

Orphan Grain Train

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**Navajo Nation Welcomes
Orphan Grain Train - Phoenix**





On July 18th, Orphan Grain Train Phoenix loaded 640 boxes of men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, bedding, quilts, toys, layette kits, six bikes, folding chairs and more, onto a 26' box truck and drove over five hours to deliver to a new location on the Navajo Nation located in Klagehoh, AZ. They were welcomed with smiles and hugs and many residents helped unload the shipment. Half-way through the unloading of the truck, several of the women residents made fresh Navajo Fry Bread Tacos. It was just what was needed to have the energy to finish unloading the truck. A week later, it was reported that all the items were distributed to the surrounding area and the local churches. OGT-Phoenix was asked when they will come again!

**OGT-New England Sends Load to Support
CAP and Texas Relief**



Orphan Grain Train New England sent out a great load on Thursday for Christian Appalachian Project to help with their response efforts in the midsection of the country. The 53' trailer arrived ahead of schedule, but thankfully, the hard-working crew of volunteers completed the load in just about 2 hours. Pastor Dick Dill provided close to 40,000 Harvest Pack meals and a local manufacturer supplied 5 pallets of shampoo and bodywash. Lots of medical, clothing, and household items were included in the 26 pallets that filled the trailer. CAP has been helping with the Texas floods and just sent a shipment there on July 15. We are grateful we can support CAP in their Texas relief efforts and grateful to all the people who orchestrated this load. Thank you, New England volunteers for your enthusiasm and energy you put into packing this load and getting it on the road to its destination.

Mercy Meals are shared in Guatemala



People line up to receive some of the 242,352 packages of Mercy Meals that recently arrived in Guatemala in early June. Orphan Grain Train Norfolk volunteers loaded the truck in early May and one month later, Vine International in Guatemala City received the load and shared it with residents in the community and surrounding area. Thank you, volunteers who prepared the

Mercy Meals and all the people who came to load the truck. The love of Christ is shared with every meal.

Notes from Alla in Ukraine

Alla of Bible Orphan Ministry in Ukraine shared photos of some of the needed items that were purchased with funds supplied by Orphan Grain Train supporters. Nova Borova Orphanage was able to purchase a much-needed refrigerator and microwave, and the Korostishyv Orphanage could buy new mosquito screens for their windows. Alla reported that the administrators of both orphanages were very grateful. We are thankful to all our donors who help support these orphanages in Ukraine. We also rejoice each time we see photos of Alla with these children. Her Christ-like love for these children is reflected in their eyes.



Adopt-an-Orphanage in Ukraine

Thanks to our partnership with Bible Orphan Ministry, we have been able to establish an Adopt-an-Orphanage ministry in this war-torn country. Thanks to various supporters, Alla & her team are providing Gospel outreach & delivering humanitarian aid to 7 institutions. Gifts from our donors helps cover their expenses and purchase relief supplies. We are still seeking help for the Pugachivka & Zhytomyr institutions. If you would like more information about how to provide support, contact Paul Leckband: email pleckband@ogt.org or call his cell phone #: 402-992-0578. Meanwhile, your prayers on behalf of Alla & her team & those they seek to serve are welcomed & encouraged!

Kudos to the YAV's



What a great group of Young Adult Volunteers! During the Orphan Grain Train three-day Mercy Meals packing event at the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, these YAV's helped organize each new group, made sure group members had on hair nets and aprons and helped oversee each line to keep things running smoothly. Kudos to you all! Your presence there made a difference. Orphan Grain Train thanks you!

A Devoted Quilter Holds the Light



Vicki Brooks holds her highly sought-after light-up cheer stick at the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans last week. Twice a year, Vicki's women's group travels to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk from Emporia, Kansas to bring their quilts to be packed and sent by OGT. We thank you, Vicki, for stopping by the OGT booth and for sharing your quilts with other people.



Four Generations Serving Together

Last week a group of people from Pender, Nebraska showed up with a few extra helpers at the Orphan Grain Train Servant Center in Norfolk, Nebraska: Laurie Brokaw came with three of her grandchildren. Laurie's aunt, Roberta Kai and her great-granddaughter and Carmen Wolfe, who is Laurie's daughter and Orphan Grain Train's Servant Center's receptionist, and inventory manager also volunteered. Four-generations went through bunkers of stuffed animals and packed them into boxes. Thank you, for volunteering and sharing your family with us.

Additional News

Orphan Grain Train - Maryland

In June, Orphan Grain Train-Maryland shared 132 pieces of medical equipment and supplies to people in the area. Thirty shower chairs, twenty-two crutches, and eighteen manual wheelchairs were among the items requested by local residents. All of the items given out were donated items that were then shared with others in need. Thank you, Maryland volunteers for once again having these items ready to go for people in need.

Orphan Grain Train Missouri-Illinois

Orphan Grain Train Missouri-Illinois Branch delivered over 11,000 lbs. of food to the St. Louis community last month. Great Commission Lutheran Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, and Timothy Lutheran Church all received food for their community food pantries. 30 boxes of medical supplies were given to the Action St. Louis Tornado Relief Drive as well. In addition, 17 boxes of bedding were shared with Great Commission LC and Christian Friends of New America. Thank you, Missouri-Illinois volunteers for caring for your community and doing the footwork to make these deliveries.

In Memorium

Heinz Bruno Piehl went home to be with our Lord on July 7, 2025. He passed peacefully at home in Berthoud, Colorado. Heinz and his wife, Carol, were the initiators of the creation of the first Orphan Grain Train in Colorado. In the fall of 2000, Heinz and Carol, members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Julesburg, Colorado, attended an annual meeting of Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, Nebraska. They

returned home with an eager desire to collect clothes in Julesburg for this world-wide mission. With their persistent spirit, they immediately began speaking at area churches and spreading the news of Orphan Grain Train and the idea of creating an Orphan Grain Train branch within the State of Colorado. In November 2001, they and their many excited volunteers, began collecting clothes in a retired John Deere Dealership warehouse building in Julesburg. Today, Orphan Grain Train-Rocky Mountain Branch is located in a new facility, built and dedicated in the fall of 2007. We are so grateful for the life of Heinz Bruno Piehl and for the passion he had for the work of Christ here on this earth.

Weekly Devotion

By Paul Leckband

Orphan Grain Train Director of Spiritual Correspondence

In (God) we have redemption through (Christ's) blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. (Eph. 1:7-10)

Mysteries: I Googled "Mysteries of Science," and I found "10 Unsolved

Mysteries of Science.” Here are some of them. Why do we sleep? How does gravity work? How did life begin? [Actually, for Bible-believing Christians, this last one is not a mystery at all.] Also, how do plate tectonics work, and how do animals migrate?

There is another mystery that science and the world have not solved. It’s the mystery that “in (God) we have redemption through (Christ’s) blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.” The world will never get to the bottom of this mystery, because the answer comes—not by scientific evidence—but by “all wisdom and understanding,” which comes from God. Absent faith, which is a gift of God through faith in Christ, no scientific process or reasoning can ever reach a solution to this mystery.

Thanks be to God! God has “made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ.” There will always be mysteries that science can never hope to explain, but the mystery of our forgiveness and salvation by Jesus Christ has been fully revealed.

Thank You, Father, for You have revealed to us the mystery of Your love through Your Son Jesus. Bless your people with opportunities to share this mystery with others. We pray in His holy name. Amen.



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