



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.



Life Changing PETs

We pray for safe travels for OGT containers but this one could have used a couple extra prayers. It did finally make its destination and was unloaded but only after the driver went off the road and into a swamp while in route to Cotton Tree, Liberia. It took two days before a caterpillar helped to get it out. Pastor James Kollie with Lutheran AID Ministries was thrilled with the goods from the Wisconsin Branch, especially for the PETs (all terrain wheelchairs) that are desperately needed for those that are disabled. He also shared that he needs more edible beans to serve to their school children. These beans make a significant impact by improving ability to study with having a full tummy plus children have more of an interest to attend school because of the meal, which is sometimes their only meal for the day. Could you imagine not being able to feed your children but knowing at school they will get fed. Through your generous donations OGT changes lives world wide – thank you!



OGT Needs Your Support

Thrivent is matching up to \$1 million to support hurricane relief. As historic rains brought rising floodwaters, devastation and casualties to our communities, we need your support now more than ever. Make a donation today to help communities affected by hurricane Florence and Thrivent will double your impact! Thrivent will match up to \$1 million in personal donations made online through 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.

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OGT Aids Wisconsin Flood Victims

OGT purchased 100 gypsum boards, 20 moisture-resist boards and 50 rolls of insulation from Menards in Baraboo, WI and had it delivered to South Wisconsin District – LCMS in Milwaukee. The construction supplies will be used to help rebuild homes damaged from recent flood waters. OGT wants to thank our faithful donors that help make purchases for disaster relief supplies possible.

Serving Jesus

Irene Gosch's goal is to make 600 tote bags a month for OGT, and she is doing it. Irene is 97³/₄ years young and still lives on the family farm in Estherville, IA. She loves to sew, which has included pillowcase dresses, quilts and baby receiving blankets, and all are done in the name of Jesus. She recently had 500 tote bags delivered to OGT and just prior to that 600 were delivered. OGT fills the bags with donated school supplies for children in need worldwide. Thank you Irene!



Gifts for Children

In the last couple of months the Maryland Branch volunteers were busy shipping two loads of humanitarian aid to Joe Boway in Liberia. He is grateful that both shipments came this past week to share with his church, schools and clinics. Praise be to God.



Youth Help Others

In September the North Dakota Branch located in Jamestown had a group of young volunteers move medical equipment from Milbank, SD for a split load with Wisconsin Branch. North Dakota Branch also added bedding, clothing, furniture, household items, hygiene supplies, toys and sports equipment to the load for Latin American Lutheran Mission (LALM) in Laredo, TX. Wisconsin Branch provided the transportation and added bedding, clothing, furniture, medical equipment, toys, and school supplies for those in need along the Texas-Mexico border.



Every Monday hard working and energetic students from Norfolk High School Adult Transition group volunteer at the Norfolk warehouse. They were eager to have their picture taken with their OGT t-shirts. Thank you for your help and dedication to OGT!

Devotion by Paul Leckband, Orphan Grain Train Correspondent

Read: Hebrews

2:1-13

(14-18)

This week's scripture: "For this reason He (Jesus) had to be made like His brothers in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because He himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted." Hebrews 2:17-18

"Jesus Is Our Brother" I've learned a few things about world religions. Some of those things are really big things. For example, Christianity is alone among the world's major religions in removing God from heaven, sending Him to live among sinful people on earth, & ultimately dying for the sins of those people—all done because of God's mercy. Other world religions portray their gods as taskmasters, keeping tabs on good & bad behavior. Or an angry, fire-breathing god whose looking for reasons to severely punish those who stray from the straight & narrow. Or one god among many gods. Or a kindly grand-fatherly type who takes little interest in the affairs of humankind.

What do we know about our Savior Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God? The author of Hebrews describes Him as a "merciful & faithful high priest" . . . a servant to His Father . . . One who suffered everything that you & I suffer . . . One who knows what it's like to suffer as one of the poor & needy, the widow, the orphan. In other words, Jesus our brother. It's all about atonement. Jesus was able to make "at-one-ment" for our sins, because He was true God & true Man. Because He "suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died & was buried . . . because "He rose again from the dead", we are at peace with the Father. He sees us through Jesus' eyes. And we are freed to serve our neighbors, both near & far, by conveying our True God's mercy & grace to them.

Can you identify with any of those that OGT serves? If 'yes,' what does that mean for your service?

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