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The latest post from Alla in Ukraine with Bible Orphan Ministry:

"Aid from the last container we received a few days ago is already on its way to Rivne(Northwestern Ukraine) for families in difficult circumstances!📦"

This is more than half a ton of food and solar-powered flashlights – not just humanitarian aid, but real support in times of w@r, poverty, darkness, and emotional exhaustion!🔦"

When the lights go out, anxiety and helplessness often follow.

Solar-powered lanterns are a real lifesaver – they provide light in homes where there are children, elderly people, and sick people. They make it possible to avoid being in complete darkness, to prepare food, to calm a child, to see each other, and to feel that you are not alone.

Food is another form of care and love. 🍞

At a time when many families live below the poverty line, when every day is a struggle for the basics, these food products are an answer to prayers! They mean a warm dinner on the table, peace of mind for mothers, and the certainty that their children will have something to eat today.

This aid is more than just stuff!

It's hope, light, and a reminder that even in the darkest times, God sends people with open hearts who don't leave Ukraine alone with its pain!

We sincerely thank everyone who participated! Light and bread are what restore faith in life!!! 💙💛"

Thank you, Alla and Bible Orphan Ministry for sharing these items with the people of Northern Ukraine and demonstrating your love through your actions.

Haiti





Pastor Dustin Lappe from Messiah Lutheran Church shared these pictures from Cap Haitian, Haiti where he traveled to ordain 40 pastors and hand out diplomas to an additional 80 church workers on Dec. 1. He taught and mentored these students on-line. The diplomas were held

in an Orphan Grain Train box. We are grateful that the Lord has opened the way for shipments to enter Haiti once again. We are grateful for the 40 newly ordained pastors and 80 church workers who love the Lord and have a desire to share the Gospel with others. Thank you, Pastor Lappe for these photos and the mentoring you have done with these graduates.

OGT Houston

**Aid Delivered
to Local Service
Organizations**



Orphan Grain Train Houston delivered items to five service organizations within the state of Texas. Recipients included Legacy Ranch in Gonzalez, Trinity Lutheran Church's Homeless Ministry in Houston, Anchor Point in League City, Jane Around the World in La Porte and Pasadena Community Ministries in Pasadena.

Legacy Ranch received hygiene kits, bedding and essential clothing for children in the foster care/adoption and shelter facility. Trinity Church's Homeless Ministry was provided with blankets and men's coats and tops. Anchor Point received childcare kits, clothing, bedding and Bibles. Jane Around the World accepted bedding and towels. Forty-two boxes of clothing were

delivered to Pasadena Community Ministries.
Thank you, OGT Houston volunteers for sharing
these items with the community around you and
caring for people made in the image of God.

OGT Maryland

**Solar Lights, Shoes, Sewing
Supplies and other Aid Arrives in
South Sudan**









Orphan Grain Train Maryland's shipment to Bor, South Sudan arrived safely in the hands of Dr. Stephen Mathiang of Mission Gardens of Christ. This was a wonderful shipment of 264 solar lights, 15 bicycles, 60 boxes of rubber shoes and 90 boxes of blankets or quilts. In addition to school supplies, clothing and hygiene supplies, there were seven sewing machines

accompanied with 46 boxes of fabric and sewing supplies. There were 118 pieces of medical equipment that included walkers, medical scales, commodes, infant warmers and canes. Thank you, OGT Maryland volunteers for gathering all of these items and sending them on their way to bless others.

OGT Missouri-Illinois

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**Boxes of Blankets and
16,500 lbs. of Food for
Others in Need!**



Orphan Grain Train Missouri-Illinois shared over 16,500 pounds of food with the St. Louis area last month. In addition, they gave out 89 boxes of bedding full of quilts and blankets. All of the recipients are churches with food

pantries that distribute the food and warm blankets to people in the area who are in need. Thank you, to all the donors who provided food and blankets to share with the St. Louis community.

Great Commission Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church

Timothy Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church

OGT Lincoln

Great Plains Livestock Consulting Inc.

Tours Warehouse and Packs 20,088

Mercy Meals





Great Plains Livestock Consulting Inc. made 20,088 Mercy Meals on January 16, for two hours and then toured the Orphan Grain Train Lincoln warehouse. The members traveled from Missouri, California, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Montana and Nebraska for their bi-annual meeting and to do a service project. Thank you for feeding the hungry Great Plains Livestock Consulting!

OGT Minnesota North

OGT Milbank Collection Center

Road Trip to Gather and Deliver





Orphan Grain Train Minnesota North coordinator, Gary Geske took a road trip this week to Norfolk, Nebraska via South Dakota. Gary drove to OGT Milbank Collection Center on Thursday to pick up five bundles of sleeping mats, walkers and eight bicycles before he proceeded to OGT Norfolk. His trailer was already loaded with five church pews from Zion Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes, MN. He also was carrying eight other bikes from his Minnesota branch. Thank you, Gary for making this trip despite the snow flurries along the way. Thank you, OGT Milbank and OGT MN North volunteers and donors for sharing all of these items that are so needed for shipments to faraway places and the United States.

"May the Lord bless you and protect you.

May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favor

and give you His peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Manna from Heaven Outreach, and

The Attic Receive Supplies

OGT Indiana

OGT Lincoln

OGT Norfolk



Orphan Grain Train Norfolk received word that the October 2025 shipment to Accra, Ghana arrived safely at the Ebenezer Akwanga Human Rights & Humanitarian Institute. Dr. Ebenezer Derek Mbongo Akwanga, Founder & Chief Executive Officer expressed his appreciation of this shipment in an email:

Monday, January 5, 2026

"Grace, peace, and deep thanksgiving to you all.

*On behalf of the Board, Management, Volunteers,
and the countless vulnerable children, families,
persons living with disabilities, and underserved
communities we serve across Ghana, I write this
letter with a heart full of gratitude, humility, and
unwavering appreciation to Orphan Grain Train
(OGT) for your sacrificial love, steadfast partnership,
and Christ-centered commitment to actionable
compassion.*

We are profoundly grateful to inform you that the first humanitarian relief container shipped to the Ebenezer Akwanga Human Rights & Humanitarian Institute (EAHRHI) arrived safely in Ghana on December 11, 2025, and - after a very challenging process - was officially cleared from Customs by EAHRHI on December 28, 2025. Though the journey was arduous, the impact is already immeasurable. Lives have been touched, dignity restored, and hope rekindled.

This container stands as a visible expression of the Gospel in action - an embodiment of our Lord Jesus Christ's words in Matthew 25:35-40, where faith is

not merely professed but practiced: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, and remembering “the least of these.” Indeed, our partnership reflects the spirit of the Parable of the Good Samaritan, where love transcends distance, borders, and convenience, and compassion refuses to pass by on the other side.”

Not all shipments move easily through customs, and we are relieved and grateful to see them in the hands of their recipients. Thank you, OGT donors for supporting the cost of these shipments. Thank you, donors for sharing the supplies that fill these

containers with items that can be used in places of need.







Orphan Grain Train Indiana delivered two loads to the Kentucky area last month. Manna from Heaven in Myra and The Attic in McKee received bedding, clothing, food, furniture and household items. In addition, they also received bicycles and bunkers of toys. Thank you, Jonesville donors and volunteers for consistently gathering needed

items, boxing them up and sharing them with others. When you are cold, a blanket is warmth. When you are hungry, food is satisfying. When you are feeling anxious, only Christ brings hope.

Grateful People in Ghana Send Word of Receiving Shipment

OGT Lincoln

Orphan Grain Train Lincoln delivered to more than 20 community service organizations in the Lincoln area during the month of December. In addition, they supplied clothing to Pine Ridge Reservation in S.D.

Bedding and blankets, Mercy Meals, clothing, hygiene supplies, food, medical supplies and household items were shared with these organizations:

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19



Volunteers Bless Their Community and Pine Ridge Reservation

OGT Phoenix

Saving Grace Lutheran Church

Quilt Mission Donates 45 Quilts



This picture shows just a few of the 45 assorted quilts that Orphan Grain Train Phoenix received from the Saving Grace Lutheran Church Quilt Mission. Saving Grace Lutheran Church is located in Queen Creek, AZ, about 50 miles from the Phoenix warehouse. Karalee Morris, one of the Quilting Mission members reported, to the Phoenix Branch, that there are about 12-13 women in the group. The women meet on Tuesday mornings. The ladies will cut the fabrics for the tops and sew them at their homes. When the tops are completed, the women gather at the church and match backings and batting. Most of the quilts are finished with hems and some with bindings. One member will occasionally use her long arm for quilting. Like many quilting groups they come to tie knots and enjoy the fellowship of their mission. Much of their funding comes from Thrivent Action Team Cards.

These quilts will be included with the next shipment to the Navajo Nation. The tradition of sending quilts continues in Arizona, just like the first shipment in 1993 from Norfolk to the orphanages in Russia!

Thank you, Saving Grace Lutheran Church Quilt Mission women for carrying on this amazing tradition of mission of warmth, color and love.



Q U I L T

OF THE WEEK



Do you recognize this quilt?

QUILT #10

We know a little bit about this quilt's story. Twelve quilt tops were donated to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk. This is one of six that were pieced by hand. The talented person who pieced this together and then donated it remain a mystery. The batting was donated by OGT Lincoln. The

backing, edging and binding were purchased at Creative Notions in West Point, NE using Thrivent funds. Assembly and machine quilting were done by Nick and Linda Vanderburg who live in David City, NE. Laurie Brokaw of Bancroft, NE finished the edging and binding. All twelve quilts will eventually be donated back to OGT in Norfolk. They will have come full circle!

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.

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

All 27 Orphan Grain Train branches and

collection centers receive donated quilts which are shipped by OGT to people in need both domestically and internationally.

Weekly Devotion

By Paul Leckband

Orphan Grain Train, Director of Spiritual Correspondence

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. (Ps. 146:1-4)

Princes: Two of the greatest princes in world history were Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan. Alexander conquered Greece, the Middle

East, and extended the Greek empire all the way to India. When he died in 323 A.D. at the age of only 32, his kingdom was divided among his generals. Things did not go well, and eventually the Romans conquered the Greek empire. [Source: history.com] Genghis Khan died in 1227. He extended the Mongol empire throughout Asia and all the way into what is now Eastern Europe. When he died, the empire was taken over by his sons and grandsons. Within just a few years, the Mongol empire dissolved. [Source: Wikipedia]

I'm sure there were those at the time who assumed that the kingdoms of Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan would last forever. We know this did not happen. Those who put their faith in these earthly princes found out that their faith was based on "mortal men." Contrast this with what the psalmist writes. "Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them—the Lord, who remains faithful together." (Ps. 146:5-6)

Here's a lesson for us today. It's easy to put our faith in politicians, political parties, and other earthly leaders. Why put our faith in the Lord? "He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous . . . The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all

generations. Praise the Lord.” (Ps. 146:7-10) Who are the “oppressed,” the “blind?” Why, it’s you and me, and all those who are held captive by sin, death, and Satan! The Lord sets us free by the acts of His one and only Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Earthly princes always fail. Jesus and His love for us never fail.

O Lord, save us from putting our faith in mortal men. May we always put our faith wholly in You, the Maker of heaven and earth. Amen.



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