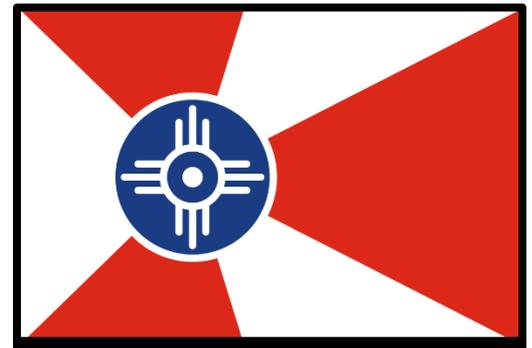


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The shipment that almost wasn't.

I share these series of events only to show how Covid has affected our warehouse (as well as other OGT warehouses across the country) and how hard our staff, our home office, and the trucking companies have to work to make the OGT international shipments possible during this tough time. I witness firsthand the trouble they go through because my spouse is our warehouse manager. I watch him co-ordinating with the home office when scheduling such a shipment. We especially want to thank Hanna in Norfolk for her patience and diligence.

In August of 2021, we expressed the need to send an international shipment. We had just sent a domestic load to South Dakota, but now had more items ready for an international shipment and our warehouse was FULL. We were told the Ukraine was ready to receive a shipment and our inventory met their needs. "Great, let's do it."

We sent our inventory list to the people in the Ukraine and waited for their reply. They would tell us "more of this" or "less of that". That's how we determine what to send. WELL, we waited and waited for their response. With the trouble in the news, we feared we may not get approval from their government. So we waited some more.

To make matters more complicated, we were right in the middle of our room expansion and it was difficult to maneuver around the workers and prepare boxes for loading. So we decided waiting for the contractor to finish may not be such a bad thing. The room was finally finished in December.

Then, in December, while waiting on the Ukraine, we put together a domestic shipment to Arizona. This was a smaller truck load, but it gave us a little more room in the warehouse to function.

Then it happened. The Ukraine finally gave us the go ahead for a shipment and we scheduled a truck for January 15th, 2022. Hurray!! Actually, "Praise be to God" seemed more fitting.

Now, you would think with all of these things in place and seemingly going as scheduled, this would be the end of the

story. And if you were noticing the frequent e-mails from the Wichita Branch in January, you know what I am about to say. Due to issues with trucks and ships, our requests for volunteers to help load our truck changed four more times. We were warned this could happen. January 15th became January 19th, then February 2nd, back to January 25th, and finally January 27th. Again, these changes were nobody's fault. It is just how the world works right now. If your truck does not arrive at the dock in time to reach the designated vessel OR the vessel is delayed, there is a \$100/day charge for the container to sit at the dock. These are expenses one wishes to avoid. Timing becomes everything.

BUT - the worst part of this story was on Wednesday, January 19th. The date had just been changed to February, but January 19th was a regular Wednesday work day at our branch. Three of us had arrived early to open when my husband spotted a truck coming down our street VERY SLOWLY. You guessed it. The poor trucker didn't get the word that the 19th was cancelled and he had just driven from Kansas City on a very windy morning to arrive in Wichita by 9:00 a.m.

We called to verify, even though we knew we had no one to help us load. There was no choice but to send him back home. It was very hard to watch that truck pull away empty.

We've never had to experience this kind of delay before. Hope we never have to again, but we know we are not the only warehouse with these problems. We still have our mission and with God's help, our mission will continue, even if it doesn't always go the way we think it should.

Again, we thank the many people who make this system work - our staff and volunteers - the wonderful folks in Norfolk - and the many trucking and shipping companies who work with us. NOW we await word that the container reaches its destination. Please keep us in your prayers and thanks for your continued support of Orphan Grain Train, Wichita Branch.

THE END

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On February 24th we received an update from Norfolk on the shipment to the Ukraine that I just wrote about on the previous page. Due to the Russian invasion of the Ukraine, the shipment was re-routed to Piraeus, Greece. They are working on locating a new destination, most likely the Republic of Georgia. We will keep you updated.



We have also received a thank-you from the recipients of our last shipment to Latvia, May 2021. They distributed items to over 900 pensioners and families whose homes had burned down, orphans, and some even went to families in the Ukraine. This was Good News.

CRANE'S CORNER

It has been my joy and pleasure to serve as Branch Manager for OGT since its inception in 2017. My sincere thank you to all the faithful and dedicated volunteers, as well as the many individuals and groups that have supported our ministry of seeking to aid those in circumstances of need in the name of Jesus. I believe that it is time for me to retire as manager. I plan to continue through April so that I can attend the Kansas and Oklahoma District LWML conventions, plus visit several other Kansas congregations. My prayer is that the Lord would continue to bless OGT Wichita and it will continue to be a blessing to those in need in the U.S. and around the world.

Sincerely in Christ, Jeff Crane

The Starfish Story

A young girl was walking along a beach upon which thousands of starfish had been washed up during a terrible storm. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up, and throw it back into the ocean. People watched her with amusement.

She had been doing this for some time when a man approached her and said, "Little girl, why are you doing this? Look at this beach! You can't save all these starfish. You can't begin to make a difference!"

The girl seemed crushed, suddenly deflated. But after a few moments, she bent down, picked up another starfish, and hurled it as far as she could into the ocean. Then she looked up at the man, smiled and replied, "Well, I made a difference to that one!"

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Correction from last newsletter: The name should have read "Thanks to Jeremy **Kohlmeier** of Dondlinger Construction."

Our Donations are not just to other countries or states. We can also **DONATE** any of our items locally. If you, your family, or a friend or neighbor are in need of any medical supplies, consider Orphan Grain Train for your needs either temporarily or permanently. We have a variety of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, toilet risers, shower seats, and many more items, even hospital beds. Please contact Michael Hauschild at 316-258-2961 for more information.



Wichita branch will be closed for Easter Saturday April 16th.

OGT's Ukrainian Relief Efforts:

The humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine is dominating the news. Orphan Grain Train is working with agencies in Moldova, Poland, & Romania to provide relief for the Ukrainian victims, especially women & children fleeing.

We urgently need monetary donations to purchase hygiene items, non-perishable food items, bedding, diapers, powder detergent, powder formula, medical trauma kits, new socks & new underwear. We are also in need of monetary donations to cover the costs of shipping & air cargo deliveries.

If you would like to donate to the Ukrainian Relief efforts you can send your monetary donation to Orphan Grain Train, P.O. Box 1466, Norfolk, NE 68702-1466. Please earmark your donation for Ukrainian relief.

In response to this request from our home office, the Wichita OGT Branch loaded a small box trailer and pick-up truck with 258 boxes of donations received from our friends in the Wichita area. The goods were then driven to Norfolk on March 15th to meet the deadline for the air cargo delivery to Poland. We want to thank all those who responded so quickly and generously to this cause with goods and monetary donations (over \$3700) and to the workers who helped us box and load the trailer.



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