



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

Orphan Grain Train Annual Report

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The Big Picture

This past fiscal year, Orphan Grain Train coordinated 284 full shipments of relief supplies across the United States and to countries around the world. This included 170 domestic semi-loads and 114 overseas shipping containers (40 ft. or larger) delivered to 26 countries. Shipments contained clothing, school supplies, medical equipment, and more than 9 million meals—including Mercy Meals, Kids Against Hunger meals, Manna Packs, and Harvest Packs—distributed to people living in extreme need. To date, Orphan Grain Train has served 73 countries worldwide and provided disaster relief and humanitarian aid in 40 U.S. states.

International Shipments

Of the 114 International Shipments from Orphan Grain Train, this past fiscal year, 60 of the containers shipped were loaded at the Norfolk warehouse.

The following 16 countries received shipments from Norfolk.

Chad -1
Guatemala-5
Republic of Georgia-6
Haiti – 2
Honduras – 1
Latvia-3
Liberia- 1
Lithuania – 1
Madagascar-3
Malawi-11
Nicaragua - 1
Philippines-8
Romania-4
South Sudan – 2
Ukraine-8
Zambia-3

Domestic Aid

In the 2024–25 fiscal year, the Norfolk warehouse dispatched 170 full semi-load shipments within the United States. Of these, numerous loads supplied food and essential goods to homeless shelters and food banks, while others served Native American reservations across six Western states, border

mission sites in Texas, and communities in Kentucky's Appalachian Mountain region. Return hauls were strategically utilized to collect additional donations, including bulk items from businesses, supplies from schools and hospitals, and resources from multiple churches along established routes—maximizing transport efficiency and resource impact.

Disaster Relief

In response to storms, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and other natural disasters, Orphan Grain Train provided critical relief across Louisiana, North Carolina, Texas, Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Ohio. Deliveries included sheet rock, roofing materials, cleaning and hygiene supplies, food, clothing, quilts, fencing materials, hay, and more. Each shipment offered not only practical assistance, but also the reminder of Christ's love and care for families and individuals facing immense loss and hardship.

Servant Activities

2024-2025 provided multiple opportunities for Norfolk Operations to respond and reach out to assist and serve in so many different ways.

The flood disaster in North Carolina received a lot of attention as we sent various staff to the region to not only view the damage but make relationships with various agencies and victims of the flood region. Once those relationships were established, we then proceeded with sending supplies, food and financial assistance to get people on their feet again. We also committed a mission team made up of 20+ members of the Concordia Nebraska football team and contractors and leaders to help support and guide these young men to restore the Lutheran Camp Linn Haven in early March, as well as homes in Lansing, NC.

An Army of Volunteers

The mission of Orphan Grain Train is made possible through the dedication of our volunteers, many of whom have given years of faithful service for the sake of others. During the 2024–25 fiscal year, volunteers contributed a total of 178,829.5 hours. Valued at \$12 per hour, this represents more than \$2.1 million in service freely given to support our mission. While such generosity can never be fully measured in dollars, we recognize with deep gratitude the countless hours, energy, and compassion poured into this ministry. To all of our devoted volunteers—thank you.

Mission Statement

In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people, both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed.