

# Orphan Grain Train

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## OGT–Lincoln Celebrates!



Lincoln Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird visited Orphan Grain Train– Lincoln on October 15 and participated in a ribbon-cutting for the recently updated warehouse. OGT–Lincoln now occupies a modern warehouse, with half of the building dedicated to sorting and packing donated clothing, medical equipment, school supplies and other humanitarian aid. The other half of the warehouse is dedicated to packaging Mercy Meals - a soy, rice and vegetable product. The mayor also cut a ribbon for the semi-automated room, which was furnished by a generous donation from the Sowers Club, a local service club. The semi-automated room will be used mainly to prepare Mercy Meals for local distribution. The warehouse also includes a

5-line packaging room for larger groups to package the soy, rice and vegetable meals. Some of these meals will be distributed locally, but many will be sent to areas of need in the U.S. and around the world.

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## Mission Partners



Orphan Grain Train—Ohio delivered three loads of needed supplies to three different locations around the state. Over 60 pieces of furniture along with household items, toys and school supplies were delivered to Children's Lantern in Defiance. North American Lutheran Disaster Response in Caldwell received bedding, sleeping mats, tools, clothing and hygiene supplies. They also made a hometown craft supply delivery in Napoleon at Filling Home Soaring Arts. Thank you to all the volunteers who make these deliveries possible. Thank you to the donors who supply the items to be shared. Thank you, Lord, that you are good.

"Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kind of sacrifices." Hebrews 13:16

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## **Beautiful Quilts Displayed and Given to OGT Lincoln**





Margaret Triplet with the St Joseph, Missouri Quilters shared this picture with Orphan Grain Train - Lincoln. The quilts will be delivered to the OGT branch soon. Thank you, St. Joseph's Quilters for sewing these quilts, displaying them so beautifully and finally, giving them away for other people to enjoy.

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# Shipment from OGT Iowa West Arrives Safely in Latvia



**Orphan Grain Train Iowa West** received word that their spring load to Latvia arrived safely. Clothing for men, women and children, school kits, toys medical supplies and equipment and hygiene kits and supplies

were included in the load. Thank you, Iowa West volunteers and donors! It's always good news to hear that a container arrived safely and the items inside were shared with recipients.

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**Milbank SD Student Council**

**Packs 3000 Mercy Meals**







**Here's what's happening at Orphan Grain Train Milbank.** Milbank Middle School student council members packed Mercy Meals on October 15. The group packed over 3,000 meals at the Orphan Grain Train Collection Center in Milbank, S.D. The students raised \$350 by selling concessions at middle school football games, and they donated the money to help fund the meals. The activity was part of the council's first quarter service projects. **Orphan Grain Train is celebrating its 20th year in Milbank. Thank you, students! What you have accomplished is amazing from beginning to end!**

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## Greenfield, Iowa LWML Donates Quilts and Kits to OGT Norfolk



The Lutheran Women in Mission group of  
Immanuel Lutheran Church in Greenfield, Iowa

donated 42 quilts and several hygiene and school kits to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk. Thank you, ladies for the many wonderfully put together items. The kits and quilts are always highly requested items both domestically and internationally.

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**"Kit Making Day!"**













# HYGIENE KITS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bath towel              | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 sturdy comb                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 wash cloth              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 band-aids<br>( $\frac{1}{2}$ " or $\frac{3}{4}$ " ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bath-size bar of soap   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 small package facial tissues                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 plastic soap box holder | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 nail clipper                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 toothbrush              | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 piece of strong ribbon or cord                      |

## ASSEMBLY

1. Lay out the towel on a flat surface.
2. Fold over about 5" on each long side.
3. Place the rest of the items in the center under the folds.
4. Roll up the towel.
5. Use ribbon or cord to tie the towel together in the middle.

## PLEASE NOTE

- Dark colored linens are recommended.
- We recommend leaving contents in the original packaging, but it is not required.
- No additions, deletions, or substitutions.
- Do not add money, photos, or personal notes.
- Do not include items with religious, camouflage, patriotic or military symbols.
- Pack only new or gently used items.
- Do not include plastic bags.
- It costs an average of \$11 to ship each box of kits. Please consider a donation to your local OGT branch to help with shipping.

*Although well-meaning variations are tempting, please do not do this. It may result in heavy fines and/or the entire shipment being confiscated by customs officials.*

In early October, former OGT International Shipping Director Karen Mangels and her family members, John, Seth, Anna and Evelyn came to Orphan Grain Train Servant Center and packed 124 hygiene kits. Hygiene kits are a much-needed item for domestic



and international shipments. Because of the earthquake in Cebu, Philippines a few weeks ago, recipients there are asking for hygiene kits and disaster supplies. OGT Norfolk is currently trying to build up their hygiene kit inventory so that several pallets can be included on this shipment.

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## **Maryland Sends 1,200 Samaritan's Feet International Shoes to South Sudan**





**Last month, Orphan Grain Train Maryland loaded a 20,500-pound shipment to South Sudan. Clothing, shoes, medical durable equipment, hygiene and school supplies, sewing machines and supplies, fabric, paraments, and much more were included in this load. This shipment also included 1200 pairs of shoes donated by Samaritans Feet International. A**



big "Thank You" to the loading team who made this gift to the people of South Sudan a reality. A huge "Thank You" to all the volunteers who tirelessly picked up, boxed, washed, repaired, sorted, packed, stored, and inventoried all that was shipped.

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ".

Colossians 3:23-24



International Charity Foundation of Dnipro, Ukraine sent word that the shipment from Orphan Grain Train Norfolk arrived safely at its destination. The shipment contained 132 boxes of Mercy Meals rice and 132 Mercy Meals rice and beans. That equates to 57,024 meals. Also included in the container were boxes of blankets and linens, hygiene

supplies, school kits, books and clothing for men, women and children. Thank you, volunteers and Mercy Meal makers for this well-packed and well-received load.

**"And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."**

**Philippians 4:19**

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## Weekly Devotion

**By Paul Leckband**

Orphan Grain Train, Director of Spiritual Correspondence

***The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him" . . . So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, He took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib He had taken***



***out of the man, and He brought her to the man. (Gen. 2:18, 21-22) But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate. (Mark 10:6-9)***

Marriage: Lois and I were married on May 31, 1975. If you do the math, you can figure out that we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary earlier this year. Some of you have been married longer. Some of you are not married. Some of you have never married. Some of you have lost your spouse. Still, I think marriage is an important topic. God certainly thinks so, so please bear with me.

God established marriage already in the Garden of Eden. "It is not good for the man to be alone," He said. "So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, He took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man." And Jesus taught, "But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

Marriage is under assault like never before. Why should we care? Sadly, the divorce rate among Christians is about as high as it is among non-Christians, although there are legitimate reasons for a divorce. We are being assailed by our culture's unholy teachings about gender identity, gender roles, divorce, cohabitation, and gay marriage. Let's remember this: God Himself instituted marriage. A marriage covenant is meant to

testify to the covenant between Christ and His Church. Marriage is meant to be honored and glorified by all. Marriage is meant to be taken seriously.

**Lord, we thank You for establishing the gift of Holy Matrimony.  
May we defend and honor it. Amen.**



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