



# WISCONSIN BRANCH

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## FLOODING AT MANNA FROM HEAVEN

### WINGO, KY COMES TO HELP MANNA FROM HEAVEN

Pastor Ike from Wingo, KY was so touched by the out-pouring of love given to them in Mayfield from OGT and other organizations that he has now set an action plan together to give back some of that love to the flood victims not far from them in eastern Kentucky!! Three disaster relief loads have went out to help the flood victims.

More on the flooding in Myra, KY on pages 1-2.





# FLOODING CONTINUED...

These images show just some of the devastation and destruction caused by the flooding at Manna From Heaven in Myra, KY. Manna From Heaven is a mission that Orphan Grain Train helps.







This is Julie (holding the t-shirt) and Mark Wix with Ms. Lois and Monica Murphy (below), who lost everything except their lives in the December tornado. They jumped at the chance to go on this trip to share God's blessings to others.





LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

# WHEN HAY BRINGS HOPE



Hello Orphan Grain Train WI,

These are pictures of one the ranchers that received the hay that you sent to us. He was on the verge of selling his cows, and thanks to the help we received from you he was able to keep them. He now has three brand new baby calves!

This is one of our church families. They take care of their 92 year old mother. Their place got completely burned and are now dealing with the major floods and washed out roads. They have had so many trials, but with the help and belief in Jesus they have have gotten through. Seeing everything they have gone through gives us inspiration to continue helping. Thank you so much from the communities of Mora and San Miguel county. You all our in our prayers daily. Gods blessings to you all.





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# ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN PARTNERS WITH OPEN DOOR FOUNDATION IN UKRAINE

Open Door Foundation partnered with Orphan Grain Train to supply the local churches, hospital, hospice and organizations around Ternopil region and Ukraine supplying them with baby diapers, adults diapers, baby formula, medical supplies and food.







Open Door Foundation has been able to provide relief for refugees and internally displaced Ukrainians through food, water, hygiene supplies, baby care items, medical supplies and blankets.





# UKRAINE CONTINUED...

Dear Orphan Grain Train,

We want to thank God for your willingness and wholeheartedness in partnering with us in ministry. We want to express our gratefulness to God for all He has done through you for Ukraine. It's our joy to serve the Lord in ministry with Orphan Grain Train.

That's something that should cause us to shout out, THANKS BE TO GOD!

We want to thank you for your partnership and we pray that it will flourishes more and more and the plans that God has planned will be accomplished.

For Him,  
Vitaliy and Natalia Smolin





# DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTORS

## "THE SAME: YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER"

**Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, and today, and forever.**

**-Hebrews 13:8**

There have been many different attempts to paint Jesus Christ down through the centuries. Perhaps one of the most famous is Leonardo Di Vinci's painting of the Lord's Supper. In this masterpiece, Di Vinci brings the changeless Christ into a contemporary setting. He brings Christ into his own time period, the 15th century by using, cups, ordinary eating utensils and furniture of his day in the scene.

The message we can draw from this is that while time passes, while household items we live with change, while the world changes, one thing remains, one thing stays the same, one thing we can count on, Jesus Christ. He is the same, yesterday, today, and forever! That's a promise you can count on from God's unchanging Word!

Luther's small catechism teaches us what a changeless Christ means. When Luther asks the question "Who is God?" in the section of the first article of the Apostles Creed, he points out that the Father, in addition to being all powerful, all knowing, and all present; is unchangeable or immutable. James 1:17 says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

When talking about Jesus Christ in the second article, Luther asks, "How do you know that Jesus Christ is true God?" One reason is that Scripture teaches He possesses divine attributes, which are qualities or characteristics that could only be true of God; and one of those qualities is that Jesus is unchangeable, as Heb.13:8 spells out, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." What does this means that Jesus Christ is the same? His love for you and me is unchangeable!

That's good news in a world that can be an unstable place of uncertainty and change.

Think of all the changes that happen around us, from seasons changing, to Monarchy changes, to job changes, to changes in family dynamics. Change is inevitable. We aren't always happy with change, because it often catches us off guard and can be painful.

That's why it's been said that only babies like change.

Even though change seems to be happening at an accelerating rate in our world, we do not lose heart because God is sovereign, He is in control. He is never caught off guard by changes that occur. That's comforting as we see the epic struggle between darkness and light continue to be played out before our eyes daily. The threat of terrorism at home and abroad, violence, war in Ukraine, fires, floods, earth quakes, hurricanes, drought, and uncertain world economics, remind us that we live in a changed and changing world. Yet Christ and His gracious forgiveness and love for us do not change.

People need to hear this message, and as believers in Christ it is our duty to tell the world that only the Good News of the Gospel, of Christ's death and resurrection for us sinners, has the power to change people's lives and give them hope. So, while we live in an ever changing world; we can be encouraged knowing that our changeless Lord has the power to change the world!

Part of the Orphan Grain Train mission statement reads, "To share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near." Through our efforts we can make a difference in this dark world as we let our light shine for Jesus. May God bless our work for His glory to give hope to the less fortunate, so that by His grace and mercy, their lives can be changed for time and eternity by our changeless Savior.

Your friend in a changeless Christ,

*Pastor Lamont*



# WESTFIELD HIGH STUDENTS

## WORKING THE WESTFIELD PACKING STATION

Students from Mrs. Ropicky's Work Skill class at Westfield High School have been coming to the Westfield packing station since the end of September. They started out assembling and packing school kits, and slowly they are becoming more comfortable and venturing away from their group to work with our regular volunteers. One week we loaded a container from the warehouse and two of the boys were very helpful with loading boxes. Our regular crew was very happy to have their youthful, energetic help! We look forward to seeing them each week and are so excited they decided to spend part of their school day with us!





# SPECIAL NOTES

Please remember when you have Orphan Grain Train coming to pick up a load, make sure you have a few people to load up the truck.

Orphan Grain Train is in need of children's shoes and clothing (sizes INFANT through children's size 12) new or lightly used.

Another item we are really low on is hygiene kit supplies, like towels, bar soap, toothbrushes, combs, band-aids, and nail clippers.

Thank you for your support!!!

## So...What's Sewing? BY RITA WOLLER

Introducing the new sewing corner with Rita Woller!

The need for children's clothes is great. One of the ways we can meet some of those needs is by sewing. You can get the tutorial and the template for this cute and easy summer baby dress at [seekatesew.com](http://seekatesew.com)



I've made these from bed skirts.

Show us what you have been sewing for Orphan Grain Train.

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*Linda and Allie's contact information can be found on page 10 of this newsletter.*

### **WISCONSIN - ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN**

**Is an option for your**

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS!**

**Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be designated by March 31st on a yearly basis.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**