



Orphan Grain Train Headliner

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The Headliner tells about the latest shipments, events, fundraisers and distribution of humanitarian aid in the United States and worldwide by the 27 Regional locations of the Orphan Grain Train. Learn how you can be a part of the bigger picture. Thank you for your support of the ministry and mission of OGT.



Our Used Their NEW!

Last July Iowa West volunteers in Ida Grove loaded quilts, clothing, coats, footwear, hygiene items, canes, crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs for Republic of Georgia. 'Women for Justice' shared some the clothing and goods with families living in poverty. Praise be to God!



Hurricane Michael Added to Thrivent Match!

Thrivent is matching up to \$1 million to support hurricane relief efforts for both Hurricane Florence and Michael.

Again we have historic rains and wind but this time from hurricane Michael bringing rising floodwaters, devastation and casualties to many communities. We need your support now more than ever. OGT is helping families devastated from these hurricanes and having your donation doubled will help tremendously with our ability to continue to assist these families. Make your donation today!

Thrivent will match up to \$1 million in personal donations made online through [Thrivent.com](https://www.thrivent.com) to specific disaster relief organizations helping with ongoing recovery efforts – including ours! The matching opportunity will run through December 31, 2018, or until the \$1 million goal is met, whichever comes first. Thrivent will also help pay processing fees, so 100 percent of your donation goes to help those in need. To find out more, visit [Thrivent.com/disasterresponse](https://www.thrivent.com/disasterresponse).

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OGT Packs To Feed The Hungry

Last Sunday OGT staff and family members had a fabulous time participating in Mercy Meals Pack Away Hunger Day. The event consisted of several tables being sponsored by organizations and businesses from Northeast Nebraska packing fortified rice meals to feed those in need in the US and worldwide. OGT Logistics delivered all the Mercy Meal products and then loaded the finished 133,488 Mercy Meals and delivered to Norfolk warehouse for a future shipment!

OGT staff and family packaged 11 boxes or 2,376 Mercy Meals in about 1.5 hours! It was a humbling experience to pack rice meals for starving families and then go home to a full



refrigerator. Feeling grateful and blessed to be able to help those in need. The OGT group picture back row L to R: Pastor Jim Carretto, director of care ministries; Becky Carretto, bookkeeper; Chris Carstens, inventory manager; Paul Brandt, assistant warehouse manager; Riley Brandt, Pastor Lee Rosenthal. Middle row L to R: Suzie Leffers, director of public relations; Emily Brandt, Tessa Nelson, administrative assistant; Rosa Gonzales, assistant director of international shipping and multicultural outreach; Linda Miller, financial secretary and front row is Hope and Hunter Leffers.

Obstacle Does Not Stop MAB

Hurricane Florence Relief – The Mid-Atlantic board didn't let their lack of a warehouse stop them from using funds to purchase materials for hurricane victims. Five-gallon pails, cleaning solution containers, mops, brooms, scrub brushes, cleansers, trash bags and rubber gloves were all purchased from the Home Depot to make over 100 Scrub Bucket Kits! The items were paid for at the Frazer, PA, store but delivered to the Maryland Branch warehouse from multiple Home Depot stores in their area. Most recipients are LCMS churches in the Carolinas who can store materials for distribution-as-needed to storm victims.

Gifts of Food Loaded

The Norfolk warehouse volunteers loaded 213,840 Mercy Meals and 61 adult, child and pull PETs (all terrain wheelchairs), a much needed shipment for International Care Ministries Foundation in the Philippines.



Food & Fellowship

St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Pender, Nebraska once again hosted a successful and delicious Wisconsin style fish feed fundraiser for OGT! OGT's volunteers cooked the fish, potatoes and pearl onions and the congregation members brought homemade salads and scrumptious desserts! Great food and fellowship was enjoyed and nearly \$3,000.00 was raised for OGT to help those in need! Thank you St. John's members! A Thrivent Action Team was applied for and seed money was used for expenses and advertising for the event – thank you Thrivent! Are you a Thrivent Member? Plan your Thrivent Action Team today!



Gifts of Warmth Made From Love

The LWML Quilters from St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Cedar Bluffs, NE delivered 47 quilts and 17 afghans! The ladies meet weekly to quilt and planned this outing to Norfolk to deliver the quilts. They were able to tour the warehouse and learn more about who receives quilts and other goods. Thank you for the gifts to be shared with those in need.

Devotion by Paul Leckband, OGT Correspondent

Read: Mark 10:17-22

“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give it to the poor, and you will find treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.” At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.” Mark 10:20-22

“Is Wealth a Bad Thing?” The rich man’s conversation with Jesus gets off to a good start. He asks what seems like a sincere question. “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” (10:17) But Jesus doesn’t give him an answer that seems anywhere close to salvation by grace through faith. Instead, he tells the man to keep the commands, i.e., obey the Law.

Now the conversation takes a sinister turn. The man is confident that he has kept the commandments “since I was a boy.” (10:20) I say “sinister,” because this man clearly hasn’t caught on that no one—NO one—can keep the Law perfectly. But Jesus seems to humor him by answering, OK, “Go, sell everything you have & give to the poor.” That’s too much for this wealthy man to accept, & he leaves, dejected.

Is Jesus condemning wealth? Does he expect us to divest all our earthly possessions & give the proceeds to OGT? He’s not. He’s warning that when our possessions become more important to us than following Him, we are in a world of spiritual hurt. “Seek good, not evil, that you may live . . .” preached the OT prophet Amos (5:14a). The highest good is knowing Jesus

as the “one who saves,” & not counting on our worldly wealth to save us.
Unlike this man that Jesus encountered, why don’t we need to ask Him what we must do to inherit eternal life?

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