FALL 2026
NEWSLETTER

NORTH DAKOTA ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN & MERCY MEALS

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To encourage & enable God's people to share personal & material resources in bringing Christ's name & character to needy people both far & near.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

Items requested for upcoming shipments and also those in need locally.

- School supplies*
- Bath towels*
- Washcloths*
- Cloth diapers*
- Large safety pins
- Baby sleeper (newborn - 12 mo)
- Toothbrushes
- Combs
- Rubber or swimmer pants*
- Soap boxes*
- Travel size Kleenex
- Nail clippers*

*Items in greatest need at this time.

We often get questions about what we can and cannot accept. Here are some of the most common:

Can Accept
- Furniture
- Bed pillows
- Pots & pans
- Dishes
- Beds (new or used)*

Cannot Accept
- Knick knacks
- Holiday decorations
- Decorative pillows

A SUMMER OF SERVING

Summer was a busy and meaningful season for Orphan Grain Train North Dakota! From serving our local communities to preparing shipments for those in need, our volunteers continued to share compassion and generosity in many ways. Each activity reflects our mission to provide practical support and hope to individuals and families near and far.

- May 16: Volunteer Appreciation Party with a patriotic theme
- May 27: Andrea spoke at the Lions Club meeting
- May 31: Mercy Meals event at Redeemer Lutheran in Moorhead, MN
- June 26: Baby items delivered to Women's Care Center in Devils Lake
- June 26–27: OGT booth at the LWML ND District Convention, including packing hygiene kits as a servant event
- August 3: Mercy Meals event at the Farmers Union office in Jamestown
- August 11: Shipment to Latvia loaded and sent off
- August 22: Mercy Meals event at Valley City State University for incoming freshmen

In addition to these activities, we sent several loads of donated items to New Life Thrift Store in Fargo, Goodwill in Jamestown, and HERO in Fargo, helping ensure that useful items find their way to people who need them.

Thank you, volunteers! None of this would be possible without the generous hearts and helping hands of our volunteers. Whether you helped prepare meals, sort and deliver donations, pack hygiene kits, load shipments, or represent OGT at community events, your time and dedication make a difference. Thank you for being part of this ministry and helping us bring hope and practical assistance to others throughout our communities and around the world!

ARBY'S RESTAURANT DONATION

A heartfelt thank you to Arby's in Jamestown for choosing OGT as their charity of choice! We're also grateful to the generous customers who donated to support our mission. Your kindness helps us continue providing essential items and hope to those in need. Thank you for making a difference!



A SATURDAY MORNING AT OGT

Where Generosity Comes to Life

by Janna Bergstedt, volunteer newsletter coordinator





I had heard the stories. I had seen the photos. But on a sunny Saturday morning, I wanted to experience it for myself — to walk through the doors of Orphan Grain Train North Dakota and see the heart of this ministry in action. What I found was a place filled with generosity, compassion, and people who quietly make an incredible impact every single week.

As I pulled into the OGT parking lot, I quickly realized this was not a quiet Saturday morning. There were cars filling nearly every available space, and the activity inside matched the scene outside. The moment I walked through the doors, I was greeted by the sounds of a busy and thriving ministry — volunteers sorting, organizing, lifting, loading, and preparing donations to go where they are needed most.







Every corner of the building told a story. Volunteers were sorting clothing and books, while others were loading beds and couches onto forklifts. Boxes and boxes of donations filled the space, each one containing items that may seem ordinary but can mean everything to someone starting over. Blankets, towels, bedding, kitchen utensils, microwaves, air conditioners, clothing, and countless other household necessities were being organized and prepared to bring comfort and stability to families in need.

During my visit, I met a woman who had recently moved to Jamestown from Washington State with her three children. She arrived with very little and was working to rebuild a home for her family. In just one visit to OGT, she was able to receive a couch, four beds, sheets, kitchen items, and other necessities that would help her settle into this new chapter of life. Seeing the gratitude on her face was a powerful reminder that these donations are more than just items — they are hope, dignity, and a fresh start.

One of my favorite parts of the morning was hearing the stories of the volunteers themselves. I met people who have been giving their time to OGT for more than a decade. One volunteer shared that she started after her husband passed away and that serving at OGT became something deeply meaningful and close to her heart. I also met a teenage girl who volunteers alongside her grandmother when she visits Jamestown. Together, they were sorting kitchen items and sharing in the joy of serving others.

The volunteers at Orphan Grain Train North Dakota are the heartbeat of this ministry. They give their time, talents, and compassion to make sure donations reach people who

need them most. What happens inside the walls of OGT extends far beyond Jamestown — reaching communities across North Dakota, throughout the country, and around the world.

After spending that Saturday morning with the volunteers, I left with a renewed appreciation for the incredible mission of Orphan Grain Train. It is a place where generosity is organized, compassion is shared, and lives are changed — one donation, one volunteer, and one family at a time.











VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: BARBARA SROZINSKI



How long have you been volunteering?
I've been volunteer 2 or 3 years now.

What's your role with OGT ND?
I volunteer weekly, typically both Mondays and Saturdays. I spend most of my time sorting, packing and organizing supplies. We have a room with the hygiene and layette kits. I try to keep things in order, determining what's needed and if we can't send certain supplies, then finding a place that can use them.

What's your favorite part of the work you do?
I love the people that I work with. They're like a family to me.

What made you interested in OGT?
At the time, I was volunteering with the daily bread program and I knew some others who were actively volunteering with Orphan Grain Train. They were the connection to this organization and I'm thankful for those ladies who introduced me.

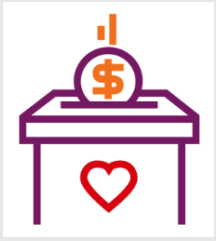
Fun fact:
My goal is to hit all 50 states. I'll be visiting New York in December, and that just leaves three states to go!

Final comments:
It's wonderful to see the impact that this organization makes locally, but also around the world. The photos and videos from Ukraine are a testament to the difference we're making.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN
Relief for Human Need Worldwide

North Dakota Branch
PO Box 1546
Jamestown, ND 58402-1546

FUNDS NEEDED!



We're busy preparing for future shipments. We can use your support to continue our mission.

To donate to the North Dakota Branch, send checks to:

North Dakota Orphan Grain Train
PO Box 1546
Jamestown, ND 58402-1546

To contribute by credit card, visit www.ogt.org/nd and click "Donate to North Dakota Branch."

A sincere thank you for your support.
Your donation will help us change lives!



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Branch Hours & Volunteer Opportunities

We continue to be open Mondays and Saturdays from 9am to noon.

For additional drop-off and volunteer times, call Sue at 701-320-3259 or Andrea at 701-658-9057.