

Orphan Grain Train

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Relief for Human Need Worldwide



2020 will be remembered for its devastating effects on families, businesses, schools and our precious children from the Coronavirus. With businesses closing and loss of jobs, food pantries are serving record number of families yet the food has not increased to keep up with demand. Since the pandemic, Orphan Grain Train has had more requests for food locally and abroad. Will you help support our effort on [Giving Tuesday, December 1](#) to **Feed the Hungry?**

OGT wants to Feed the Hungry by raising \$10,000.00 to purchase needed food for struggling families.

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GIVING TUESDAY

December 1, 2020

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Blessed To Serve

Relief Aid For Haiti

Many wonderful blessings are headed to Haiti from the Norfolk warehouse donors and volunteers. Premier Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jacmel will share new shoes and school supplies with students and receive church furnishings, pews, and Bibles for a new Lutheran church in Jacmel. 7,128 Mercy Meals, clothing and other goods will be distributed to orphans, elderly and to those in most need in the mountains. Thanks be to God!



Loaded For Mission

Indiana Branch volunteers loaded toys, school kits, medical equipment, diapers, furniture, bedding and clothing for Mission Emanuel in Mercedes, TX. What needed gifts to share with families along the border. Good job strategically loading all those gifts!

2,568 Lives Saved

OGT's Maryland Branch has a unique program for shipping high quality hydrocephalic shunts to Kyrgyzstan and in the past to Nicaragua. Integra Lifesciences has donated 2,568 shunts throughout the years which are free for low income families with children that have Hydrocephalus (water on the brain). The shunts drain the fluid off the brain and saves lives. If the shunts are not of good quality then there is a risk of more surgeries and infection. Dr. Karachev performs the surgeries for the families at a reduced cost. He recently requested for other surgical tools needed for these particular surgeries since he has enough shunts from last donation. Integra Lifesciences once again, donated the needed items – 'Thank You' for these life saving devices. Thank you, Maryland Branch donors for making these shipments possible. Photo is of Dr. Karachev with the latest shipment of medical tools.



More Desks To Share

Students once again helped load two semi-trailers full of school desks and furnishing from Luverne Public School in Minnesota. These two shipments will be shared with Ysleta Mission in El Paso, Tx. Rev. Heimer will use the items for his ministry, local churches and schools. Thanks be to God!

Domestic Aid

Last month, OGT's Ohio Collection Center in Napoleon delivered toys, bikes, medical supplies, clothes, household items and other goods to several local organizations that assist the homeless and families in need. Thank you, Ohio donors and volunteers!

28 pallets of various foods were delivered to Native American Heritage Association (NAHA) in Black Hawk, SD from Norfolk warehouse donors. The food will be distributed to schools, organizations and families in need living on reservations in two states. Praise be to God!

OGT purchased nearly \$20,000 worth of groceries from Lou's Thrifty

Way in Norfolk, NE to help stock the shelves at a food pantry at Trinity-Klein LCMS Church in Spring, TX. OGT continues disaster relief efforts for families still rebuilding after hurricane Harvey in August 2017 – 3 years ago. Please continue to pray for the families and business owners still hurting from hurricane Harvey.

Disaster Relief



Weekly Devotion

This Week's Scripture: "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good . . . This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, & for your generosity in sharing with them & with everyone else." 2 Cor. 9:7-8, 12-13

Cheerful Givers We've reached the time of year when we are especially reminded of all the good things we receive from the Lord. And for what are we thankful? "When you have eaten & are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you." (Deut. 8:10) "When we were overwhelmed by sins, You forgave our transgressions." (Ps. 65:3)

We understand that we are blessed far beyond what we need. And here's something to consider. God does not need our thanksgiving. God provides what is good for us, & we cannot do anything to repay. But that doesn't mean that we shouldn't give thanks by our words & deeds.

Giving thanks is our privilege throughout the year & not just at Thanksgiving. Giving thanks enriches our own understanding of the Lord & His will for our lives. Giving thanks is a response which demonstrates our love for God, as seen by the love we have for others. And as partners in the mission & ministry of OGT, we give thanks by our gifts of time, treasure, & talents, as we serve those whom God has called us to help, & as we glorify the Lord through our thanksgiving & thanksgiving.

Today's Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for the privilege of serving You as we seek to meet the needs of those you've called us to serve. May we always do so cheerfully. Amen.

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