September 15, 2019 (11:00-1:00pm) –ST. PAUL, Utica-Fish/Brats
- October 13, 2019 (11:30-1:00pm) -GRACE LUTHERAN, Fairbury - Fish
- October 20, 2019 (11:00-1:00pm) -CALVARY, Rosemont – Fish
- November 3, 2019 (11:00-1:00pm) -TRINITY, Campbell – Fish

**Beginning in 2019, we will no longer schedule more than one fish or brat feed on the same date.**

**Anyone wanting a specific date for 2019 should make a request as early as possible.**

Additional Dates:

- September 6-7, 2019 – District Retreat – Hordville, NE
- September 13-14, 2019 - Orphan Grain Train Convention, Norfolk, NE

