# Orphan Grain Train 🕇

### Relief for Human Need Worldwide



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Children in Republic Cameroon Blessed by OGT-Maryland



Orphan Grain Train Maryland's shipment to Republic of Cameroon that was sent in January arrived at its destination and recipients sent photos of the distribution along with a letter of thanks. The shipment contained 5,832 Harvest Pack fortified meals along with 133 solar lights and school supplies and equipment. Children at the school in Cameroon were delighted to receive a bag of school supplies that were included in the load. Rev. Samuel Frouisou wrote, "Last Sunday, my wife Marie-Claire organized the distribution of school stationeries to more than 100 children of the Sunday school at Lutheran Congregation of Nkomo in Yaoundé, where I used to be the pastor. Last Monday was a day of Go Back to school for

kindergarten, primary and secondary schools in Cameroon. All the beneficiaries as well as the pastor of the Congregation say a Big thank you to the generous donors from the OGT/Maryland for their continued support." Thank you, OGT Maryland volunteers for bundling up and loading that container back in January so that children in Yaounde, Republic of Cameroon may begin the school year with proper supplies.

#### The Team!









The *original* Orphan Grain Train Mercy Meals Automated Team are celebrating five years of packing meals with a staggering count of

3,270,456 meals produced during that time. As a result of Covid in 2020, Mercy Meals packing was limited in its ability to produce meals. Bill Begeman had an idea of automating the packing and he sought the help of Bill Meyer and Phil Zastrow. The three gentlemen put their minds to the task and built an automated approach to packing Mercy Meals. The original group of eight began in 2020 and has now grown to a dozen strong. They meet on Mondays and Wednesdays regularly. During this celebration, they all agreed that they have become like family to one another. "Who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

We thank you Bill, Bill, Bill,
Larry, Don, Mike, Nancy, Pat,
Bonnie, Andy, Liz, Phil, and the
late Verona for your years of
dedication making these meals that
have been shared around the world.

Esther 4:14

### The OGT-Michigan Crew!











Orphan Grain Train Michigan had a wonderful crew of core volunteers and the 7th grade class of Christ the King Lutheran School loading a container for Latvia on Sept. 11. With cheerful faces and great enthusiasm, the team filled up

the trailer with medical equipment, clothing, bedding and hygiene supplies. Thank you, Michigan supporters, volunteers and donors for being a part of this mission.

# "Pocket Friends" from Florida















Faith Lutheran Church in Naples, Florida sent a large box of pillowcase dresses to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk. The photos are a sampling of some of the wonderful patterns and "stuffed pocket friends" that were included in the box. Thank you, to the sewing circle of Faith Lutheran Church for the creativity and love you sew into each dress.

### 2024-2025 Shipping Chart Correction

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Orphan Grain Train Minnesota South paid for shipping costs for two shipments:

October 2024 - Haiti

March 2025 - Ukraine

Orphan Grain Train Wichita supported two disaster relief efforts during fiscal year 2024-2025:

\$25,000, Hurricane Helene North Carolina Flood Relief \$25,000, California Wildfire Relief

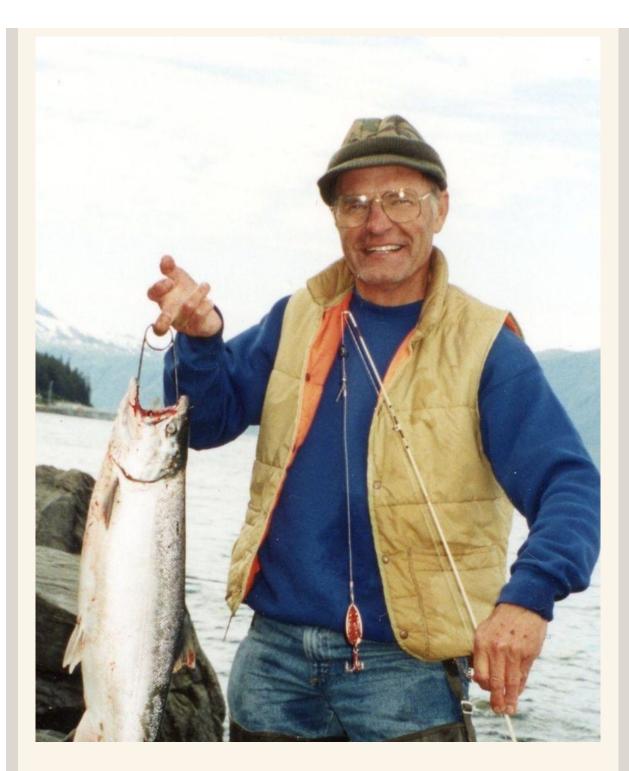
### In Addition

Ten organizations or churches in the Houston area, received boxes of valuable coats, children's clothing, hygiene supplies, bedding, and school kits from Orphan Grain Train Houston. These deliveries are welcomed by these organizations as they seek ways to supply clothing and personal hygiene products for families with very little. We thank you, Houston volunteers for making each delivery a delivery of care. We thank you mission partners for your care for others.

First United Methodist Church
St. George Episcopal Church
Clothed by Faith
Christian Helping Hands
Pasadena Community Ministries
King's Militia
Legacy Ranch
The Bridge Over Troubled Waters
Warriors Refuge
Strong Tower

Orphan Grain Train Minnesota North

In Memoriam



Funeral services for Eugene Pasche of Morris, MN will be held Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Morris, with Reverend Reed Stockman officiating. Visitation will Monday for 4 to 7 p.m. at the Pedersen Funeral Home. Burial will be Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Horton Township.

Eugene Lyman Pasche, born December 6, 1939. At the age of 85, he passed away in his home on September 17, 2025. His family by his side including wife Darlene, children Barbara, John, and Sandra.

Eugene was baptized into Christ on Christmas Eve, 1939 and confirmed on May 24, 1953 at Zion Lutheran Church – Horton Township. He was raised on the farm ten miles south of Morris and attended country school with his brothers Frederick and Richard. After graduating from Morris High School in 1957, he joined the Navy and came back home on a hardship discharge to help with the family farm.

Eugene met Darlene Raddatz in 1960 and they were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Dumont, MN on September 5, 1964. They celebrated their 61st anniversary a couple weeks ago. In their life together, they were blessed with four children. He worked hard for his family on the farm and delivered mail for the US Postal Service for 32 years.

He had deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ. Praying before each meal no matter the place and holding many Scripture verses in his heart. Serving in leadership roles in International Lutheran Laymen's League and Zion Lutheran Church. He also participated on the Stevens County Historical Society and Community Education boards.

In retirement, Eugene and Darlene became active in Orphan Grain Train where Gene would become the Minnesota North Coordinator. They made a great team supporting those in need around the world and forming many friendships.

Being a part of the antique engine community with his son, John brought him great joy. He also enjoyed restoring John Deere two-cylinder tractors, traveling, trapshooting, hunting and fishing. Most of all, Gene loved being a grandpa and great-grandpa.

Eugene was preceded in death by his parents Frederick and Olivia Pasche, infant son Eric Eugene, and sister-in-law, Jan Pasche.

Eugene is survived by his wife, Darlene; children, Barbara (Pastor Timothy) Klinkenberg of Orange, CA, Pastor John Pasche of Waterville, MN, and Sandra (Barry) Nelson of Hancock, MN; grandchildren, Justin (Jessie) Klinkenberg,

Sarah Klinkenberg (Andrew Yingling), Seth (Lisa) Nelson, Emma (Erik) Loewen; great-grandchildren, Crew and Hadley Klinkenberg; brothers, Frederick (Connie) Pasche, Richard Pasche; many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

MEMORIALS ARE PREFERED TO THE ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN OR KIDS IN CHRIST AT ZION LUTHERN CHURCH IN MORRIS

Pedersen Funeral Home in Morris is in care of the arrangements for Gene.

To order <u>memorial trees</u> or send flowers to the family in memory of Eugene Pasche, please visit our <u>flower store</u>.

## WEEKLY DEVOTION

#### By Paul Leckband

Orphan Grain Train Director of Spiritual Correspondence

Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you . . . Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to Him? And what other nation is so great as

to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? (Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8) Finally, be strong in the Lord and His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand . . . Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:10-13, 17

Addition & Subtraction: According to bing.com there are approximately two billion "real Christians" in the world, making it the world's largest religious group. The world's fastest growing religion, however, is Islam. This is a scary, scary development. What is it that makes Christianity unique among all world religions and cults? We base our salvation solely on the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are saved by the faith He offers to humankind as a gift. Good works play no part in our forgiveness and salvation. All other religions and cults teach that a relationship with God is dependent on good works. Another unique feature of Christianity is our acceptance of Holy Scripture as God's only revealed truth. Moses warned God's people—and this warning still holds true for us today—that we "Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it." If you examine the Koran, the holy book of Islam, you will find that some of the Old Testament is copied into it, but there are many ungodly additions and subtractions. And the Book of Mormon, written by Joseph Smith, also contains large sections copied from the Bible. However, this bible, along with other revered texts of the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, such as "The Pearl of Great Price," also contains many ungodly additions and subtractions.

What exactly are those "decrees and laws" that we are to "observe . . . carefully?" There is the Gospel, which reveals God's gracious plan of forgiveness and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, given to us as a free gift. And the Bible includes the Ten Commandments and many other examples of our Lord's plan for godly living.

"Redeem me from the oppression of men," O Lord, "that I may obey Your precepts. Make your face shine upon Your servant and teach me Your decrees." Psalm 119:134-135. Amen.







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