

# Orphan Grain Train †

Relief for Human Need Worldwide

## *OGT Spotlight* *Michigan Branch*

***YEAR ESTABLISHED:***

2019

***BRANCH MANAGER:***

Dave Reed, Lutheran emeriti pastor

***LOCATION AND HOURS OF OPERATION:***

126 E. Main St., Sebewaing, MI 48759  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
9:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m.



***WHAT INTRIGUED YOU TO VOLUNTEER AT OGT:***

For several years Michigan had no active sustained presence of Orphan Grain Train, but three years ago when the time was right God opened a new prospect. He also provided an 8,000 sq. ft. facility suitable for branch operations. Clearly a new opportunity was given. Quickly God also provided the right people for leadership and an extremely dedicated pool of volunteers. Once God gives the motivation, the means, and the mission, it's not hard to welcome the opportunity. Our Lord has not disappointed.



## **CHALLENGES:**

Our challenges are happy ones— “problems good to have.” We thought we had ample warehouse space. But we still haven’t learned to keep from spilling over with certain items or how to navigate efficiently. We have needed a large crew to pass boxes one-by-one through a single door to fill a container. That was “fun” for previous shipments, but recently we were gifted with a large new utility door. Bravo! Communicating with constituents is also an opportune challenge sparking new avenues through video and other “marketing” possibilities for telling the story of branch efforts.

## **FAVORITE SHIPMENTS:**

The Michigan Branch has been thrilled to send shipments to Kyrgyzstan, Panama, Moldova and Georgia. However, the recent response to needs of Ukrainian refugees gave overwhelming joy and satisfaction. Within a two-week interval this March an outpouring from individuals, churches, and the community enabled the Michigan branch to send a full semi-trailer filled with relief supplies to Norfolk. Donors also opened hearts and hands to make possible a gift to Norfolk of over \$42,000. The scale of this effort has set a new benchmark for service in the future.

## **SOMETHING UNIQUE ABOUT YOUR BRANCH:**

Unquestionably our most loveable volunteer is a sweet ten-year-old dog named Lacy. She never misses a work day at Orphan Grain Train—Michigan. Lacy greets all the visitors, chaperones all the other volunteers and makes sure everyone with a delivery is welcomed with appreciation. Lacy is pictured above with Dave Reed.

## **IS THERE A KEY TO YOUR BRANCH VITALITY?**

Vital to us is the practice every operational day to stop for devotions and prayer. Invariably someone with a delivery, question, or need walks in the door right at that time. But we include them if we can. We know this undertaking is God's mission of compassion and care. All efforts and success rest entirely on Christ's heart, presence, and power. We see clear evidence of the Lord's guidance and blessing every day.



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