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Greetings from OGT, Jonesville, Indiana!

"My friend is dying of cancer. According to the Dr. he has a short time left and the insurance company won't cover a hospital bed for him at home."

The person went on to say that an agency told her about Orphan Grain Train being able to help with such a need, gave her a referral for him, and asked if we were able to help in any way. Once again the Lord provided the hospital bed at just the right time and I was able to tell her to come down as soon as possible and pick it up. Her response was an overwhelming gratitude for the gift for her friend. I was thankful, not only to the Lord for providing once again in the immediacy of the request, but the fact that this had just been donated by a family whose loved one had passed away.

The generosity of the people who support OGT is truly wonderful beyond words. Time after time these kinds of stories with story book endings happen and it is such a blessing to be able to see how the Lord is at work among His people.

So, THANK YOU to all who have helped continue to make OGT a blessing to so many others.

Our Partnership makes things happen!

Over the course of the past year, working with the agencies and churches in our 7-8 county area, OGT Jonesville was able to help 408 individuals/families. These folks received roughly 3,119 items like pieces of furniture, bags of clothes, and household things like lamps, baby cribs, mattresses, etc. And to do this, in addition to our regular, faithful, dedicated volunteers, 53 **new** volunteers served in some capacity. These people had never been to OGT Jonesville before and were just learning some of the nuances of ministry being done through OGT.

Along with this comes the sending out of 15 loads within the USA and 4 loads Internationally.

Pictures of some of our volunteers



Folks from White Creek Lutheran



Grace Lutheran, New Albany



ServeColumbus, St. Peter's Columbus 2026

Sometimes the unexpected happens from out of nowhere. A quilting group that meets at Traditions

in Columbus asked if they could bring out the quilts they had quilted. And here they came, quilts in hand bearing their gifts of love.



And once again the L*WML*, **Lutheran Women's Missionary League**, stepped forward with a huge gift of labor and support for OGT. Working with ***Love the Hungry*** out of Louisville, the LWML District convention planning committee for the Evansville event gathered $5,000 to pack 3 pallets worth of meals for delivery at Manna From Heaven, Myra, KY. This amounted to over 23,000 meals to help those in need in the Myra area.



And then they wrote a check to help with the cost of delivering their work. What a group of dedicated and faithful followers of the Lord. And our thanks to Dale and the ***Love the Hungry*** team in Louisville!

Grace Lutheran International Fellowship group came down and volunteered time packing. Thank you for your willing hearts and hands.



Thank you! Thank you for the many, many folks who have stepped up and put in extra time over the last few months. Filling containers takes a lot of boxes and lots of people filling boxes with clothes. Folks of all ages have answered the call.

And a special Thank You to our regular volunteers that show up on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, who know the routine and who make new folks welcome. Can't do it without you!

And where does all this go?



September load to Republic of Georgia where much of the load will find its way to Ukrainian refugees. Thanks to these 6 guys for their labor of love!

Another load was sent to Peru, South America, in July. This load was half winter, half summer clothes, medical supplies and school and hygiene kits.



Remember the flooding of 2026?

June 2026, OGT Indiana sent our 18' trailer to Lanesville. It was full of cleaning supplies to help meet that muddy mess.



Then in August another series of rain events took over portions of north Indy in the Ravenswood Park area. A connection was made through Lutheran Church Charities who had their comfort dogs on site and gave us a contact with Glendale Christian Church. By God's grace once again the disaster relief supply was being restocked in the warehouse. Larry and I loaded up the 18' trailer and hauled up a load on Saturday, August 1. A team leader asked if we could deliver any more in the next few days. So, on the way back to Columbus I called Pastor Adam and asked if OGT could park our trailer in the church lot and make it available for donations through Sunday afternoon. Loading up three new generators and some other accumulated supplies, the trailer was parked in St. Peter's parking lot and filled up.



Pastor Adam took charge and made some calls to sister churches with the urgent need. By 3 p.m. Sunday the trailer was full and on Monday morning it was headed to the flooded area of Ravenswood.

Isn't it amazing what the Lord's people can do when the call goes out for help?

Thank you, one and all who stepped up and gave such support!

Bike repair Handyman needed!

OGT has a wonderful working relationship with ***Columbus Fitness and Bike Shop***. They have provided used bikes to OGT that can be fixed and then sent to places like Myra, KY, and Republic of Georgia, where people can use them for work, basic transportation and to simply enjoy them. OGT has been blessed with Thrivent Action Team Cards that can be used to buy parts. If you, or someone you know, have a desire to work on bikes, please call the office (812)405-2045 and talk with Gene. Somebody needs that bike!

Burt's Pest Control was called out to determine if there was termite or carpenter ant activity happening in the back warehouse**.** And there had been, but seemingly were inactive at present. However, it was decided to treat that portion of the building by drilling through the concrete, filling it with something lethal to kill the invaders and cap it. This was done AT NO COST as Burt's Pest Control donated their time and materials. This was a wonderful gift and we thank them greatly!

People have asked—what do you need?

Easily 75% of OGT's donations and shipments are clothes of all sizes and styles—men's, women's, and children's, so please keep it coming.

Next on the list is good, clean, practical furniture. Number one request is for mattress/bed springs followed by dressers, sofas, and recliners. Appliances are always in demand, like washer and dryer, refrigerator, stove, and window air conditioners. Kitchen items of all sorts are needed but especially silverware and pots and pans.

Lamps come and go and the supply rarely keeps up with the demand.

And what are some of the items we can't use? This is hard because being practical means we sometimes have to say "thank you, but no thank you". Some of these items are older, larger TVs, electronic equipment, typewriters, file cabinets, suitcases, desks (unless smaller computer desks), books (except children's books and Bibles), and anything broken, dirty, or impractical for someone in need.

The goal of OGT's giving is to help the person feel good about themselves in receiving items that are useful, clean, and reflect on OGT's commitment of giving the best that can be offered.

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While you are looking at your Thrivent page, please check out the **Action Team** card. It allows you to request a $250.00 Action card for a project of your choice. Some examples of card usage are for stock supplies of school items for school kits used overseas and here in the US, buying bicycle parts for repairing the bikes which are in turn given away, and for supplies for the disaster kits which are put into a 5-gallon pail and are delivered for use after disasters like tornadoes and hurricanes. Check with OGT Jonesville to find other areas where an Action Team card can be used.

Dropping off items when OGT isn't open…..

there is a solution!

On the East side of the warehouse is an enclosed trailer that can receive your donations. Please drop off your items by placing them inside the trailer. If you would like a receipt, call and leave a message or leave a note with your address and a receipt will be sent.

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 the OGT 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 whenever OGT members are available.

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

Where does OGT rank nationally?



Charity Navigator ranks non-profit organizations. OGT, headquartered in Norfolk, NE, is one of 9,000 charities that accept only private donations and OGT has been ranked as **#6 out of the 9,000.** The bullet points following are a tremendous tribute to OGT's work and ministry for over 26 years.

* 4 Stars' is Charity Navigator's highest rating.

* 100% for Overall Score & Rating for Financial, and Accountability &Transparency.

* Financial Performance: 97.72% of all donations go toward helping those in need, only 2.28% go toward administrative and marketing costs.

If you are interested in looking at the rating with Charity Navigator
https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=6904

One more group to add to our younger group. This is the Junior National Honor Society from Lutheran Central, Brownstown.



As I finish this newsletter I would like to invite you to consider a year-end gift to Orphan Grain Train Indiana. This is the only "ask" that you will receive from us and so I would like you to prayerfully consider making a financial gift for the ongoing work of OGT IN. A QCD designated from your RMD out of the IRA is a great way to help support OGT IN. Talk with your financial advisor for details to unravel that pile of letters, but it will be worthwhile.
Thank you and may the Lord continue to bless and keep us in His love and mercy.

Saved 2 Serve,
Gene Ernst, Volunteer Manager

Mission Statement

In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed.

What is Orphan Grain Train?

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. 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.

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