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Orphan Grain Train--Michigan News Relay

May 2, 2025

**Orphan Grain Train--Michigan
Completes 14th International Shipment**



Our shipment to a women's charity in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, was scheduled three times. The first occasion was due to a freight forwarder failing to arrive. The second was a shipment being "shifted" likely caused by a delayed Atlantic container ship reaching port because of a storm.

But our favorable day was Tuesday of Holy Week.

A wonderful team of volunteers including a crew of students from Christ the King Lutheran School loaded the container in record time. **Approximately 15 tones of humanitarian goods packed in 1,686 boxes, plus other items such as wheelchairs are now on their way**, loaded onto the Container Ship Antlia at New York for the trans-Atlantic crossing. God bless the recipients.

Every Blessing Has a Story



In a positive **Hands of Mercy** Spring Update, Deaconess Pat Nuffer recounts wonderful mercy work continuing in **Yambio, South Sudan**. Among other heartening matters, even in troubled circumstances, she noted the following poignant blessing.

Apparently tribal disputes in the region resulted sadly in the burning of many huts and especially one of a young boy with cerebral palsy who used a wheelchair.

Deaconess Nuffer recalled the previous shipment to South Sudan from Orphan Grain Train--Michigan and asked for a wheelchair for this boy and his family. One was able to be supplied brought a year ago in the Orphan Grain Train--Michigan container.

Ohio + Michigan = Twice the Benefit



The Orphan Grain Train Ohio Collection Center delivered a trailer loaded with kits, clothing, and more suitable for international shipments. This was the first visit of **Ohio Manager Nancy Helmke** with her husband Marty to our Michigan Branch. The occasion provided opportunity to discuss other ways in which our adjacent locations can be in support of one another.

Ohio's efforts date all the way back to 1993 while the Michigan branch just marked its 6th anniversary. But both efforts are better when sharing support. Pictured here are **the Helmkes with Michigan Warehouse Manager Sal Brandenburg and Michigan branch manager Pastor Dave Reed.** (See our short video below from May 1)



Loading Again for Kentucky May 13

Domestic Delivery to Manna from Heaven



Many people in Appalachia may have struggles, but those who serve them couldn't be more appreciative of support from Orphan Grain Train.

We came to know Lois and others there in Myra, Kentucky when making a distribution last year. We are making another run May 13-14 with the largest U-Haul truck available. We'll show pictures the next time around.



Give Thanks With Us

Orphan Grain Train--Michigan Marked its Sixth-Year Anniversary on April 23

Since April 23, 2019, Orphan Grain Train--Michigan has completed

International Shipments to

Kyrgyzstan (Charity Fund "Compassion", Bishkek)

Panama (Casa de Refugio, Puerto Caimito)

Moldova (Bible Mission International, Chisinau)

The Republic of Georgia (3x) (Tbilisi and Senaki)

Latvia (Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pampali)

Lithuanian (2x) (Jurbarkas Evangelical Lutheran Diaconia, Smalininkai)

Ukraine (Refugee relief)

Malawi (Christ Mandate for Missions Church)

South Sudan (Ev. Luth Church of South Sudan
and Concordia Luth Institute for Holy Ministry)

Peru (ODP Jesuitas del Peru, Lima)

Domestic Shipments and/or Relief Funding

H.A.R.P. - (Helping Appalachian Rural People, Ohio)

Hurricane Helene Relief, Swannanoa, NC

Mission Mules, Mount Ulla, NC

Friends Assisting Neighbors, Lansing NC

Camp Linn Haven, Linville, NC

Mountainside Lutheran Church, Linville, NC

Local "Walk-out" Distributions weekly.



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