

# Orphan Grain Train

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**Love sent from Grand Island,  
Nebraska to the heart of Texas**



*Warehouse of Orphan Grain Train Central Nebraska in Grand Island, Nebraska.*

Orphan Grain Train Central Nebraska delivered items into the heart of Texas making deliveries at three locations: Grace at the donation station in Grapevine, Cove House in Copperas Cove and Cornerstone Children's Home in Quemado. All of these locations received much needed clothing, bedding, medical equipment, children's toys and bicycles. We are grateful to these organizations that are caring for the needs of others. Thank you, Central Nebraska volunteers for all you do to care for your neighbors.

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## ***Letters From Alla***

**Orphan Grain Train's Adopt-an-Orphan program in partnership with Bible Orphan Ministry is currently supporting three orphanages in Ukraine. Alla Vasylieva of Bible Orphan Ministry recently sent photos to show how this money is used. Thank you to everyone who has joined us in supporting this ministry.**

**We received the following letter from Alla.**

*We had the opportunity to visit Korostyshiv orphanage yesterday and had a wonderful time with the kids!*

*We saw a steam boiler (stove) that is already working and feeding the children. The administration of the institution is extremely grateful and cannot be happier with this new acquisition!!! They say that if it were not for this help, the cooks would have to cook on the street. I will send you a photo to show you. The employees are very grateful as this help came at the right time!!! Children, staff and the BOM team are sincerely grateful for this incredible help!!! May the Lord richly bless OGT and everyone who supports orphanages in Ukraine!!!*

*Nova Borova Orphanage:*

*We bought 5 small sofas so that the children could sit down, play and lie down if they faint. We paid 12000 uah for that.*

*Deneshi Orphanage:*

*We bought food and medicine. We paid 11203 uah.*

*Korostishiv Orphanage:*

*The orphanage bought food, paint to renovate furniture for classes, cement to repair the path to the bomb shelter and pits, a graphic tablet for classes, and a cooking boiler for the institution.*



*Blessings,  
Alla*



## Ohio Cares for the Needs of Others



Orphan Grain Train Ohio delivered 18 pieces of medical equipment to agencies in the Napoleon area that support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Crutches, canes, commodes, rehab equipment and a shower chair were shared with Defiance Area Stewards and Filling Homes/Soaring Arts. Thank you, to people who donate their used equipment so that it can be reused by others.

Thank you, Ohio volunteers for ensuring these items are available for people in need.

## Seal Validates Integrity



Riga, Latvia is the destination for a shipment that left Orphan Grain Train Norfolk during the first week of May. The truck is full of useful used clothing for men, women and children, hygiene kits, beautiful blankets and quilts, medical equipment and bicycles. The photo of the orange lock is the seal; this validates the shipments integrity and helps insure the contents of the container remain secure during transport to their final destination. All OGT international shipments have this seal.

Orphan Grain Train Phoenix







There is an abundance of great things happening at Orphan Grain Train Phoenix.

OGT-Phoenix is blessed to have Epiphany Lutheran Church-Chandler, AZ as a partner! The first picture is of a few of the ladies from The Epiphany Quilters, on Sunday, May 18, after the Dedication of the quilts at the Sunday church service. The quilts have been given OGT-Phoenix.

The second picture is of the senior's group at Epiphany called OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutherans in Service): this group came to the warehouse on May 20th, and they boxed the quilts from the quilters, and then they spent a couple of



hours sorting and boxing donations. The eleven volunteers filled 60 boxes. The members of Epiphany have provided clothing donations for the past four years, and one of the adult Bible classes has given us monetary gifts, too. The third picture: shows us enjoying a lunch provided by Pam VanDusen, the Children's and Youth Leader at Epiphany. She also spearheads the OWLS. Thank you to Epiphany Lutheran Church for the time spent on sewing beautiful quilts and then sharing them with others. Thank you to the OWLS for all that you do in your service to others.

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## Orphan Grain Train Houston



Legacy Ranch in Gonzalez, Texas and Clothed by Faith in Deer Park, Texas both received over twenty boxes of valuable used clothing from Orphan Grain Train Houston. Legacy Ranch also received school kits and hygiene kits. Legacy Ranch is a non-profit licensed foster care adoption agency that finds homes for children who have been abused, neglected or exploited. Clothed by Faith provides clothing for people in need. Thank you, volunteers at Houston

branch for carefully preparing these boxes of clothing and kits and distributing them to places where they can be best used.

## A reason to celebrate!



*A reason to celebrate! Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic's February shipment to Ukraine arrived in May at its destination. Photos show the bicycles, boxes of clothing, linens, hygiene supplies and children's items unloaded in Ukraine. The shipping container was moved to store future supplies received. The bottom photo shows the volunteers who loaded the shipment back in February. The following is the letter that was received confirming the safe arrival of this shipment:*

*Everything went well with Odessa Port and transfer to Uman. All items came in good condition without damage and were unloaded to our storage. The container went this day to another location and was removed by crane and installed for further use as additional storage space. Thank you and all you team for all your efforts to make TGH's humanitarian*

*aid possible. We are starting to prepare goods and distribute.  
Thank you  
Kind regards  
Marina  
To God be the glory!*

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## **Additional News**

### **Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin**

Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin sent out a hefty shipment of valuable supplies to Charitable Foundation Swedish Help Centre in Ukraine. Clothing, Bedding, medical equipment, and school kits and supplies will be welcomed by Ukrainian recipients. In addition to the boxed goods, over 20,000 pounds of nonperishable food and over 23,000 packages of fortified meals are also included on this load. Twenty ready-to-ride bicycles were nestled in amongst the boxes as well. Thank you to all the steadfast Wisconsin volunteers who did the work to make this happen, and to the Lord, who leads the way.

### **Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic Branch**

Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic Branch in West Grove gave out 14 boxes of clothing to State Line Baptist Church in Rising Sun, Maryland and four bicycles to the STAR Foundation in Newark, Delaware. Thank you, Mid-Atlantic volunteers for being good stewards of your time and the task before.

### **Orphan Grain Train Central Iowa**



Orphan Grain Train Central Iowa shared a mixture of clothing, bedding, household items and two sewing machines with Oakridge Neighborhood Service in Clemons, Iowa and Food at First in Ames, Iowa. Thank you, volunteers for preparing these donations so that they are ready for sharing with others.

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# Weekly Devotion

**By Paul Leckband**

Orphan Grain Train Director of Spiritual Correspondence

**I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your name—the name You gave Me—so that they may be one as We are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name You gave Me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. I am coming to You now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of My joy within them. I have given them Your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that You take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify Myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. (John 17:11-19)**

Jesus' Prayer for Us: Today's Scripture is taken from Jesus' High Priestly

Prayer, which is found only in the Gospel of John. Jesus prayed it on the night when He was betrayed. This might seem like a strange Scripture for us to consider as we reach the last Sunday of the Easter season, but here goes.

The first thing I notice is that on the night when His gory ordeal was to begin, Jesus didn't focus this prayer on Himself. He focused it on His disciples. He asks the Father to "protect them by the power of Your name." He continues: "So that they may have the full measure of My joy within them."

Notice that He also says that "(His) prayer is not that You take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one." Why on earth would Jesus want His disciples—and that includes you and me—to remain in a world that "has hated them?" It's because, He prays, "As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world." Jesus didn't just say this prayer for His first disciples. He prayed it for ALL His disciples. We've been given a mission. We are to testify to the great love of Jesus, both by our words and by our actions. And that also sums up the mission and ministry of OGT.

***Thank You, dearest Jesus, that You have promised to protect us by the power of Your name. Sanctify us by the truth, for Your Word is the truth. Bless us in our efforts to accomplish Your mission and ministry in a world that hates You and hates us. Amen.***



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