



November 2025

Greetings from Jonesville, Indiana!

The couple was homeless with three kids. They had their referral from an agency requesting any kind of help OGT could offer. The first request was for a tent, which, needless to say, is not one of the top 40 donated items OGT receives. They were also asking for any suitcases to store their clothes. Now suitcases are something we get periodically, although they are not something we generally need. That day was another one of those “God stories” and how He is at work in the midst of all.

“Yes, we have a larger tent that came in just last week, and, yes, we have some suitcases.” As they were getting these items into their car, they spotted two sleeping cots with foam pads, which had also just come in with a different load that week. Two small stools were added to their list and they were set to leave. We said a short prayer together and sent them on their way. They were happy and we were happy to be able to help even as the Lord provided once again in His own special way and time.

One Busy September and Before

To say that September was busy would be an understatement! On the 10th, OGT volunteers packed a 40’ container for Ukraine; on the 17th, another group of volunteers packed a 53’ semi-trailer that left for Cornerstone Children’s Ranch in Quemado, TX, and on the 19th, our 18’ trailer was packed and delivered to The Attic in McKee, KY. These loads totaled 2,422 banana boxes of clothing, *Love the Hungry* prepackaged food supplies, furniture and household items like dishware, cookware, etc. The dollar figure to ship all of this totaled \$13,885. Since January of this year, OGT Indiana has sent 10 loads within the United States and 2 loads to Ukraine. Volunteers are what make OGT keep working and voluntary donations from so

many people keep the volunteers sorting and packing the items for whatever destinations.

Cummins Calibration Management Structure Team:



Immanuel Seymour Mission Team 2025:



Loading for Ukraine 2025:



Something new, something different!

Schuder Bros. Tree Service of Hope was given the contract OGT a to remove 5 trees and grind out 7 stumps giving a new look on the west side of the building. A racoon had a most exhilarating ride when the large branch it was living in was cut from the main trunk and came crashing down to the ground. Needless to say, that tree had some major cavities that were going to cause future problems. A fence will be constructed where the trees once stood.



The new (as of 2024) asphalt driveway in the front of the building, as well as the old asphalt on the west side, were sealed by JT's Asphalt of Elizabethtown.



Forman Investment Services nominated OGT Indiana as a candidate for a grant from Raymond James Charitable. The request stated that the grant would be used to update to a newer pickup for delivering loads to places like southeastern KY and for local pickups of donations being offered to OGT. OGT was selected as one of the finalists for a grant of \$20,000. After we received the news that we were awarded the grant, the search for a different pickup began. Working with Poynter Ford of Seymour, having the 2016 F250 as a trade-in, and with the \$20,000 grant money we were able to purchase a new 2025 F250.



Our sincere thanks to Forman Investment Services, www.formanis.com, for the nomination of the grant and to Poynter Ford of Seymour for their help in securing this new truck.



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If you are involved with Thrivent Financial you have the opportunity to direct Choice Dollars and/or use an Action Card to help the ministry of OGT. Talk with your representative advisor for details. Some Action Cards have been used to buy bike repair parts to fix up donated bikes that are then made available for people in southeastern KY and overseas. Other cards have been used to purchase supplies for disaster kits, school backpack kits, or enable OGT's radio presence on The Bridge FM. Directing Choice

Dollars helps fund other work like transportation and shipping costs. Every little bit helps and is always welcomed, so thank you for thinking of us.

Your help is needed to save money!

This newsletter has been mailed to you. Here is the catch—if an address has changed and OGT Indiana isn't notified of the new address, a returned newsletter to be resent costs an additional \$.73 for each one.

SO, if your address has changed or will change, please let us know so we can update our list.

If you would like your newsletter emailed, please contact us at: **indianaogt@gmail.com**. Thank you.

OGT Wish List

This is more than a wish. OGT is hoping to establish a program that would enable OGT to do pickups on two Saturdays a month. This would offer an opportunity for younger, working men to volunteer a few hours to help with pickups of donations. The volunteer base during the week consists mainly of 70+ year-old folks and heavier donations are getting harder to accomplish. Any help for this would be fully appreciated by all. If you would be **interested in making this happen, please contact** Gene at **812-405-2045 or 712-369-1165**.

1. **Prayers of the faithful** that OGT Indiana continues to serve the needs of those less fortunate and remains true to the Lord's challenge defined in James regarding the care of widows and orphans, as well as the words of the Lord who calls us to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, care for the sick, and visit those in prison.
2. **Drivers and those willing to assist** in picking up donations, especially appliances and furniture. Please call **812-405-2045** to add your name to the OGT list of volunteers.
3. **Volunteers** willing to share a couple of hours a week or every other week or whatever fits your schedule. The basic days for sorting and packing items are Tuesdays, Wednesdays,

and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Other times can be scheduled whenever OGT members are available.

OGT Indiana is blessed by those who give so willingly of their time. Some have asked about the number of volunteers. Over the course of a week there are about 18 regulars. Coupling that with the groups that come in once a month, that number jumps to 50. Adding in the various groups that come once or twice a year, we are talking around another 50-60 people that get to experience the volunteer effect of serving others in the name of Jesus.

The following are just a few pictures of some of the volunteers that keep OGT moving ahead in service to our community and to the world.

Lutheran Central, Brownstown, IN:



St. John Lutheran, White Creek:



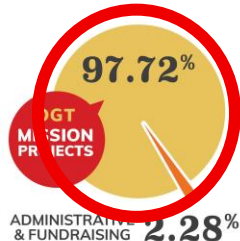
Seymour Purdue Club (partial group):



There are a few more folks to thank!

Thanks to the “behind the scenes” people who make things happen. There are Greg, the Wednesday guy, and Dan, the Thursday guy, who help with pickups. There is Bob J. who keeps the grass under control during the summer months. Mark and Jan make the trip to Love Chapel on Tuesdays to pick up banana boxes to keep our inventory supplied. And Earl, Larry, and Harold who are the guys I go to for repair and reconstruction projects and make some of the donations better by adding their touch with their skills.

In another issue I will be highlighting those folks that are the weekly regulars Without them, everything would come to a slow, grinding halt. So, thanks to all who work so diligently every day to keep Orphan Grain Train on its track.



Charity Navigator marks OGT as one of the top non-profit humanitarian organizations. Because all of the people in the Jonesville branch, as well as the other 27 branches and collection centers, are volunteers,

monies that are donated are used exclusively for building upkeep, vehicle maintenance, and, most importantly, dollars that are used to send all the donations around the country and overseas.

As I finish this newsletter I would like to invite you to [consider a year-end gift to Orphan Grain Train Indiana](#). This is the only “ask” that you will receive from us and so I would like you to prayerfully consider making a financial gift for the ongoing work of OGT IN. A QCD designated from your RMD out of the IRA is a great way to help support OGT IN. Talk with your financial advisor for details to unravel that pile of letters, but it will be worthwhile.

Thank you and may the Lord continue to bless and keep us in His love and mercy.

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday -10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thanksgiving
&
Christmas Blessings
to you all!