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A Reason to Celebrate!











This is a reason to celebrate! On October 4th, Orphan Grain Train-Lincoln staged and packed their first international shipment. Load #OGT 2600 to Uman, Ukraine begins a new chapter for OGT-Lincoln. OGT team leaders Don and Connie Johnson, Randy Wilcox, James West, Jeff Bedke, Keith Thomson and Jim Carter

were joined by Penue and John Hanus and Ukrainian friends Erika and Erik Bosovyk, Constantine Syniy, Olena Sonia and Volodymir Sunii. They shipped winter clothing, medical supplies and equipment, blankets and quilts, school chairs, sewing machines, 4 pallets of Mercy Meals and reusable feminine hygiene kits. Many thanks to Hanna Freudenburg, International Shipping Assistant, for her guidance. Thank you, to all the volunteers who assisted in making this load happen on that beautiful fall day in Nebraska!

God's Love in the Form of Water



Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin sent another load of 480 four-gallon water jugs to Cornerstone Children's Ranch in Quemado, Texas. The water has become a mainstay for them as drought conditions continue.

"The water that is brought in is the gold-bar for us. We have been receiving so many appreciation notes from the community as many wells are still

going dry. We received some rain last night, almost a half an inch. But much of it evaporated with the heat coming on again today. Just let everybody know that your love for Jesus and for our Mission is so appreciated. I think people are starting to understand the mission of God's love can come in the form of water. Thank you again and God bless."

- Lori Mercer, ministry director and owner of Cornerstone Children's Ranch

Thank you, OGT Wisconsin for bringing in the "gold-bar."

Everything Beautiful Receives Aid from OGT-Central Nebraska



Orphan Grain Train - Central Nebraska recently sent a load of blankets, clothing, and furniture to Everything Beautiful Thrift Store in Lame Deer, Montana. There were three bunkers of children's toys, hygiene supplies and eleven bicycles included on the load as well. Everything Beautiful Thrift store is located on the Northern Cheyenne Indian

Reservation. This is a ministry of the Northern Cheyenne Ministerial Association. Thank you, OGT donors and volunteers for your stewardship and making use of the Lord's bounty.

Clothing and School Kits from Detroit Lakes, MN Transported to OGT-Thief River Falls, MN



Three hundred boxes of clothing and school kits were picked up in Detroit Lakes, MN and brought to Orphan Grain Train Collection Center in Thief River Falls, MN. Pictured with the boxes are Gary Geske, Sonny Adkins, Lisa Geske and Sheri Adkins. Items were packed by a group of local ladies at Sheri's warehouse location. Thank you, to all the ladies who packed these boxes and to this crew of four who brought them home to the Collection Center!

OGT-Milbank Receives Collected Items from Generous Donors





Here's what's happening at Orphan Grain Train Milbank. Sherry Perrin is from Ipswich, South Dakota. She partners with ladies at Our Savior's Lutheran in Aberdeen. She brought mats, pillowcase dresses and pillowcases into the collection center to be shared internationally and domestically. She also brought much needed school kits. Kent and Vickie Hampton of St. John's Lutheran Church in Wolsey, SD and Mt.

Calvary in Huron delivered 126 OGT labeled boxes of clothing and supplies to Milbank. Thank you, Sherry, Kent and Vickie for collecting all of these items and then delivering them to the Milbank Collection Center. We love what you're doing!

South Dakota LWML Delivers Kits and More



Redeemer Lutheran Church LWML of Armour, South Dakota recently drove to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk Servant Center to deliver 48 hygiene kits, 3 teacher kits, 35 school kits and 15 quilts. We continue to be amazed by the energy

and motivation of Lutheran Women in Mission as they use their God-given gifts to support global missions. Thank you, ladies!

"It's been a great day on campus!"







Orphan Grain Train Norfolk brought a trailer of food to Concordia seminarians and faculty in St. Louis. Steve Sirek of Lincoln delivered the hamburger, peanut butter and potatoes to the waiting students on campus.

"The Concordia students are beginning their trek toward a lifetime of service to

the people of God. 'Therefore, we do not muzzle the ox that treads out the grain.' They are sowers who go out to sow. We thank and support them."

Pastor Ray Wilke

From Concordia Seminary's Post on Facebook:

"It's been a great day on campus! Why? Because our generous friends [Orphan Grain Train, Inc.](#) in Norfolk, Neb. — led by the organization's President Dr. Ray Wilke, a Seminary alum — stopped by with a truck filled with 10-pound logs of ground beef, boxes of potatoes and pallets of peanut butter for the campus community! Sounds like there will be lots of chili, hamburgers and campfire

cookouts in everyone's future. Thank you, Dr. Wilke and Orphan Grain Train for your support!"

Additional News

OGT Lincoln NE

Orphan Grain Train-Lincoln once again delivered needed items to many different locations around Lincoln. Bedding, hygiene supplies, medical supplies, food, clothing, and household items were delivered to 15 locations:

Lincoln Community Cares Clinic with a Heart
MOST Ministries Samaritan's Purse
People's City Mission Home in a Box
Bread of Life Food Pantry Pregnancy Center
Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach Capital Humane Society
Tabitha Women's Care Center
Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Clinic with a Heart
Samaritan's Purse
Home in a Box
Pregnancy Center
Capital Humane Society
Women's Care Center

Over 100 boxes of linens were included in the deliveries.

Thank you, OGT Lincoln donors and volunteers for asking, responding and going.

Orphan Grain Train **Iowa West**

Do you have an extra sleeping bag or blanket?

If you are in the Iowa area and happen to have extra sleeping bags or blankets that you are no longer needing, please consider sharing them for a shipment to Ukraine. Orphan Grain Train Iowa West is helping to fill a container with Justice for All out of Rock Valley that will be shipping to Ukraine soon. You may bring the items to the warehouse at 417 1st Street in Ida Grove on Tuesdays from 9:00am to noon. We thank you for your generous spirit. We are continually amazed by what donors bring in to share with others in need.

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Weekly Devotion

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Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matt. 7:7-8) You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask from wrong motives . . . (James 4:2b-3a)

Asking & Receiving: Many years ago, one of my former pastors shared that in his younger days, he prayed repeatedly for a million dollars. He never received a million dollars, and that troubled him, because of Jesus' promise, found in Matthew Chapter 7. As he matured in faith, he came to realize that he did not receive a million dollars, because of what St. James wrote: "You ask from wrong motives." It would have been terrible for him to receive the fortune he prayed for.

Have you ever asked from wrong motives? I know that I have. God promises to hear our prayers, but He does not promise to give us whatever we pray for. Perhaps His answer is "Yes," but perhaps His answer is "No" or "Wait." Perhaps his answer is "No," because our motives are wrong. Perhaps what we pray for is for our own selfish gain. Perhaps our prayer might be for something that benefits us, but harms others. Perhaps we ask for something that would be detrimental for us. And perhaps we're not ready to receive what we ask for.

So, for what are we to pray? Maybe we should pray for a faith to move mountains. Maybe we should pray that the fruits of the Spirit would abound in our lives in love and service to God and others. Maybe we should pray to be enabled to use our spiritual gifts for the building up of His kingdom. Maybe we should pray for compassionate hearts to reach out and serve the suffering. Maybe we should ask for opportunities to

share the Gospel with those living in darkness. Take heart! God hears our prayers. He hears YOUR prayers! He will answer them in His own time and according to His gracious will.

We pray, O Lord, that You guide us to pray for those things that are pleasing to you, and not only for our own benefit, but for the benefit of others. Amen



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