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## Orphan Grain Train--Michigan News Relay

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## Meet Our Marigold



**Marigold** is our cute and sturdy new little trailer which has already now twice delivered Mercy Meals ingredients and equipment to and from packing sites. Posing here with OGT Branch Manager **Pastor Dave Reed** and the invaluable **Jeremy VanTol**, Marigold is ready to visit your church or school and carry home tens of thousands life-sustaining meals you too can pack as a Mercy Meals partner. Marigold will happily visit whenever you like.

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**July Mercy Service**

**Our Savior Lutheran,  
Gladwin**

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# 10,584 Mercy Meals



**The Mercy Meals initiative begun this year by Orphan Grain Train--Michigan was blessed mightily with another premier packing event conducted by members of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Gladwin, Michigan.**

In record time , and with enormous spirit and enthusiasm, these volunteers on July 11 **exceeded their goal of 10,000 Meals**. The service was wonderfully directed by **Josiah Schultz, Director of Christian Education**. During the two-hour packing event Josiah cooked up one of the Mercy Meals packets so everyone could be offered a taste.

The food is substantial and delicious. One can immediately understand how welcomed such simple food is to a desperately hungry child or a mother distressed to know how to feed her children,

**Please consider making Mercy Meals a component of your church's mercy care profile. At your request we will provide a Prospectus on how your church can participate.**



# Overwhelming Richness

*-- on the same day no less --*



Only July 28, a wonderful group of members from **Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, Dryden**, none of whom had previously visited Orphan Grain Train--Michigan, arrived with an extraordinary supply of quilts. Shown here is only a sample from the many yet unopened behind **Diana and Jim Coomer, Linda Ewald, Gayle and Doug Desmet, Kathy Clauw, and Charlotte Matthews**.

We thoroughly enjoyed the hour they spent with us sharing the story of Orphan Grain Train's mercy work.



**Holy Redeemer, Dryden** had previously displayed multiple ribbons of color July 5 when bringing beautiful quilts into God's house to be blessed as gifts to those in need. These are the quilts now delivered to us at Orphan Grain Train. Holy Redeemer's **Pastor Evan Veen** shared this photo of the result of the loving efforts of their wonderful quilters. We thank them sincerely.



That very same morning, July 28, **Rosemary Hoff and Karen Berner** arrived with 81 absolutely beautiful quilts sewn by those at **Trinity Lutheran Church (Monitor), Bay City**. Karen and Rosemary then stayed on through the morning to share their time and energies along with our regular volunteers.

Receiving all these friends with their gifts made the day even more lively and cheerful than usual. We are also thankful all these folks could be with us for our daily morning devotional time too.

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## Our Sweets Lady



Hardly a Tuesday or Thursday (our operational days at Orphan Grain Train--Michigan) passes without Diane Menzel here to provide such valuable and consistent volunteer service. But if that wasn't enough, she so often--virtually every occasion-- accents it with every sort of home-make baked confectionery. She spoils us. Today it was fresh, warm blueberry muffins.

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