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"I have a small travel trailer I would like to donate to Orphan Grain Train. It's worth over \$15,000 and I have no need of it but I was hoping you could use it or find a ministry that would make good use of it," so said Jessica.

WOW! That was my thought when OGT had a Toyota Sienna donated for an Ashville, TN flood victim. But then a travel trailer, wow, again! A travel trailer was not on any list of needs we had, so I started thinking about various ministries. Having heard of Outreach Ministries in Seymour on the Christian radio station, Bridge FM, I decided to call and ask if they would have any use for a travel trailer. As Brittany and I talked, she said the ministry had been praying about how they could expand their ministry and use something like a trailer to set up in locations to help feed and minister to folks in need. I encouraged Brittney to call the donor, Jessica, and get the details. The next day Brittany called me and said they were on their way to Indianapolis to pick up the trailer, get the necessary paperwork done, head back to Seymour and put it to use.

A person just doesn't know when and how the Lord is going to work things out so that His message is continuing to be spread in unique and wonderful ways. But this is the same Lord whose Resurrection from the dead on the third day conquered sin and death to give all who trust and believe in Him the gift of eternal life. As He has done great things before, so He continues to show us His ways even in the small things as well as travel trailer size things. What a blessing to be able to be a part of this story and to know that it will continue to bless so many. God is so good and it is such a joy to see His work in action.

THANK YOU to all who support OGT!

Looking over the number of names of OGT supporters, it is an amazing list of people who "get" the ministry of Orphan Grain Train. From its beginnings in Seymour on the Bobb farm to the Wint farm near Azalea and now at our warehouse in Jonesville, the support and encouragement has never lessened. OGT has been able to provide needed help to folks locally, nationally, and internationally, all because of people who "get" the mission and its outreach.

The following pictures give a small sense of the enormity of impact our volunteers give every week. A load out headed for Latvia in March included 1,135 boxes of winter clothes, 33 boxes of shoes, 8 bikes, and medical equipment. These guys worked hard!



Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 9ish until 3, folks show up to sort through the donated clothes. These are then placed into bins according to categories of men, women, and children. Then they are then packed into banana boxes and the boxes are stacked on pallets,

inventoried for the OGT headquarters in Norfolk, NE, and then transferred to the warehouse to await shipment. Without many hands, the job would not get done. This is a Tuesday group picture which includes folks from Grace and St. Paul's Lutheran, Columbus; Immanuel, Seymour; and St. Peter's, Brownstown, as well as many others.



“Serve Columbus” volunteers from St. Peter's Connect group showed up on a Sunday afternoon to sort clothes, while others worked on bicycles.



And age isn't a problem, nor where you come from, nor to whom you are related, as the Ernst Michiganders came and worked one morning.



Thanks to one and all who make OGT work!

And one more **thank you** to all those who donate, not only clothes, but also furniture and household goods. Without these donations OGT would not be able to provide the big load of furniture for a family that experienced a house fire that left them with nothing. The U-Haul was fully loaded. The picture below is of the load getting filled up.



What a blessing our donors were to this family. Thank you again!

Blessed by a Columbus Business

We were starting to run low on banana boxes. I reached out to Packaging Corporation of America, aka PCA Columbus, to see about getting some boxes

made for shipments. As we talked over the details, I was heartened to learn that they would make the box the exact size and strength of the banana boxes we use. After looking at a prototype and giving PCA the go-ahead to manufacture, we waited. Soon the call came that our 2,000 box order was filled and could I come out to the plant, which I did. Once there, I was asked if it would be okay with OGT if PCA could **donate the boxes and the delivery**, to which I said an enthusiastic YES!



This picture shows only 12 of the 38 bundles of boxes totaling 2470 boxes PCA donated. It was Chris who worked with OGT and with whom OGT is blessed to have a working relationship. **Thank you** to faithful partners in serving the Lord!

Where does all this keep going you ask.....

The following list of deliveries covers December 2025 through April 2026:

Dec. 5, 18' trailer to *Manna From Heaven*, Myra, KY

Dec. 19, 18' trailer to *The Attic*, McKee, KY

Jan. 15, 18' trailer to *Matthew 25 Ministries*, OH

Jan. 20, 53' Semi trailer to *Cornerstone Children's Ranch*, Quemado, TX

March 4, 40' container to Riga, Latvia

It couldn't be done without the physical and financial support of people like you who are reading this newsletter!

Where does it come from?

That is another question people ask. Simple answer is from the generous folks that live around here. The OGT pickup puts on quite a few miles week after week picking up donations of appliances, furniture, housewares, and clothing of all sorts and sizes.

There is also an enclosed trailer next to the building when OGT cannot get that pickup made in good time.

So, THANKS to all who give and share those things not needed anymore. All is appreciated.

Want to help?

We are always looking for folks not afraid to tackle the heavy end of things like loading the semi-trailer or helping with weekly pickups.

Here are a couple more ways to support OGT right here in Indiana: Thrivent Action Team Cards can be directed for various projects like School Kits, Health Kits, and for buying bike parts to repair donated bikes that get sent overseas and taken down to Kentucky and Texas.



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If you have Thrivent insurance, please check into how you can use the money they offer to help out the OGT programs.

And then if you have IRA RMDs (required minimum distributions), you might think QCD (qualified charitable distribution) as a tax benefit to you and a financial blessing to OGT. Check with your financial advisor for help in this area.

There are also opportunities to give online when you access our page on the www.ogt.org website. Just click on the location tab, scroll to Indiana, and find the donation button.

And... THANK YOU for all your support.

OGT Wish List

1. **Prayers of the faithful** that OGT Indiana continues to serve the needs of those less fortunate, and remains true to the Lord's challenge defined in James regarding the care of widows and orphans, as well as the words of the Lord who calls us to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, care for the sick, and visit those in prison.
2. **Drivers and those willing to assist** in picking up donations, especially appliances and furniture. Please call 812-405-2045 to add your name to our list of volunteers.
3. **Volunteers** willing to share a couple of hours a week or every other week or whatever fits your schedule. The basic days for sorting and packing items are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Other times can be scheduled when OGT members are available.
4. **Assisting Manager** who would be able to give two days a week to learn about the inner workings of OGT Indiana.

Email your newsletter? If this is something you'd like, please email indianaogt@gmail.com and let us know.

For Your Information

OGT is here to receive your donations in a couple of ways.

1. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday donations can be delivered through our drive through where folks will be on hand to help unload.
2. On days OGT is closed, there is an enclosed trailer on the East side of the building near the overhead door. It is unlocked so that your donations can be put inside.
3. OGT has two 18' trailers that are used to pick up the larger donations of appliances and furniture. Please call the warehouse, 812-405-2045, to make arrangements for a pickup. Wednesday and Thursday mornings are the usual days available for pickups.

4. A special OGT collection box is available in the coat room at St. Peter's Lutheran, Columbus. Items to donate can be brought there before coming in for worship.

OGT Board Members are Earl and Arlene Ayers, Elinor Brown, Jan Buss, Marge Lazzell, Charles Meier, Irene Shireman, Vaughn Sylva, Gene Wint, Pastor Bauman, and Branch Manager Gene Ernst.

These folks serve as volunteers along the myriad of other volunteers who sort, pack, load trailers, and help with pickups every week. Volunteers are indeed the heart of Orphan Grain Train. Say a prayer of thanks for them and for what they are doing and have done for 25 years at OGT Indiana Branch.

Orphan Grain Train is a 501c3 Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Orphan Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us.

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OPEN HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Serving the Lord with you,

Gene Ernst, Volunteer Manager

