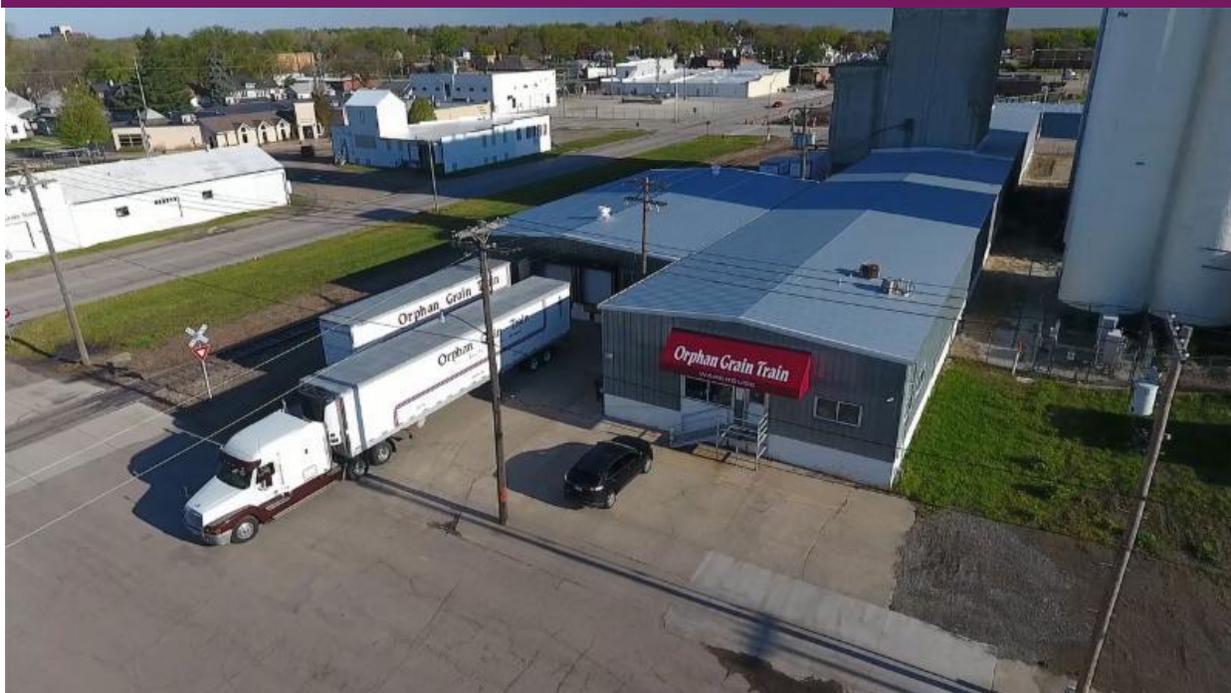


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Serving Those In Need



Orphan Grain Train had a busy week shipping to those in need across seas and also helping with poverty and flood relief in the US. People City Mission, a homeless shelter for families and soup kitchen in Lincoln, NE received clothing and Mercy Meals. A shipment of various foods and one of pinto beans was delivered to Black Hawk, SD. Check out below the aid being loaded for many destinations and delivered for humanitarian relief.

As of April 26, OGT has spent \$230,333.57 on Nebraska Flood Relief efforts! We continue to receive calls daily from families needing assistance and we plan to be here helping for the long haul.

We would not be able to do this if it was not for our dedicated and generous donors and volunteers - Thank you! If you are able to give to Nebraska flood relief take comfort that 100% of your donation will go toward helping families devastated

from the recent flood waters. Thank you for your support of the ministry of OGT.

Nebraska Flood Relief

Increase Your Impact for Flood Relief

Thrivent Financial is once again helping families affected by natural disaster and this time it is the recent flooding in Nebraska. Orphan Grain Train is one of the organizations Thrivent is offering for every \$2 donated Thrivent will add \$1 up to \$250,000.00 until match is met or June 1, 2019, whichever comes first. What an opportunity to have your impact for flood relief increased. Thrivent pays all payment processing fees; ensuring 100 percent of your donation goes to help those in need. Thrivent is asking that all personal donations be online through their website and designated to Orphan Grain Train. Please go to www.thrivent.com to have your flood relief donation increased! Thank you for your prayers and support for families that have lost so much due to flood waters.



Gifts Arrive!

Bible Mission in Moldova was able to unload a shipment of humanitarian aid from OGT's Wisconsin Branch. They shared being grateful for the goods and once distributed will send photos. Praise be to God to be able to reach and help families in Moldova. What wonderful energy and smiles while unloading the gifts.

What We Do



Serving Our Lord



Our 3 - in - 1 hit!

In April, the Maryland Branch had a “first”- 3 shipments sent out in the course of a week! This is our most ever in such a short time span. Our first shipment was trucked down to North Carolina and contained disaster supplies, taken to a poor area still in the initial recovery stage. The second went to Liberia and contained school supplies and furniture for 14 Lutheran schools in the rural areas. Also on that shipment were 1,776 Luci Lights, providing safe, clean solar light for people who have absolutely no electrical grid. Our third shipment is headed for Nicaragua with needed hospital equipment and clothing. Praise the Lord and thanks to the wonderful volunteers who have helped to make this possible. View the latest video on these shipments at OGT's [Maryland Branch](#).



First International Shipment!

Nevada Sierra Branch located in Sparks, NV recently shipped their first international shipment to the Republic of Georgia! A lot of hours sorting, packing and planning preceded this exciting day for the volunteers. Chris Carstens; OGT's Inventory manager and Doug Trampe; Norfolk warehouse manager traveled to Sparks to help with their first loading and shipment. All went well to strategically load quilts, clothing, suitcases, medical equipment, bikes, and toys for Association of Persons with Disabilities. Congratulations and great job Nevada Sierra Branch volunteers! Photo L-R are branch officers: Pam Avery; secretary, Dave Lorenz; warehouse manager, Steve Magee; branch manager, Christi Spiker; public relations, and Bill Heinecke; assistant branch manager.

[Nevada Sierra Branch](#)



Sharing of Talent

Len Gebhardt with his wife Gretchen dropped off 70 quilts at the Norfolk warehouse. He made these over the winter and has made hundreds of them since retiring from St. John Lutheran Church in Charter Oak, IA in 2004. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with serving those in need through OGT.



Hunger Relief

It was an exciting day when a shipment of 272,160 Manna Pack meals from Feed My Starving Children and funded by OGT made it to Zambia! Dr. Marjie Heier with Gospelink will soon share distribution photos. Praise be to God!

Many Special Gifts

OGT's Castle Rock location recently loaded a container for Women for Justice in the Republic of Georgia. The donations included lots of special gifts from individuals and organizations:

- * 715 cloth diapers sewn from T-Shirts by Dottie Bockelmann, the originator of Castle Rock
- * 17,064 Mercy Meals from Immanuel Lutheran Church of Colorado Springs
- * New kids' underwear from Epiphany Lutheran church's Lydia Circle
- * Operation Project Cure donated a special pediatric walker for Mariam, a little girl born with cerebral palsy who has not walked independently. And hundreds of new tooth brushes, 1,447 boxes of clothing and 22 kids bicycle. Thank you Castle Rock supporters! Praise be to God!



Weekly Devotion

This Week's Scripture: "When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord,' he

said, 'You know that I love You.' Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'" John 21:25
Feed My Lambs This isn't the first time that Jesus instructed His disciples to feed the people. After He had preached to the 5,000, they had urged Jesus to send the people away so that they could find food to eat. Jesus' response? "You give them something to eat." (Matt. 14:16)

We at OGT are more than familiar with Christ's command. We send thousands of meals to the hungry & destitute of the world, both near & far. We take this command seriously.

But Jesus is talking about more than just literal loaves of bread. Just as He tasked Peter, He has tasked us with delivering the Bread of Life—the saving news that the God who empowers us to feed the hungry also empowers us to convey His grace & mercy. Mercy Meals & other food sent in relief of the hungry provide physical blessings. The Word that Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life for all the world provides spiritual blessings that lead to eternal life. Bless us, heavenly Father, as we deliver the Living Word to the destitute of the world.

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