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# Orphan Grain Train †

Relief for Human Need Worldwide

## *OGT Spotlight*

### *Central Iowa Branch*

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***YEAR ESTABLISHED:***

2015

***BRANCH MANAGER AND  
BACKGROUND:***

*Trisha Adams*

I began volunteering at Central Iowa branch in our kit room assembling hygiene kits, backpacks, and layettes, initially working by myself. Now there are four volunteers regularly working in that room and they get lots more done!

As I took over as manager a couple years ago my tasks have changed as has my perspective and focus - from one room to the whole building. I get to greet and chat with our visitors who drop off donations and who often stay and help sort and pack cartons with us. I also make the coffee and clean up the kitchen. Richard Hartwig and I occasionally give presentations about Orphan Grain Train which has become one of my favorite things to do!

It's a privilege to share about God's love for us and to help those who are less fortunate. It's gratifying to know that what we do touches hearts and makes a difference in the lives of the recipients of our gifts. To God be the glory.



***LOCATION & HOURS OF OPERATION:***

302 Bevin Street Clemons, IA 50051

Tuesdays 8:00 -Noon

The Central Iowa Branch is located in Clemons, Iowa. The facility includes what was 10 class rooms as well as a modern cafeteria, gymnasium, and bus barn. The facility was originally part of the West Marshall School district, and then in 1978, the buildings and ground were purchased by three members of St. John Lutheran Church. Beginning in 1980 and continuing until 2014, it was home to Clemons Lutheran School until it closed due to enrollment. Beginning in August of 2015 the facility, now owned by Orphan Grain Train, Inc, has been home to the Central Iowa Branch.

### *WHAT INTRIGUES YOU ABOUT OGT?*

In these short seven years we have been able to ship twenty-one loads of humanitarian supplies of clothing and medical supplies to places a few miles away and also around the world.

One of the most remarkable things concerning these shipments is the ability of the OGT Norfolk office to arrange for all of the shipping details, from the recipients, to the trucks and drivers, to finding empty shipping containers, to getting them by rail to shipping ports, to getting them booked on the ocean vessels, and then by truck again to the final recipients.

Another thing that we do is to make our cafeteria and gym available to local people and families for holiday parties, town celebrations, fund raisers and even wedding receptions. Not many towns of only 140 people have these things available to them for basically the cost of lights and heat.

Our branch officers include Trisha Adams, manager; Richard Hartwig, assistant manager; Bonnie Berrey, secretary; and Julie Wengert, treasurer. None of our loads would be possible without our regular packers and sorters who meet every Tuesday morning from 8:00 am till noon, and to our many generous donors and supporters. We thank God for their dedication and willingness to serve others.



Photo on the left is Richard Hartwig, assistant branch manager, driving a fork lift while loading a shipment.

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