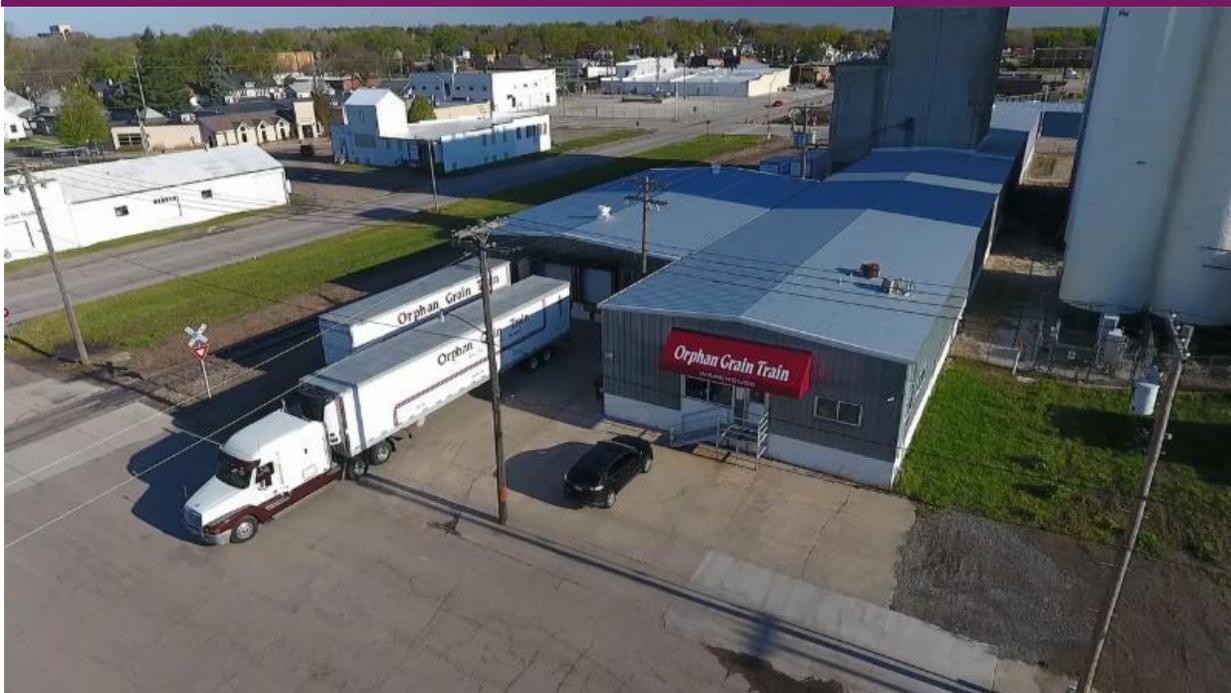


# Orphan Grain Train

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Serving Those In Need



Whether you share your time, treasures or talent, OGT is grateful for your support! Our Fiscal Year (FY) will end soon, May 31, and so far our numbers are showing more than 280 shipments loaded for international and domestic destinations. Through you, God blesses Orphan Grain Train to be a blessing to thousands.

OGT has not slowed down much with Nebraska flood relief efforts. We continue to help families with home repair costs that did not have flood insurance. As of Wednesday, May 8, 2019 OGT has spent \$358,557.26 on flood relief efforts.

We are asking for continued support to fund these efforts. 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 and the families that have lost so much.

## Nebraska Flood Relief

### *Food For Flood Relief*

Recently OGT distributed 200 lbs. of hamburger, 1 pallet of potatoes and 10 pallets of pet food for Nebraska flood relief efforts in Lynch and Norfolk. Thank you to our donors and volunteers for making these distributions possible.



### **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](http://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.



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Iglesia Lutheran Cristo in Texas received 3,240 Kids Against Hunger meals, 15 boxes of Harvest Pack meals, 2,500 pounds of various foods, blankets, clothing, hygiene supplies, medical equipment, stuffed toys and school supplies. Wisconsin Branch volunteers loaded the shipment to help bring aid and food for border missions.

### Wisconsin Branch



Volunteers at the Norfolk warehouse were busy loading school supplies, desks, tables, sewing machines, medical equipment, bikes, hygiene kits and quilts for Managua, Nicaragua. Rainbow Network is a Christian ministry that will share the goods with families and organizations in remote areas.

### Norfolk Warehouse



Missouri West located in Concordia delivered 1,170 boxes blankets, clothes, shoes, coats, and hygiene kits along with medical equipment to Cornerstone Children's Ranch in Quemado, Texas. What wonderful gifts for those at their ranch and outreach program.

### Missouri West Collection Center

## *Relaxing While Loading*

Norfolk warehouse volunteers were busy loading a shipment to Manila, Philippines. Springboard Foundation will soon receive 142,560 Mercy Meals, medical equipment, children's scooters and tricycles, solar ovens, school chairs, tables and sewing machines to bless their orphanages, schools, clinic and impoverished families. Praise be to God!



## Weekly Devotion

**This Week's Scripture:** "I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:33-35

**Helping the Weak** St. Paul is speaking to the elders at Ephesus, but he is speaking to us as well. He preaches encouragement after reminding them that he has coveted nothing but has supported himself in his ministry among them. Then he reminds them to help the weak & encourages them to remember Jesus' words. The mission & ministry of grace & mercy is embodied in our work through OGT. Our donated food, clothing, construction supplies, & so much more are destined to "help the weak." And we remember that all our donations of time, treasure, & talents are given cheerfully, knowing that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

The very thought that those we serve will repay us is completely foreign to our mission. "We love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19) May Christ continue to bless us with beneficent love for the weak out of gratitude for Jesus Christ's beneficent love for us. Dear Jesus, motivate us to help the weak.

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