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# Student Volunteers Pack Aid for Shipments



Neligh-Oakdale Public Schools 3rd - 6th grade students visited Orphan Grain Train Norfolk on Friday, December 5th. The students spent two hours touring and packing two bunkers of stuffed animals, clothing, blankets and quilts.

Thank you, Neligh-Oakdale students  
for visiting the Norfolk Servant  
Center and helping to pack items for  
future shipments!

## Trio Collects and Delivers to Pine Ridge in Wanblee, S.D.



Every Thursday, long-time Orphan Grain Train Norfolk volunteer Jane Ternus, works at the Servant Center. She also gathers items that are

set aside for the Families Working Together organization in Wanblee, S.D. Jane transports the items to storage until Jeff and Dee Acklie of Omaha can pick them up and take them to the Pine Ridge location. In November, the Acklies of Omaha, picked up 80 boxes of items to be delivered to Families Working Together. Families Working Together is a nonprofit organization established to support and strengthen families on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Items that were delivered included bedding, hygiene products, diapers, household goods, winter coats, boots and accessories. Peanut butter, fruit roll ups and baby food were also part of the load.

In October, Jane delivered 43 Christmas boxes to the organization. Along with receiving the carefully packed Christmas boxes, children also learn about the coming of Jesus into our world. The Christmas story is included in every box.

**Thank you, Jane, Dee and Jeff for your commitment to sharing the love of Christ with others.**

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**OGT Missouri West and  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church**



# **Volunteers Sort, Pack, Load and Deliver Aid to Cornerstone Children's Ranch**







Volunteers from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Warrensburg, MO sorted and packed clothes at the Orphan Grain Train Missouri West Collection Center in Concordia, MO. Once everything was packed, the boxes were loaded by other volunteers onto a truck. The items will be delivered to Cornerstone Children's Ranch in Quemado, Texas this week. Thank you, Bethlehem Lutheran and MO-West volunteers for sorting, packing, loading and delivering this load to Texas.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

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**OGT Norfolk Sends Disaster  
Relief to the Philippines**







Orphan Grain Train Norfolk volunteers loaded for the Philippines today. The Philippine Islands has been hit by three major disasters in the last few months. Two powerful typhoons and a Magnitude 6.5 earthquake in Cebu impacted many people living in the region. Many of the items in this container were requested by the recipients following the devastation of those natural disasters. Disaster items include sleeping mats, buckets, cots, tarps and tarp kits, plastic totes, solar lights, hygiene kits and supplies and survival kits. In addition, ten cases of peanut butter and 15 bicycles were also included on this load. Thank you, OGT Norfolk

donors and volunteers for your generous hearts  
and joyful energy.

"If you give, you will receive. Your gift will  
return to you in full measure, pressed down,  
shaken together to make room for more, and  
running over."

Luke 6:38

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## **OGT Wichita Sends Aid to Lithuania**



**Gabrielius in Vyziai, Lithuania received the recent shipment sent by Orphan Grain Train Wichita. Included in the load were blankets, medical equipment and supplies, sewing machines and fabric, hygiene supplies and school kits and supplies. And of course, bicycles. This is a part of letter that was sent from the recipient of this load, "Gabrielius" director, Malda Milauskas.**

***"I am a priest of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lithuania. Currently, I serve in five parishes, organize youth camp "***



*Vanagai "(500 children in one time). The rehabilitation center "Gabrielius" was established in 2008. I actively participate in regional social and public activities, I am the chairman of the board of non-governmental organizations, and a board member in several small communities. This allows me to feel and share the support received very widely and in various ways. The rehabilitation center has, thanks to the help of OGT, created a small and important material fund, which provides assistance where it is needed most, in case of disasters and the like."*

**Thank you, OGT Wichita donors and volunteers for sharing, preparing and loading this container to Lithuania.**

**"Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always."**

**1 Chronicles 16:11**

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# OGT Indiana Shares with Manna *from Heaven*







These are a few of the photos taken as the Orphan Grain Train Indiana trailer was packed for Manna from Heaven on Friday, December 5, 2025.



Pictured:

1. Samuel getting ready for one of the last boxes to go in.
2. Senior student, Jayden, who refurbished three bikes, is inside making sure they aren't shipping air.
3. The last of six bunkers of household, toys, and Christmas items.

Lois and her crew from Manna from Heaven seemed very pleased with these items as they will host their Christmas Giveaway December 14. Donated goods included nine redone bikes, eight brand new 20" bikes, gift bags of new dolls and clothes for the dolls, two stoves and many other things that might make a merrier Christmas for these folks.

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## OGT Norfolk to Ethiopia



Christ Disciples Church in Ethiopia will soon receive a container full of wonderful items. Two beautiful Cathedra chairs, a church lectern,

wedding dresses and bridesmaid's gowns are included in the load by Orphan Grain Train Norfolk. As well as the many boxes of clothing and shoes, there are 40 tablets included that Faith Regional Hospital donated to OGT. In addition, OGT Lincoln donated 44 boxes of Days for Girls hygiene kits for this load. All of these valuable donations filled up a container that will be shared with others. Thank you, to the faithful crew of volunteers who pack each box in tightly so as to "ship no air."

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

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**Thank you Knotty Ladies!**



These are the Knotty Ladies from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Columbus, Nebraska. The ladies made and donated all the quilts on the table. Several bags of quilts were shared with Orphan Grain Train Norfolk. Thank you, Knotty Ladies for not being afraid to share your talents with others.

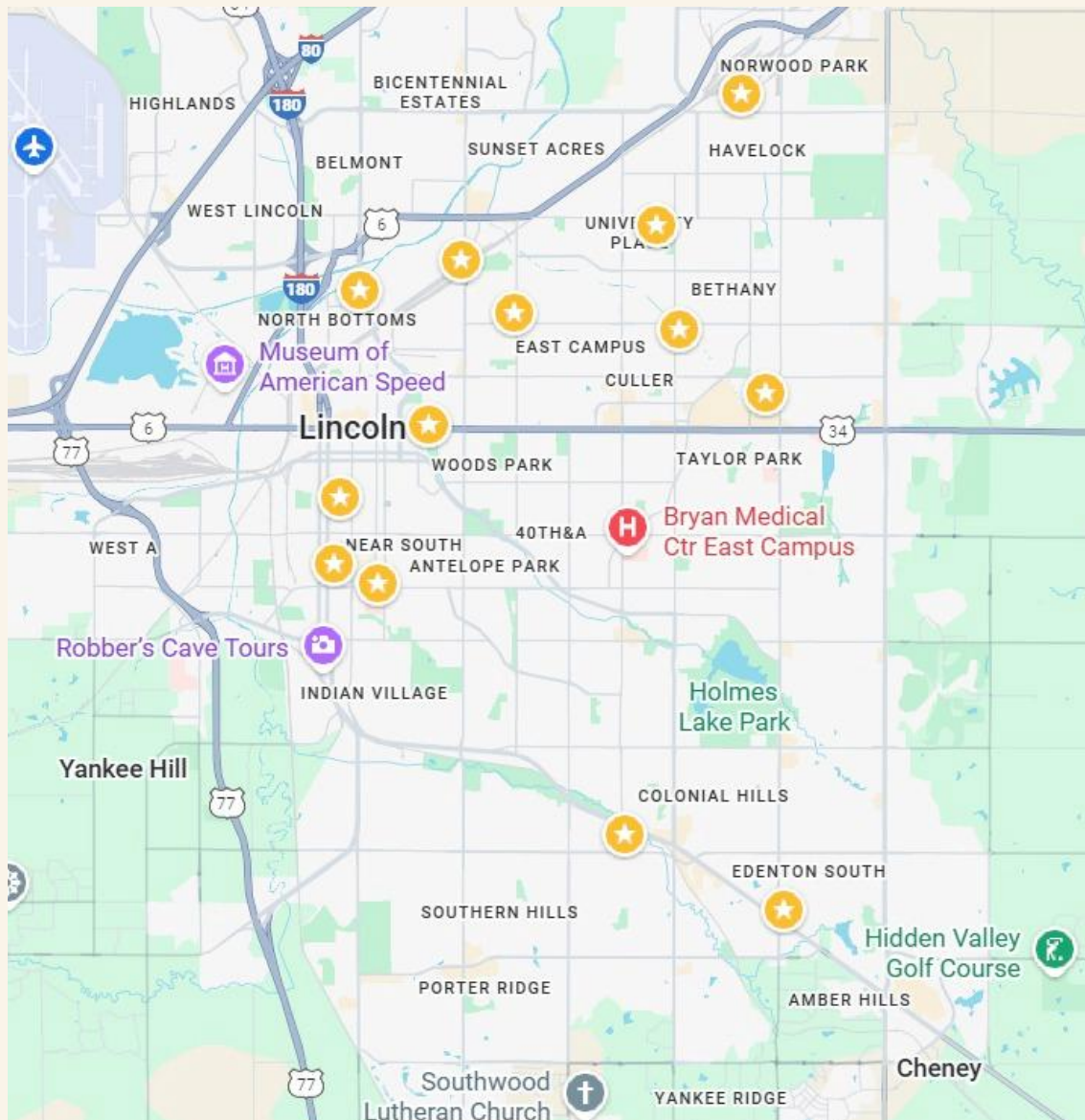
"Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is



not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

## OGT Lincoln Delivers Aid



Orphan Grain Train Lincoln distributed items to 17 different locations in Lincoln and Omaha this past November. Hygiene supplies, medical equipment, clothing, Mercy Meals, bedding and linens, sports equipment, over 100 lbs. of dry food, and bicycles were delivered to organizations that have recipients that will put these items to use. Sometimes a drop off is a box of eyeglasses or several boxes of clothing, hygiene supplies and household supplies. Another time, it is a delivery of 12 bicycles to the Lincoln Bike Kitchen. Thank you, OGT Lincoln donors and volunteers for finding the places that can use donated items and then sharing those items.

**"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. "**

**1 Peter 4:10**

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# Quilt of the Week



Do you recognize this quilt?



Every quilt has a story. Many beautiful and unique quilts are shared with Orphan Grain Train, but not their story. Quilts are sewn into the history of Orphan Grain Train. Quilts were included on the first shipments to Latvia and Russia in 1993, and were given to children in orphanages. 27 OGT branches and collection centers receive donated quilts which are shipped by OGT to people in need both domestically and internationally.

**Orphan Grain Train accepts quilts and blankets in all sizes, year-round.**

Quilt #5

## Weekly Devotion

**By Paul Leckband**

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**Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and His disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the**

**blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.”**

**Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. “What do you want Me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road. (Mark 10:46-52)**

Blind Bartimaeus: We don’t know much about Bartimaeus. Here’s what we do know. He was a blind beggar, the “son of Timaeus.” He became aware that Jesus was on the road where he sat begging. He became excited and began “to shout, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’” Even though many told him to shut up, he continued to shout. And “Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him.’” I’m just speculating, but maybe St. Mark identifies Bartimaeus and his father by name, because some of those reading his Gospel personally knew of them.

Bartimaeus heeded Jesus’ call and came to Him. And when Jesus asked, “What do you want me to do for you,” Bartimaeus had a simple but straightforward request. “Rabbi, I want to see.” Well, maybe it wasn’t that simple. Bartimaeus wasn’t just visually impaired. He was totally blind. He had probably been BORN blind. He was asking Jesus to do the impossible.

And Jesus does the impossible! “Go,” said Jesus, ‘your faith has

healed you.' Immediately he received his sight . . . " Jesus had mercy on this blind beggar. And Jesus has had mercy on us, too. We, too, suffer from blindness, but it is spiritual blindness. Left on our own, we cannot see Jesus. Without Jesus reaching out to us, there is no cure for this blindness. Jesus heals us of our spiritual blindness by His gifts of faith, forgiveness, and salvation. We once were blind, but now we see . . . We see Jesus!

**Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see You! Amen.**



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