

# Orphan Grain Train

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The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ, shared with family and friends. Orphan Grain Train staff would like to wish you a joyous Christmas and may you find His peace, love and joy in the coming New Year.



OGT office and Norfolk warehouse will be closing at 2:00 on Friday, December 18 and reopen at 9am on Monday, January 4, 2021. Please hang onto items to donate during that time until the warehouse opens again – thank you.

Watch for the next OGT e-newsletter in your inbox on Thursday, January 7, 2021.

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## Be The Hands & Feet of Jesus!

### *OGT Does It Again!!*

OGT is on another Charity Navigator list– 'Charities with Perfect Scores'! OGT has earned perfect scores for its Financial Health and its Accountability & Transparency. Those two scores then translate into a perfect 100-point overall score. Less than one percent of the thousands of charities rated by Charity Navigator have earned perfect scores. Click the button to see:



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### *Grateful Hearts*

Women for Justice in Republic of Georgia distributed stuffed animals, quilts and clothing shipped from the Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska. They assist many families living in poverty, many of which had to relocate because of war. Thank you, donors and volunteers for making these shipments of blessings and love possible!

[Norfolk Warehouse](#)



OGT purchased 1,600 - 22+ pound turkeys from Lou's Thrifty Way to help feed families this Christmas season. For four days, the turkeys will be distributed to nine community food pantries in eight towns across Nebraska. OGT called the pantries to see if they could use turkeys and the need was great, especially the food pantry in St. Paul that serves several

smaller communities. They asked for as many turkeys as we could give so we also included 110 hams that were donated by Tyson Foods Inc. in Madison, NE. OGT shared hams and turkeys with several local food pantries, daycares, schools, senior centers, a soup kitchen and shelter. What wonderful blessings for families celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Thank you, Tyson Foods and OGT donors and volunteers!

Rev. Ramon Contreras with Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry (LBCM) in San Diego was thrilled to receive warm jackets, quilts, cookies and non-perishable food items from Steve Rice, OGT's coordinator of CA-AZ-NV location. These are wonderful gifts, along with the Gospel, being shared with families this Christmas season. Steve is on the left and Rev. Ramon is on the right.



*Domestic Aid*

On November 20, 2020, OGT funded a shipment of 233,280 Feed My Starving Children meals for Mariano Rivera Foundation in Panama. You may recall in January of this year; OGT's VP of Operations Grant Schmidt and a previous Board member Gary Wieck went to New York to meet with Mariano Rivera (former New York Yankees relief pitcher) and delivered a container of Mercy Meals. The meals were then shipped by Mariano's foundation to be distributed to families living in poverty in Panama. Mariano Rivera was the first person in history to be unanimously selected into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame. Pictured L to R: Rev. Omar Linley, Grant Schmidt, Mariano Rivera & Gary Wieck.



Moulton Elementary School in Des Moines received children's winter coats, shoes, clothes and winter accessories from Iowa West Branch in Ida Grove. What wonderful gifts for so many children! Thank you, donors and volunteers.

### *Flood Relief Loaded*

Recently, volunteers at OGT's Maryland Branch loaded medical equipment, school & office furnishings, bikes, quilts and clothes to help with flood relief in South Sudan. The rains are reported as the worst in 60 years with hundreds of thousands of people being displaced. Please pray for the children and families of South Sudan.



**Maryland Branch**

### *Weekly Devotion*

**This Week's Scripture:** *Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right hand & His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The Lord has made His salvation known & revealed His righteousness to the nations. (Ps. 98:1-2)*

**Surprise!** I have found that as a grandfather I have taken much delight in watching my grand-children open their Christmas presents from Lois & me. Of course, we know what we have bought them, but they, of course, don't have a clue. We see the anticipation on their faces as they carefully remove the bows & ribbons, then tear off the wrapping paper (not so carefully). Their presents are revealed, & we take joy in their happiness.

It's somewhat trite to talk about presents & the gift of baby Jesus, but it makes sense, doesn't? After many, many years of prophecies, God's people waited anxiously for the gift of a Messiah. Finally, the Lord *"made His salvation known & revealed His righteousness to the nations."* That salvation, that righteousness, was Jesus.

And what a gift! *"But when the kindness & love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteousness things we had done, but because of His mercy."* (Titus 3:4-5a)

**Prayer:** Bless us, Jesus, with a joyous Christmas & blessed New Year. Amen.  
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