

# Orphan Grain Train

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## Aid to Jamaica Continues











Orphan Grain Train's cargo arrived safely in Kingston, Jamaica on November 21, 2025 and its distribution began very quickly. Mustard Seed Communities received two pallets of Mercy Meals and also provided the transport of another pallet to Operation Save Jamaica. Operation Save Jamaica received roof patch kits as well. The remaining food and kits were loaded onto a truck to be delivered to Maggotty where high flood waters from Hurricane Melissa isolated the community. We are thankful for the Mustard Seeds help in transporting these items through the night.

The water filtration system that was moved to Santa Cruz, Jamaica continues to change the stream water into clean drinking water for people in the area. Andre and Andrew are maintaining the machine and helping to distribute the potable water. The town of Santa Cruz is still waiting for their water pipes to be repaired after the destruction of Hurricane Melissa. Orphan Grain Train will continue to support disaster relief in Jamaica and are in daily communication with our recipients there.

"We give thanks to God always for you...making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesu Christ."

1 Thessalonians 1 : 2, 3

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# OGT Maryland's *Sew Along* will Bless Many!





On November 3rd, Wendy Preslyn, the director of Orphan Grain Train Maryland's Feminine Hygiene Project, organized the branch's first Sew-Along. Their sorting room was transformed into a sewing factory, and the hum of sewing machines could be heard for several hours! Close to a dozen women came to the warehouse with their sewing machines. They spent the afternoon sewing the components of the feminine hygiene kits. The amount of completed products was incredible. Girls from Liberia and South Sudan will benefit from the generosity of these women. Another sewing event is being planned for after the first of the year.

Thank you, ladies for what you are doing!

<https://www.ogt.org/special-projects/feminine-kits/>

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# Well Done!



Jaden chose to work on three bikes for his Senior project. Working with donated bikes from Orphan Grain Train Indiana, Jaden cleaned, oiled, put on new pedals, grips, and seats to



make these bikes ready for delivery to Manna from Heaven as part of their Christmas Giveaway Celebration. The bikes will arrive in Myra on December 5 along with many other Christmas items for their giveaway day. Gene Ernst, OGT Indiana Manager, said that he was impressed with Jaden's work and his enthusiasm to help others, especially the kids in southeastern KY. Nicely done, Jaden! We thank you!

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## Shipment from OGT New England Brings Joy to Moldova Recipients







Orphan Grain Train New England's summer shipment to Bible Mission in Moldova arrived at its destination of Kishinau / Cricova City, Moldova. Diana from Bible Mission International sent photos of the distribution of clothing, diapers, medical equipment, layette and hygiene kits, linens and blankets and bicycles. Thank you, OGT New England volunteers for all you do.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

2 Corinthians 9:12

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## Celebrating Ten Years of Volunteering Together!



This is a photo of volunteers from an Orphan Grain Train packing station in Plover, Wisconsin. The volunteers are celebrating ten years of sorting and packing boxes together. In that time, they have filled 35,000 boxes along with other items shipped. OGT has been blessed by your many years of dedication in sorting, preparing, packing and organizing all of these items so they can be shared with



others. Orphan Grain Train relies on volunteers to help share resources with people in the United States and around the world.

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## Atkinson NE Students Volunteer and Bless Others





A group of homeschool students and their parents from the Atkinson area visited



the Orphan Grain Train Norfolk warehouse on Monday, November 17. The co-op group, CLLASS (Christ Lead Learning and Support System) ate lunch at the Servant Center and then toured the warehouse. Following the tour, the students were divided into age-related groups and began sorting, unloading and packing in different areas of the warehouse. A lot was accomplished by this hard-working crew. The older students unloaded a truck from Milbank and packed 23 pallets with 35 boxes on each pallet. The younger students delighted in sorting and packing stuffed animals. **Thank you, students and parents**

for traveling to Norfolk and giving a  
day of volunteering!

## OGT Norfolk to Liberia





Orphan Grain Train Norfolk loaded for Liberia on the 21st of November. This shipment contains 1,416 pieces of humanitarian aid – food, clothing, medical equipment, Gospel resources, and school supplies – destined for Hope and Care for Children in Liberia.

This shipment contains 2 Mindray Z60 ultrasound machines, medical microscopes and examination tables,

Highlights include:

- 330 boxes of Mercy Meals.
- Bibles, catechisms, and dictionaries from Gospel Mailers, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE
- Clothing, bedding, school supplies, bicycles, and sleeping bags.

**Thank you, volunteers for showing up to make this load happen!**

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# Layette and Hygiene Kits Bless Others!





Connie Plettner with the Lincoln 21st Century Lion's Club  
donated ten hygiene kits and ten infant layette kits to Orphan  
Grain Train Lincoln. Thank you for your servant heart, Connie.

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## **OGT Phoenix Delivers to Tohono**

### **O'odham Nation**



**Orphan Grain Train Phoenix** delivered 660 boxes of assorted clothing, bedding, blankets and medical equipment, chairs, a wheelchair ramp and more, to the Tohono O'odham Nation in Sells, AZ, on November 14. The branch rented a 26' box truck and drove it 2 ½ hours to Sells, AZ. With Sells being in close proximity to the Arizona/Mexican border it was necessary to go through a US Border Patrol checkpoint. The residents helped unload the truck and then organized the boxes by categories. It

made for a fun experience for all. After the truck was unloaded, Arlin, a Sells resident, prepared a delicious lunch for everyone. During the lunch Arlin shared how the donations will be distributed to the eleven districts within the Tohono O'odham Nation. This is well organized. Many residents will receive the benefit from this delivery. **Thank you, volunteers for your tireless dedication and your willing spirit.**

**Pictured are L to R: Allen Hobratchk-Branch Warehouse Manager, Celeste Hobratchk-volunteer, Ken Weber-volunteer, Jean Weber Branch Volunteer Coordinator, Jeannie Becker Branch Treasurer and Steve Brettfeld- volunteer**

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## **Volunteers Support OGT Mid-Atlantic Event**





Attached is a photo of one of the teams at Boscov's Department Store during Friends Helping Friend's Day. Volunteers were in five of the stores near where they live. Together, the volunteers raised more than \$2,384 for Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic branch in West Grove. As they interacted with shoppers, they shared the mission of OGT. The photo is of Kathy Mest and Sandra O'Hedy at the store in Dover, Delaware. Thank you, to all the volunteers who participated in this event and shared the OGT story with

everyone who stopped by their tables.

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## Bikes, Trikes and Helmets Bless Children!



Orphan Grain Train New England gave  
about 20 bikes, trikes and helmets

to Waterbury Youth Services for distribution to children over the holidays. Great gift for kids.

Attached is a picture of volunteers loading the bicycles in a truck to transport them to Waterbury, Connecticut. Thanks to our volunteer, Tom Calvello who arranged for this and to our volunteers who got the bikes into running condition. It's a lot of work but they enjoy knowing it will brighten someone's future.

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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 #4

# Weekly Devotion

**By Paul Leckband**

Orphan Grain Train, Director of Spiritual Correspondence

**Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand. After the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life, and be satisfied; by His knowledge My righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (Is. 53:10-12)**

The Suffering Servant: Bible scholars have called Isaiah 53 the chapter about the Suffering Servant. The Old Testament prophet Isaiah, inspired by the Holy Spirit,



writes of the suffering of Jesus Christ—already 700 years before the Savior’s life and death. His words are prescient. He says that “it was the Lord’s will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer.” Jesus was crushed by the weight of our sins, and He suffered unimaginably on the cross. Jesus “poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.” Jesus, the sinless Son of God, died on that cross. He was crucified by sinners and between two sinners—two thieves.

But Isaiah also prophesies about the atoning works of Christ. “The Lord (made) His life a guilt offering.” “My righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities . . . He bore the sin of many.” Isaiah also prophesies about Jesus’ resurrection: “After the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life.”

Jesus became the servant of all. He took all our sufferings upon Himself. That is remarkable, given that the Holy Son of God did the unthinkable for the unholy, and that includes you and me! What does He require of His people? St. Mark writes, “Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:43b-45)

**Holy Jesus, You have shown us what it means to be a servant. Bless us that we may serve You as we serve others. Amen.**



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