Orphan Grain Train

Relief for Human Need Worldwide

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Being the Hands & Feet of Jesus
Bible Mission International in Moldova received one of the air-cargo shipments from Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska. They shared several personal stories of families helped from this much-needed shipment of food and aid. Thank you, OGT donors and volunteers for helping these two families and many others that had to leave their homes and their country.

‘Ina & Tania from Vostochnoe village, Kherson oblast, Ukraine. Kherson, home to 290,000 people, is 480 km south of Kyiv. The city is strategically important, sitting on an inlet of the Black Sea 420 km west of the separatist enclave of Donetsk. Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, these two young mothers have heard a lot of bombings, sad and even tragic stories and have experienced much fear. For about a month, Ina was so frightened that she preferred to spend all the nights in the basement of her small house together with her two boys. After a month of constant fear, finally, Ina and her neighbor Tania decided to leave their homes and escape to Moldova together with their children. The husband of Tania had to stay home. Most Ukrainian men ages 18 to 60 have been banned from leaving the country, in anticipation that they may be called to fight. On their way to Moldova, the women with the children could see burned remains of Russian military vehicles, Russian convoys making their ways through the villages. In order to be able to leave their village, Ina & Tania had to join a convoy of several vehicles with civilians. Otherwise, in one private car people are at a higher risk to be shot. At Baltata, they could finally rest normally, found peace and their basic needs are being met. Thank you very much!’ The picture is of Ina, Tania and their children.
Registration Deadline for OGT Convention

You are invited to attend Orphan Grain Train Convention this September 9 & 10 in Norfolk, NE! The last day for a registration fee of $60 will be August 1 then it will go up to $80 after that so register soon, either online or mail in form with payment.

It is being held at the Mid-Town Event Center in Norfolk, NE. OGT Convention is a 2-day event with recipients from the US and abroad sharing how OGT's humanitarian aid and food has impacted their part of the world. Keynote Speaker is Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, President emeritus and professor emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

For more information or to register, please click on the appropriate buttons below. Feel free to give us a call with any questions you may have - 402-371-7393 or toll free 877-371-7393

We hope to see you in September!

Online Registration  Registration Form
Convention Schedule  Lodging

Loaded with Love

New England Branch volunteers were busy loading more than 1800 boxes of various food, quilts, linens, shoes, coats, clothing, diapers, and hygiene kits and medical items, bicycles, toys, sewing machines with supplies for Republic of Georgia. Thank you volunteers and donors for sharing much-needed food and goods with those in need.
**Christmas in July - Items Needed**

Kelly Asbury has started the Christmas Gift Box Project! She is in need of toys and shirts sizes 2-6. Last year, with the help of many people near and far, 1,902 Christmas boxes were put together to give gifts and the Christmas story to many children worldwide. Her goal this year is 2,000 boxes, which is possible with the help from many. You can help fill these boxes using monetary gifts or the needed donations of toys and shirts sizes 2-6. Monetary donations (marked “Grace Lutheran Christmas Box Project”) can be sent to Grace Lutheran Church or Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk, NE. We are collecting donations through July 31st. If you have any questions or would like to help pack the boxes, contact Kelly Asbury at 402-371-3521. You can help these children know they are precious and that Jesus is the greatest gift of all!

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**Community Outreach**

OGT’s collection center in Larned, KS hosted a Hope for Pawnee County event with tours, OGT handouts in goodie bags and lunch for those attending from the
community. They are housed along with other community organizations in the old courthouse built in 1884, very sturdy building yet today. It was a very hot 102-degree day but they were still able to spread the word about all they do. First photo are OGT volunteers with therapy dog and handlers. 2nd photo is Lois Eye, director of OGT’s Larned collection center and Jennifer Applequist, treasurer, serving lunch.

Many Serving Hearts

Houston Branch inspired young adults at the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) National Youth Gathering. The event is 5 days and some of these amazing young adults made 1,785 T-shirt diapers and several sleeping mats. What an amazing event with more than 20,000 students participating in the gathering at the GRB Convention Center in Houston! To God Be The Glory!

Grateful for the Gifts
One of our international recipients wrote the following two notes of ‘Thank You’ and included several photos of aid that was shipped from OGT’s Central Iowa Branch. Aid was shared with residents at a nursing home.

"We have a lot of beneficiaries who are constantly in need of help. Before receiving cargo, I have a written plan where to visit and distribute the boxes. These are daycare centers for the elderly, shelters for the elderly and for people with disabilities. Today I visited the nursing home of the Evangelical-Lutheran elderly shelter for the second time. The elderly remember good guests especially well. I gave them a wheelchair, canes, a lot of medical supplies, a shower chair, linen, blankets, towels, clothes. Today, when everything has become expensive, every item is valuable for them. I did not leave the shelter staff without gifts. I captured their happy faces on photos. They sent you lots of thanks and love for those amazing gifts. Thank you for being and caring for strangers."

Aid was also shared with a family with 5 children living in extreme poverty.

“With your support a lot of people have heard about my organization. My beneficiaries (those whom I have already helped once) tell others about our deeds. A few days ago, a woman contacted me, informed me about her living conditions and asked for help. I prepared suitable things: blankets, linen, towels, shoes, clothes for all the members of their family.

I found terrible poverty in their family. 7 people live in one small room. They didn’t expect so many things and opened the boxes with joy. They tried on the clothes and were happy. Seeing their happy faces made me happy too.”

We are so blessed to be a blessing to others – Thank You Central Iowa donors and volunteers!
Central Nebraska Branch volunteers in Grand Island delivered 3 bunkers of various clothing to People City Mission, a homeless shelter, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

OGT funded a shipment of 272,160 Manna Packs meals from Feed My Starving Children to Bread of Life Orphanage in Romania. Bread of life has several orphanages and feeding stations that serve hundreds of hungry children and families.

Last month, OGT’s Wichita Branch volunteers made several deliveries to local organizations of various foods, children’s items, clothing, medical supplies and bedding. Thank you, donors and volunteers!

Weekly Devotion

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. (Ps. 16:6-8)

Boundaries: I’m reading a book about the beginning of World War I. Germany was intent on fighting France, but for its plan to work, it needed to march through Belgium. Belgium was neutral. When Germany crossed the boundary line from German into Belgium, any hope for peace was crushed. England & France declared war on Germany, & the great conflict had begun.

We all need boundaries. You probably remember how you had to set boundaries for your little ones. They needed boundaries to know right from wrong, what was safe & what was unsafe.

The psalmist states that “the boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places.” He acknowledges that the Lord’s boundaries enable him to access His counsel. The Lord’s boundaries are not oppressive. They are “a delightful inheritance.” For this the psalmist praises the Lord.
Prayer: Show us Your boundaries O Lord, that we might walk in Your ways. We pray in Your Son’s name. Amen.

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