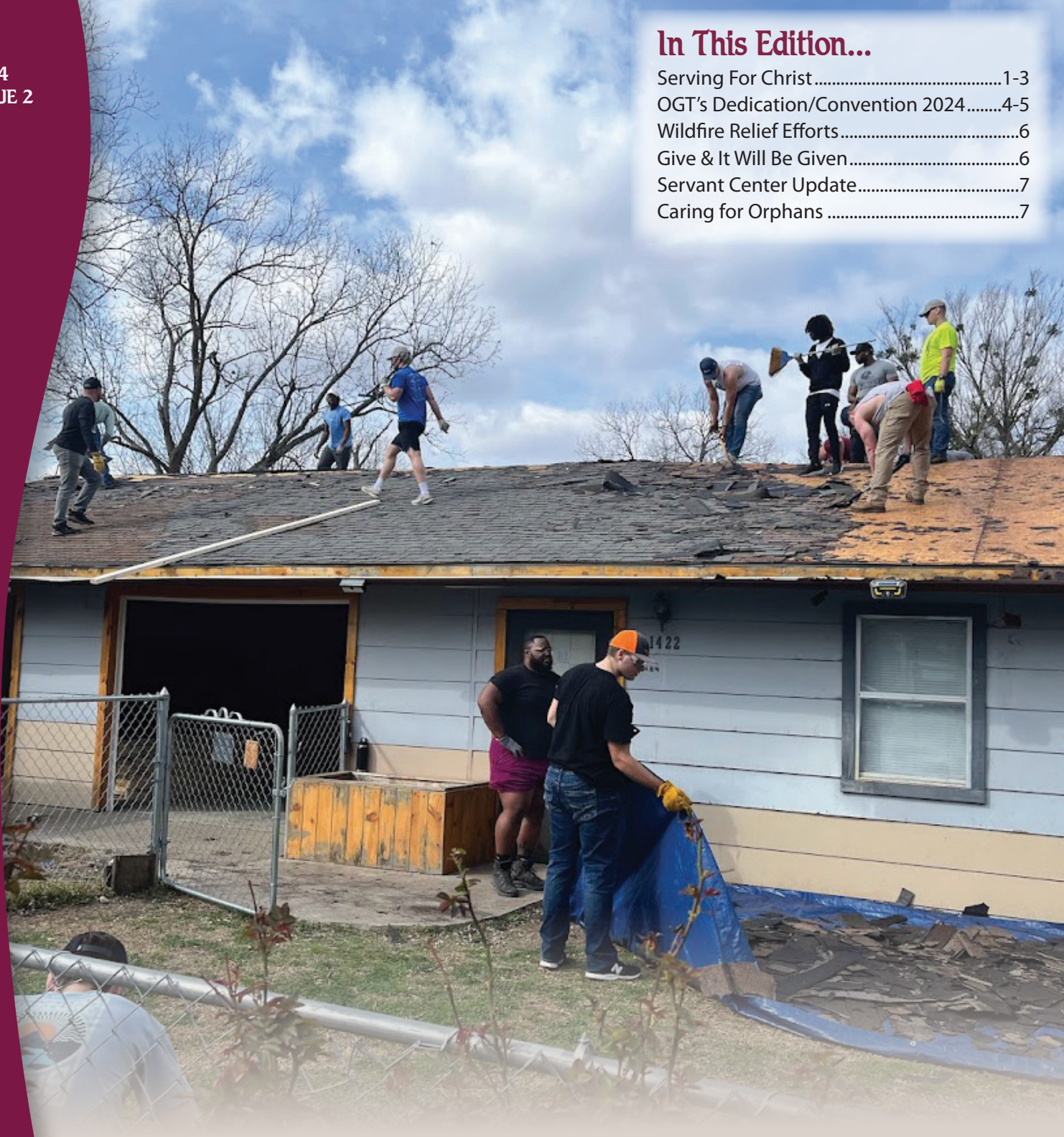


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Serving For Christ

Bill McCallister is a retired Superintendent of West Point, NE public schools, active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and former football coach for Concordia Nebraska in Seward. Now with some free time he is Mission driven to have a servant event for youth. His vision was to involve football players with showing the love of Jesus to others in need. Bill, being friends with Orphan Grain Train's VP Grant Schmidt, shared his vision which was welcomed with immediate planning. Bill knew Coach Patrick Daberkow with Concordia Nebraska and approached him wanting to involve the players in a servant event for OGT and Coach Daberkow jumped at the chance to do this. Now to plan 'what mission' 'where' 'when' and all the details.

Continue to read on pages 2 & 3 about OGT's first Mission Trip.....

Serving For Christ

The place chosen was Okmulgee, Oklahoma, a community 40 miles south of Tulsa. The population is about 12,000 and is the county seat for Okmulgee County. The homeless population has increased threefold in the last three years and the crime rate is also on the rise. In a partnership with Recovering Oklahomans After Disaster (ROAD), the servant event would include repairing two roofs with significant damage in the community.

During the first week of March, Bill along with 24 football players, coaches and other people involved were able to completely replace the roofs of two homes. This was planned during Spring break which the football players chose to dedicate this time to serving others in need instead of relaxing. The weather was perfect which gave opportunity for conversation about the project and Jesus with residents walking by. A special friendship formed with a family across the street from the church they stayed in. The mother held two jobs and the oldest daughter took care of the younger children. The family spent four dinner meals with the players in good conversation. For the football players, it was gratifying to see the improvement with the roofs and comforting to know these home owners will rest a little better with new roofs. Bill McCallister not only had the inspiration for this mission but held daily Bible studies for all involved. These studies sparked a fire in them to share the love of Jesus with others throughout the day. This was considered a very successful first Servant Mission Trip for Orphan Grain Train. Thank you to everyone involved and thank you God for this opportunity to share His love with others in need.



A single mom with her four children feel welcomed and blessed to join the players for dinner. The children loved learning about football and hearing stories of Jesus.



Concordia Nebraska football players with coaches and other mission workers take time to pose during their week-long Servant Event help two families in need. Thank you for your servant hearts.

This event would not have happened without a lot of time and planning from many individuals and organizations. Special credit goes to Bill McCallister, Coach Daberkow, his brother Ken Daberkow with Daberkow Wagner Builders Inc., Ron Jackson Jr, and Vince Beasley for the guidance and leadership and for instruction to the students on the roofing projects. A special 'thank you' to First United Methodist Church and Pastor Sheri Lashley for hosting the event and use of their family center. The church members were extremely gracious and great hosts to the students. Orphan Grain Train supplied some food for their pantry which feeds the homeless and provided daily meals for the week along with air mattresses for the crew to rest at night after long days of work.



Not just shingles but plyboards and more to make this roof like new. What a learning opportunity for these players!



The Concordia Nebraska football players begin tearing off the roof of the second house that desperately needed repairs.

What an improvement the completed roof makes for this family and to know it will not leak!



Orphan Grain Train Dedication & Convention 2024

September 13 & 14, 2024

New Servant Center & Mid-Town Event Center
Norfolk, NE 68701

Grand Opening and Dedication of New Servant Center

Friday, September 13, 2024 at New Servant Center

606 W. Phillip Ave. Norfolk, NE

- 4:00 Dedication Service
- 4:45 Doors open to the New Servant Center – cash beverage bar available
- 6:00 Dedication Ceremony
Expected speakers to present include the Governor of Nebraska, US Senators & US Congressmen from Nebraska, as well as Norfolk City Mayor and other individuals who supported the Servant Center vision.
- 7:00 Servant Center Reception
Appetizers and dessert bar provided along with a cash beverage bar.



Orphan Grain Train International Convention 2024

Saturday, September 14, 2024 at Midtown Event Center

1102 Riverside Blvd. ~ Norfolk, NE

- 7:45 Doors open at Midtown Event Center
- 8:30 Opening Service with Pastor Manning from New Orleans, LA
Key Note Speaker: Dr. Dale Meyer
Mission Presentations: Hanna House Russia, Republic of Georgia, Ukraine, Domestic Disaster presentations from Maui & Oklahoma.
Lunch provided
Quilt Auction
- 3:30 Close with Doxology

Quilt Auction

Orphan Grain Train will have a live and silent quilt auction. We are asking that the quilts be new, stitched, not tied and of good quality. Since space is limited, only one quilt will be accepted from each donor or organization. There is no set size or quilt style. ALL quilts have to be received at the home office in Norfolk, NE **before August 1, 2024 and clearly marked for Quilt Auction.** If you have any questions, please contact Suzie at (877) 371-7393.

Lodging: Special Priced Lodging Options: (Please mention Orphan Grain Train, tax not included with price)

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For all lodging options go to: Norfolk Visitor Center
<https://visitnorfolkne.com/home/places-to-stay/>

Orphan Grain Train Convention 2024 Registration

(Please print clearly)

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Registration On/Before August 01, 2024 = \$30.00 X _____ (number of people) = \$ _____

Registration After August 01, 2024 = \$40.00 X _____ (number of people) = \$ _____

Mail payment with this registration form to:
Orphan Grain Train
PO Box 1466
Norfolk NE 68702-1466

How many plan to attend:
Friday Dedication (free) _____
Saturday Lunch _____

Registration fee includes access to all Saturday sessions plus lunch. Please mark Friday Dedication if you plan to attend, so we have a count. *Please use separate check for donation.* Online Registration is available at www.ogt.org.

Wildfire Relief Efforts

The Smokehouse Creek Fire was a record-breaking wildfire affecting the northeastern Texas panhandle into western Oklahoma that started on February 26, 2024. The fire burned more than 1 million acres, making it the largest wildfire on record in Texas history (going back to 1988). It was one of multiple fires during an outbreak of extremely dry conditions with wind-driven wildfires. Sadly, the fire claimed two lives in the panhandle of Texas. It also engulfed at least 500 buildings and killed thousands of cattle. Ranchers are in desperate need of feed and fence posts to care for the livestock that survived.

Orphan Grain Train immediately began looking for ways to help. We purchased several loads of hay which was trucked to different locations for ranchers to feed cattle. Also delivered was a load of small square



OGT has delivered eight loads of large bale hay to various ranchers devastated by the recent wildfires.

bales of hay donated by Randy Reinke. OGT purchased two loads of 1,900 fence posts each for ranchers to be able to corral livestock. The need for hay will be long-term since it will take 1 to 1.5 years to regenerate grass for grazing.

Ranchers also needed milk for orphaned calves or for heifers whose udders were burned and could not nurse. Kent and Carol Wilke donated time and energy to travel to fire damaged areas in OK and donate milk. Jessica Reed is caring for orphan calves and needed colostrum (first milk for newborn calves). The milk valued at \$3,000 was donated.

The damage and loss from cattle is

still being assessed. Replacing a herd is not easy and it takes time for a heifer to mature and become able to produce. Then that calf isn't going to be beef production for two more years. Thousands of the cattle killed were pregnant heifers which means a double loss and more difficult and longer time to replace. This will negatively affect the many ranchers along with loss of buildings and grasslands.

If you would like to help with relief efforts please give toward domestic disasters and earmark it for Texas Fires. Please pray for these hard-working families struggling with so many losses.



Two loads of 1,900 fence posts each were purchased by OGT to assist ranchers after wildfires engulfed their land.

Give and it will be given to you...

Luke 6:38

Giving generously to Orphan Grain Train using your required minimum distribution is a very tax effective method to support our mission. It is quite simple....You can direct your IRA custodian to send a cheque directly from your IRA account to Orphan Grain Train PO Box 1466, Norfolk NE 68702. You must be 70-1/2 years old and you can give up to \$100,000. You may give "where as needed" or to any particular project of our mission. Giving generously in this fashion allows you to exclude the amount from taxable income. You may also give a direct transfer of stock or mutual funds from your brokerage account to Orphan Grain Train. We maintain a Charles Schwab brokerage account. Please contact me for transfer instructions-(Tom Watson 402-940-2007 call or text or twatson@ogt.org). If you wish any information on any type of non-cash giving (Stock, Real Estate, Life Insurance beneficiary, or POD of bank Account or broker account, please contact either myself or Ralph Schmidt 260-452-4206 or rschmidt@ogt.org. May God continue to bless you and I pray we shall see you at the convention in September!

Servant Center Construction Update

Since the ground breaking ceremony on September 14, 2023, construction has been expedited with good weather to be able to make plans for a Dedication Ceremony to be held Friday, September 13, 2024. Construction is planned to be finished this August. The new Servant Center will connect seamlessly to the Norfolk warehouse and also to Mercy Meals of Nebraska building for ease of moving pallets of aid and food. The 20,000 square feet addition will offer multi-level racks for maximum storage and provide effective flow of goods and efficient use of space. We would like to invite you to the Dedication Service and Ceremony as part of our convention this September. For more information see pages 4 & 5. We hope to see you in September!



Multi-level racks will be placed along the sides and in the center to give maximum storage in the new warehouse portion of Servant Center



Donation drop off, sorting and packing room with laundry, small kitchen and offices will be placed in this area of the Servant Center. Ground level access will be a blessing when bringing in donations.



Walls are up and being finished with completion date in August. Make plans to join us for Dedication Ceremony on Friday, September 13.

Caring for the Orphans

OGT'S Adopt-An-Orphanage program is alive & well! Rev. Oleg Belezhenko, Director of our Hannah House ministry in St. Petersburg, Russia, has assembled a team that is visiting orphanages & other institutions in order to do Gospel outreach & deliver humanitarian aid; also, to build trust with orphans & orphanage directors. OGT's Adopt-An-Orphanage program is not to be confused with Karen Tiedeman's Reehl Vision Mission program. Karen is no longer affiliated with OGT. Karen's brother, Ted Reehl, & sister, Julia Hoesche, would like you to know that they fully support OGT's Adopt-An-Orphanage program, & that we are furthering the work that their father, Rev. John Reehl, & mother, June helped develop: the Reehl Adopt-An-Orphanage ministry in Russia & the Baltic States. For more information, contact Paul Leckband. His email is pleckband@ogt.org; his phone is 402-992-0578. He would be happy to answer your questions & address any of your concerns.



Rev. John Reehl, founder of Reehl Adopt-An-Orphanage, had a passion to care for orphans. OGT is also compassionate in continuing to support orphanages within his founding vision.



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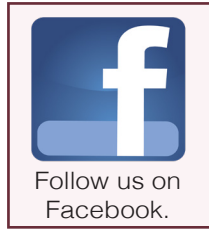
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is their highest rating.



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Spring Break – Concordia University Nebraska Football Players – One Week – Two New Roofs – OGT's First Mission Trip – Read more about this special event on pages 1-3.