

# Orphan Grain Train

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Greetings!

OGT has had a productive week with volunteers from churches, scouts, community and individuals giving of their time to serve those in need. We could not do all these shipments if it was not for dedicated volunteers helping to sort, pack and load containers. See if one of OGT's [27 regional locations](#) is near you to be able to volunteer while enjoying fellowship and laughter.

*You can be the hands and feet of Jesus.*

Be a Volunteer

Where OGT changed lives this week....

## *Helping Families in need*

Recently Women for Justice in the Republic of Georgia distributed humanitarian aid to families living in extreme poverty. This shipment was

loaded at the Norfolk warehouse with transportation costs being funded by Minnesota South Branch. The aid shared with families included quilts, clothing, coats, shoes, hygiene kits, heaters, medical equipment, Christmas Gift Boxes, toys, office equipment, school kits/supplies, student chairs/desks and sewing machines with supplies. Thank you to our donors, volunteers and supporters that helped give hope and the love of Jesus to these families.



### What We Do



OGT weekly Headliner will be on vacation next week but will be back in your inbox in two weeks.

### Did You Know.....

- OGT has been shipping aid worldwide for 27 years.
- Since 2007 OGT has shipped more than 25 million meals.
- FY 2017-18 had 108,696.95 volunteer hours given by our wonderful volunteers.

Thank you!!



*Students load for Liberia*



*Volunteers load for Georgia*

It was a cold day for loading a shipment but that did not stop the boys from Lutheran High Northeast in Norfolk, NE. Rev. Amos Bolay with Lutheran Church of Liberia will be receiving church pews which came from St. John's Lutheran Church in Vincent, IA and also computers and monitors donated by Concordia University in Seward, NE. Other items included were Bibles, robes, bikes, office chairs/desks, student desks/chairs and school supplies. Rev. Bolay has Lutheran churches and schools he has opened that offers a Christ centered education for everyone and is always grateful for the gifts from OGT. Thank you to those that donated goods to help children in Liberia.

OGT's Indiana branch in Jonesville loaded a 40' container of toys, shoes, and many clothes of many kinds. This was shipped via Life Resources to the Republic of Georgia. The Indiana branch volunteers finished this load in less than an hour and half! Nice day in between the heavy rains that had created a lot of road closures due to flooding.

Photo of [Indiana Branch](#) warehouse



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## Relief Supplies for Flood

February 8th was an historic day for Orphan Grain Train—Michigan. Through the bounty coming from God's people, a first distribution was made of 285 "flood buckets" containing cleanup supplies much needed in southeast Ohio which experienced flooding. The relief items were sent to H.A.R.P. (Helping Appalachian Rural Peoples), an organization which meets basic needs when family lives are adversely impacted and interrupted. The delivery was done in cooperation with the Ohio Branch of OGT which provided transportation.



[Michigan Branch](#)

## Save The Date

OGT's 2019 Convention is coming up on Friday and Saturday, September 13 & 14, 2019 at Devent Center in Norfolk, NE. The Rev, Michael Zeigler; 'The Lutheran Hour' speaker will be keynote speaker for Saturday's luncheon! More convention details to come.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars Expire Sunday, March 31

Be sure to designate your Choice Dollars today before they are gone forever. Go to [www.thriventchoice.com](http://www.thriventchoice.com) or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars" at automation. Thank you for your support of OGT ministry.

## Weekly Devotion

**This Week's Scripture:** "And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you." Gen. 45:5

**Lessons from Joseph:** Joseph's brothers are terrified. Remember? They had sold him into slavery. For all they knew, he was dead & gone. They come to Egypt to purchase grain, & Joseph reveals himself. Is he angry? Is he out for vengeance? Joseph is all about reconciliation. He has forgiven his brothers, & he makes a point of witnessing to how God used his brothers' treachery to save lives—to save many, many lives, including his own family's.

Lessons for us? Our sins nailed Jesus to the cross, yet God meant it for good. He meant it for the forgiveness & salvation of all humankind. And He has called us to bring relief to the destitute. He has called us to save lives through the mission & ministry of OGT. Bless the mission & ministry of OGT, dear God, that we may save lives.

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