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*The families rejoice with all that is given to them in the name of Jesus. They are grateful for OGT and our supporters for thinking of them and sharing so many blessings!*

## Gifts & Gospel Shared

We are blessed to be a blessing to those in need. That is how Orphan Grain Train provides for God's children in the world. Bishop Harvey Chabinga with Christ Mandate for Missions Church in Malawi feels blessed to receive the much-needed aid and food from OGT donors that impacts lives in his region.

Malawi is subsistence farming country but is faced with hunger. 40% of the population goes to bed with empty stomachs. There are 6 months of rains then 6 months of drought so farmers are not able to produce food throughout the year. More than 5,000 families from Christ Mandate Churches in Malawi and Mozambique and the surrounding community are badly affected by hunger. Orphan Grain Train began sending Mercy Meals, fortified rice meals in 2020, which has helped families have food during the times of famine. Hunger and malnutrition which is rampant among children have decreased.

*Continue reading how OGT serves Malawi on Pgs 2-3.*

# Gifts & Gospel Shared

Bishop Harvey has 33 churches in Malawi and 16 churches in the neighboring country of Mozambique. Poverty

has been reduced among the 5,000 members due to the aid and food distributed from Orphan Grain Train. Many of the members live in poverty. They came to church

barefoot and without good clothes. But now, they attend gatherings dressed up and feeling pride. Most of the children have received school kits. This encourages most young boys and girls to continue with their education. Bicycles have assisted pastors with traveling many miles to visit members. Before, this was very difficult and long, with traveling by foot.

Bishop Harvey and other pastors from the churches have to cross the border between the two countries for activities

or to visit members. Mozambique is one of the toughest places in Africa to enter and the police are very corrupt, charging money to travel into Mozambique. The pastors would carry donations from OGT, across the border, like wheelchairs, bikes and food. The District Commissioner saw all the good that was being done in helping the disadvantaged and disabled. He then changed the police not to give troubles to any pastor crossing over to Malawi or Mozambique. Government officials are now recognizing us. Our church is now on the map. Many organizations are now coming to us for help due to distributions of mobility carts, pens, pencils, bags, wheelchairs, crutches, blankets, quilts and sewing machines. Containers coming to Malawi in the name of our church, have preached a great message to the Nations of Malawi and Mozambique. "Many people are accepting the Gospel when we go for outreaches." To God be the Glory!

Bishop Harvey shared the following,



*This disabled man is rejoicing with the freedom of movement from receiving a mobility cart from OGT. No more crawling on the ground.*



*Children receive school kits with their own supplies for school. These backpacks truly encourage and give pride to the children to attend school.*

"I for one I am very thankful unto God for OGT's President Wilke and the entire OGT coming up with such a Vision. Surely, it's a divine God given vision. I am very honored that

OGT, President Wilke would consider Malawi. Emphasizing, take it from me. Your choice to start sending containers to Malawi was a God driven choice. May God continually

be blessing President Wilke and OGT."



*Families receive Mercy Meals to feed their children during desperate times of hunger. Thanks be to God!*



*Bishop Harvey Chabinga (left) shares a bike to ease transportation time for this pastor that walks miles for church services and to visit members. His wife is grateful for the Mercy Meals to help with expenses of buying food. Thank you, OGT donors, supporters and volunteers for these much-needed shipments worldwide!*

## Future Servant Center

Exciting news surrounding the construction of the New Servant Center for Orphan Grain Train headquarters! Otte Construction, of Wayne, Nebraska, has been selected as the CMAR for the construction of the Servant Center. Groundbreaking will take place in March of 2023 and construction of the new facility will begin shortly after.

Please anticipate a mailing containing all the current information coming to you in the mail in January and early February.



*OGT's future Servant Center in Norfolk, Nebraska will accommodate larger groups for packing and more storage for donations. It will connect to Mercy Meals for easy access to receive pallets of meals.*

# Fires Engulf the Land

The Calf Canyon/Hermits Peak Fire was the largest and most destructive wildfire in recorded history in New Mexico. The fire was formed from the merging of two individual wildfires—the Hermits Peak Fire and the Calf Canyon Fire—which started on April 6 and April 19 respectively, and burned into each other and in 4 months' time burned 341,471 acres.

Orphan Grain Train received a call from Julian Weathers, a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, NM. Julian said that because of the fires, the ranchers in the area may have to sell off their cattle just to keep them alive. They have grain, but they desperately need a filler like hay/stalks or alfalfa to feed

their cattle. OGT got to work and purchased two loads with a total of 66 large round hay bales from the Norfolk area and delivered those in June. In August, OGT's Wisconsin Branch in Westfield hauled three loads with a total of 118 large round bales to ranchers desperately needing to feed their cattle.

The Hermits Peak / Calf Canyon Fires entered the County of Mora wreaking havoc on small farming and ranching community. The fire burned homes, barns, summer pastures, and hay fields



*Ranchers are relieved to receive much-needed hay from OGT's five truck-loads. They are smaller ranchers and are grateful to be able to feed their hungry cattle.*

leaving the community in total devastation. Mora county is a small ranching and farming community that are passed down from father-to-son (generational) with many no larger than 20 head. Families are very proud of their homes, land, and way of life; depending on no one for any type of help. So, when this fire hit, it left families with nowhere to turn for help. Orphan Grain Train received a call from Joseph Griego requesting hay to help these smaller ranchers with no hay or prairie grass left to feed their cattle. OGT got to work again and purchased 156 large round bales from Iowa, the five truck-loads were delivered to Mora in August. More than 70 small farmers/ranchers were given the much-needed hay for livestock. This donation went to those most in need. Many of the ranchers are small homesteaders that live completely off the land, raising their own beef, gardening, and heat their homes with wood from the mountains that burned, so this gift of hay was very much welcomed and needed.

Joseph Griego arranged the hay pick up and shared this about the experience "From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank you all for



*Ranchers lined up waiting for their turn to load the cattle saving feed.*

this most generous donation to my community, families, and friends that are struggling with what the fire destroyed and what the flooding is causing. Farming and ranching is hard work and we are blessed to be able to live the lives in this valley that God has given to us... even with all the trials we are having to endure."

Thank you OGT donors and supporters, we could not have made these purchases and deliveries if it wasn't for your support.



*The enormous towering smoke is from Calf Canyon/Hermits Peak Fire; the largest and most destructive wildfire in recorded history in New Mexico.*



*Her smile says it all as Joseph Griego marks her name off the list to receive the much-needed feed for her cattle.*



*A grateful rancher receives a bale of hay to feed his cattle and able to keep the ranch in the family.*

# Families Have Refuge

On August 10, the community of Norfolk, Nebraska welcomed five Ukrainian families, a total of 22 children and adults relocating from Ukraine. Kamryn Green with Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk organizations and a host of community volunteers have worked hard and learned a lot about what is needed when having families relocate to the US. The families spent their first two weeks with Housing Sponsors to learn the community and help with adjustments. They now live in a housing unit that accommodates all five families and have Friendship Sponsors that visit regularly, give support where needed and are creating lasting relationships.

The children are attending school which is going very well academically and gaining new friends. All of the families are progressing along with the immigration process and continued paperwork required under United for Ukraine.



*A boy's room is getting ready to welcome Ukrainian families to the portable units.*

The families have shared liking Nebraska, and how it reminds them of the geography of Ukraine. They like the small-town living. They love attending worship, social gatherings, cooking and sharing of meals with each other and with newly made friends. They are settling in and ready to welcome more Ukrainian families to the community.



*Very nice donated furniture fills the recreation room where families can relax and visit. The units are beginning to look cozy and comfortable for the families arrival.*

At the time of writing this, we are planning to welcome three more families with a total of 18 children and adults by mid-November, or the mailing of this newsletter. They will also be welcomed with a celebration and have Housing Sponsors and Friendship Sponsors. They will be living in the same location with the other families but in portable units (pictured) that have been put together to make spacious living quarters. It consists of nine bedrooms, full commercial kitchen, dining hall, recreational room, bathrooms, showers and laundry facility.

Snizhana Hnatkovich, was asked how she is liking life in Nebraska, she said, "Norfolk seems to have brought together the kindest

people who did not let me and my husband be sad." From volunteers to the community, so many people have reached out to welcome, offer time, donations or support to these families that had to leave their country, home, family and so much more behind.

# OGT Convention 2022

Orphan Grain Train Convention 2022 was a success with touching & inspiring speakers, testimonies, exhibits and good fellowship! We had 275 people attend with 22 OGT locations represented!

Presentations on Friday highlighted emotional stories from Ukraine, and the quilt & Ukraine photo auction raised over \$10,000 for Ukrainian Relief Efforts. Saturday was filled with inspiring messages from Guatemala, the Baltic states, and Russia, as well as Louisiana, Montana and New Mexico relief efforts. The main theme from presenters was how OGT's humanitarian aid impacted their part of the world and thankfulness for aid, food and love shared with children, families, elderly, disabled and forgotten people. It was an inspiring and amazing 2 days. Save the Date - Next convention tentatively set for September 13 & 14, 2024.



L-R Grant Schmidt; Vice President of OGT, Pastor Evgeny Raskatov; speaker for Hanna House in Russia, Paul Leckband; OGT's Director of Spiritual Correspondence, & Bill Begeman; OGT's Chairman of the Board enjoying convention.



Dr. Rev. Dale Meyer, keynote speaker, sits with Pastor Wilke, founder of OGT, reminiscing and enjoying the speakers at convention.



Many attendees checking out the beautiful quilts and Ukraine photos to be auctioned off. More than \$10,000 was raised for Ukrainian relief efforts from the auction.

## *For Unto Us A Child Is Born*

This will be the last Orphan Grain Train newsletter for 2022. As we come to the end of another year, we would like to thank everyone for his or her support, contributions and volunteer time during this past year and since the beginning in 1992. Orphan Grain Train would not be able to feed the hungry, clothe the needy or help those affected by natural disasters if it was not for your support. Thank you! We also want to say thank you for your continued support, especially to help those less fortunate this Christmas season.



*We would like to wish everyone a safe and blessed Christmas with a Christ filled New Year.*

## **Shop For You and Help OGT**

Did you know you can donate to OGT while shopping on Amazon for your family? When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices and vast selection as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to Orphan Grain Train. Simply go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and register Orphan Grain Train as your charity of choice and set this website as your place to order from. Let the shopping and donating begin!



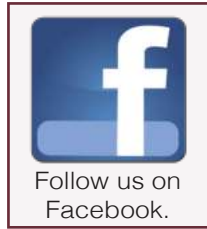


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Charity Navigator  
has given Orphan Grain  
Train "4 Stars", which  
is their highest rating.



*The children wait anxiously as bikes are being unloaded! It is rare to have a bike and imagine the laughter they will bring. Under the tarp is Mercy Meals and other aid for the families from Orphan Grain Train. Read on pages 1-3 how your support helps in Malawi.*