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OGT Houston Sends First International Shipment!















December 13, 2025, marks the day Orphan Grain Train Houston sent out their first international shipment. These are photos of that milestone day.

Prayers spoken while praying over load #2629 to Malawi, South Africa:

"Especially Lord as we pray for this load, that you would bless it as it goes across the ocean to South Africa to the Malawi people..."

"We give you thanks and praise you, Lord...We thank you Jesus for life today and most importantly for life eternal."

With the help of many energetic volunteers, Orphan Grain Train Houston loaded their first international shipment December 13. The container was packed with 1,559 boxes of clothes, blankets, linens, coats, hygiene kits along with 10 bicycles. It was then transported to the Port of Houston where it will be shipped to South Africa. Jesus' Footprints in Africa Ministry will receive the shipment and then share the Good News of Jesus as they distribute these blessings to people who do not have the means to provide for themselves. OGT Board members are grateful for the continued support of individuals, churches, and community groups who bring donations, volunteer, and offer financial gifts to fulfill our mission as we provide aid for orphans, widows and those less fortunate. Visit ogt.org to learn more about OGT's domestic and international outreach.

ogt.org/branches/houston/

Ukraine Sends Word of Christmas Shipment Arrival from OGT Norfolk







Charitable Fund Swedish Help Centre in Ukraine sent word that an Orphan Grain Train Norfolk shipment arrived safely just in time for distribution for Christmas in eastern Ukraine. This is an excerpt from the email sent by the recipient:

"I recently returned from Ukraine, and I must share that conditions are worsening. This winter will be the most difficult of the war. During my trip, we distributed Orphan Grain Train aid in many of our evangelistic outreaches. The clothing and food items you sent were received with immense gratitude. I've

included pictures from the recent load that arrived Monday at the camp, as well as from the distributions I was involved in last week in eastern Ukraine."

- Derek Thomas, Missionary, Charitable Fund Swedish Help Centre

OGT Mid-Atlantic Sends Aid to Republic of Georgia





Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic's container to Republic of Georgia arrived at its destination and the items are being distributed by the recipients. These photos show Mrs. Iruza, the director of Enguri 1 of the village of Orsantia, visiting the village kindergarten and sharing some of the items with the parents and children. The last photos show the OGT Mid-Atlantic branch volunteers loading this shipment earlier this year. Thank you, Mid-Atlantic volunteers for organizing this load!

"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."
Philippians 1:6

OGT Michigan Provides Care



Orphan Grain Train Michigan branch brought 25 boxes of blankets to Saginous Underground Railroad in Saginous and 1% Pantry for Veterans in Frankenmouth. The Underground Railroad is a service organization for survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault and human slavery. The 1% Pantry provides food and support to US veterans in the area. Thank you, Michigan volunteers for bringing care to people in difficult situations.

***"But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay."
Psalm 40:17***

Shipment to Romania Brings Joy



A recent shipment to Romania out of Orphan Grain Train Norfolk brought joy to this young man. This is a portion of a letter from the recipient:

"They have nothing to travel to school or kindergarten and that is why we are asking for bicycles for transportation and school kits with school supplies for these children in isolated

communities. We also have cases of children without parents raised by a grandfather who has no financial resources at all for food or clothing and who enjoyed the packages from you."

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Suceava, Romania

LHNE Students, Teachers and Family Bring Energy and Enthusiasm to OGT Norfolk







Lutheran High Northeast students, teachers and family members showed up in force at Orphan Grain Train Norfolk on Thursday Night. The group sorted, packed and moved many items in the time they were there. Thank you, LHNE students and family for spending your evening at OGT and bringing your energy and enthusiasm with you.

"How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?"
1 Thessalonians 3:9

Iowa West Delivers Coats and Shoes and Needed Aid



Orphan Grain Train Iowa West delivered two loads of items to recipients in Rock Valley and Schaller, Iowa. The first load to Justice for All was full of men's, women's and children's clothing, coats and shoes. It also had boxes of diapers, hygiene supplies, and medical equipment. The second delivery went to Schaller/Crestland Grade School. It contained

six boxes of winter clothing, coats, hats and gloves. Thank you, Iowa West volunteers for sorting, packing and loading all of these valuable items.

52 Years and Three Generations of Service



This is three generations of incredible service to the Norfolk area and far beyond: Lynn, Travis and Easton Webb. Orphan Grain Train Norfolk thanks you for the many years of care and repair of vacuum cleaners and sewing machines you have serviced for us and volunteers like Donna and Murt. Brian and Lynn Webb started A to Z Vac in

1973 and are now moving into the second and third generations with sons Justin and Travis and Travis's son, Easton. They have brought life back into many a faulty sewing machine and broken vacuum. **We thank you for your fifty-two years of great service!**

Quilt of the Week





Do you recognize this quilt?

Yes! Yes we do! This quilt, along with the others hanging on the rail were made by Barbara Veil (pictured) from Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic branch.

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. Thank you, Barbara for sharing those beautiful quilts!

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

Quilt #6

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Weekly Devotion



By Paul Leckband

Orphan Grain Train, Director of Spiritual Correspondence

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation . . . Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you. (Is. 12:2, 5-6)

Strength: If you're a baseball fan, you may remember the excitement that accompanied Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa as they chased the single-season home run record in 1998. Both broke the record, and McGuire ultimately came out on top, but their efforts were tainted when it came out that both had used performance-enhancing drugs. They weren't the last athletes who were tainted because they used such drugs.

In case you're wondering, it's possible to increase your strength by using steroids and other similar drugs. Not only does this give some athletes an unfair advantage, there are serious health risks associated with these drugs, and they are rightfully banned. We're talking about physical strength, but the Bible talks about a different kind of strength. The prophet Isaiah writes, "The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation."

Performance-enhancing drugs may provide physical strength, but

the effects are not permanent, and these effects may be detrimental. God's strength, however, is the power of forgiveness and salvation. It is His power that saves us from the assaults of Satan. This spiritual strength, which is anything but detrimental, creates eternal effects and benefits. "(The Lord) has done glorious things."

We shout aloud and sing for joy, O Lord, for You have become our salvation. Amen.

