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**Lawnmower  
and Other Aid**

**for Orphanages**

**Arrives in Ukraine**









Orphan Grain Train Norfolk's shipment to Bible Orphan Ministry arrived in Ukraine this week. Alla Vasilieva of Bible Orphan Ministry shared these photos and story:

*"These days, our hearts are filled with joy and sincere gratitude! We are thrilled and delighted to share some wonderful news—the Korostyshiv orphanage has finally received its long-awaited lawn mower!!! For some, it is just a piece of equipment, but for them, it is a manifestation of love, care, and support that they feel in their hearts.❤️"*

***This is more than just aid. It is a sign that these children have not been forgotten, that thousands of kilometers away there are people who care and who are reaching out to help when it is most needed.***

***We sincerely thank Orphan Grain Train for another container of aid, for their loyalty, constant support, and big, compassionate hearts. 🙏***

***Special thanks to Kirk Rosin Kirk and Judy Rosin from North Dakota, USA who became part of this generous donation, investing not only his time and effort, but also his love and big heart!***

***Thanks to you, this lawn mower has reached Ukraine and will serve our children who will learn how to use it!***

***Thank you for your warmth, generosity, and care for Ukrainian children. Even thousands of kilometers away, we feel your heart close to us.***

***May God bless you a hundredfold for every good deed,***

*every step towards us, and every seed of hope you have  
sown. 💙💛"*

# OGT Continues Aid after Hurricane Helene of 2024





Hurricane Helene caused widespread destruction in North Carolina and other states in September of 2024. Since then, Orphan Grain Train sent many shipments of food and aid including a 28-bed sleeping trailer delivered by OGT Logistics in September of 2025 for volunteers assisting the area with rebuilding. OGT Logistics CDL Driver, Bob Schleppenbach, delivered a second bedroom unit to Burnsville, N.C on January 13, 2026. This container has 16 beds with smaller individual rooms. Mary Bates, North American Lutheran Church's Disaster Response Director is currently in Yancey County coordinating the rebuilding of 6,000 homes destroyed by the September 2024 Hurricane Helene. Bates arrived

in the area a few days after the hurricane hit. Her crew of volunteers has completed over 100 homes and eight new buildings. They continue to seek volunteers to join in the rebuilding process. Housing, materials and tools are provided. If you would like to be a part of the rebuilding of the disaster affected areas, please contact Mary Bates at (740)-509-1132.

Photographs:

Bob Schleppenbach and *God's Pit Crew* volunteers who are helping to rebuild and supply housing in the area.

The 16-bed housing unit being placed on location through the use of the *Hammar* sideloader - OGT's container handling equipment.

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## OGT Michigan Provides Care





Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin received word that the container they sent to Lithuania arrived at its destination. The recipients, Jurbarkas Evangelical Lutheran Diaconia's "Jurbarko sandora, will provide support to the Jurbarkas Women's Crisis Center. The Center assists women who are facing difficult life circumstances. Support will also be given to parishioners and children's day care centers in Skirsnemune, Smalininkai, Vilkyskiai and Garliava. Men's, women's and children's clothing, blankets, sleeping bags and mats were packed into the load. Sixty-two chairs, medical equipment and supplies and ten bicycles were also included in the container. We rejoice when we hear a sent container has been

delivered and received. Thank you, donors and volunteers for all that you do in making these shipments happen.

**"Rejoice in the Lord always.**

**I will say it again: Rejoice!"**

**Philippians 4:4**

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## **Dry Beans and More Loaded for South Sudan**



**On January 14, Orphan Grain Train Norfolk loaded 24,696 lbs. of dry beans along with medical equipment, clothing and shoes for a container packed for South Sudan. Over 90 boxes of blankets, quilts and school kits were also part of the load. Thank you, faithful OGT Norfolk volunteers for once again saying:**

**"Yes, I'll be there."**

**"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us-yes, establish the work of our hands."**

**Psalms 90:17**

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**Loaded with Love for Liberia**



Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin loaded for Liberia on Wednesday the 14th of January. Volunteers packed 506 boxes of Kids Against Hunger/Food for Kidz meals, English Bibles, Church furniture, medical equipment and supplies and clothing for men. Fifty boxes of infant diapers and hygiene, layette and feminine hygiene kits were also put into the container. In addition, schoolbooks, sewing items, chairs and blankets and linens completed the load. Thank you, OGT Wisconsin volunteers for making a difference in the lives of other people while fellowshiping together as you serve.

# St. Paul's Lutheran School

## Students Give to Others



St. Paul's Lutheran School of Norfolk, Nebraska recently delivered items that are needed to make school and hygiene kits. In

lieu of their usual Christmas school gift exchange, students and staff chose to bring in items to donate for the kits to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk. First - fourth grade students brought in supplies for school kits and 5th - 8th grade students supplied items for making hygiene kits. *Thank you, St. Paul's students and staff for choosing to help supply the components needed to make these highly requested kits. Thank you for sharing your care for others.*

The photo is of 8th grade students and teacher, Scott Brown who delivered the supplies to OGT Norfolk.

**"I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ."**

Philemon 1:6

## OGT Wisconsin Together with OGT Minnesota North Send Aid to Haiti



Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin and OGT Minnesota North teamed up to send 18 totes of black split beans to Cap Haitien, Haiti. Long-time recipient, Josias Marin of Thomassique, will receive the food for the Lutheran school in Haiti. The beans were donated by Apostolic Christian Harvest Call which is a part of the Apostolic Christian Church. The beans were loaded in Hancock, MN by OGT Minnesota North volunteers. OGT Wisconsin funded the trucking, shipping and customs bills. Thank you, to everyone

involved with this load from beginning to end!

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."

Ephesians 4: 15-16

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## **Sunland Springs Village Quilting Club Gifts OGT Phoenix with 50 Layette Kits**





The Sunland Springs Village Quilting Club, located in Mesa, AZ, gifted the Orphan Grain Train Phoenix Branch with 50 Layette kits on January 6. This is the second year that they have used their talents to give to others. Last year, winter visitor Carol Wrede, (Norfolk, NE resident) used a Thrivent Action Funds card to purchase the items needed to make the kits.

This year the event was led by Joan Pratt. She supplied pictures of the women making these layettes.

**Thank you, Sunland Springs Village Quilting Club!**

Picture 1: is from 2025 and shows Joan Pratt and Carol Wrede with finished layettes.

Picture 2: Laura Dorn and Lynda Schuyler sewing one component of the layette kit

Picture 3: Deb Bauer, Georgianna Hoffard and Linda Stilzer with completed layette kits

**"She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands."**

**Proverbs 31:13**

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**Crocheted Blanket Donated to OGT**



**This beautiful queen-size blanket was crocheted by Barb Zobel of Randolph, Nebraska. Barb wanted to share her**

work with someone who could use a lovely blanket. She donated it to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk. Thank you, Barb for the time and care you put into making this gift.

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## Q U I L T

OF THE WEEK



## Do you recognize this quilt?

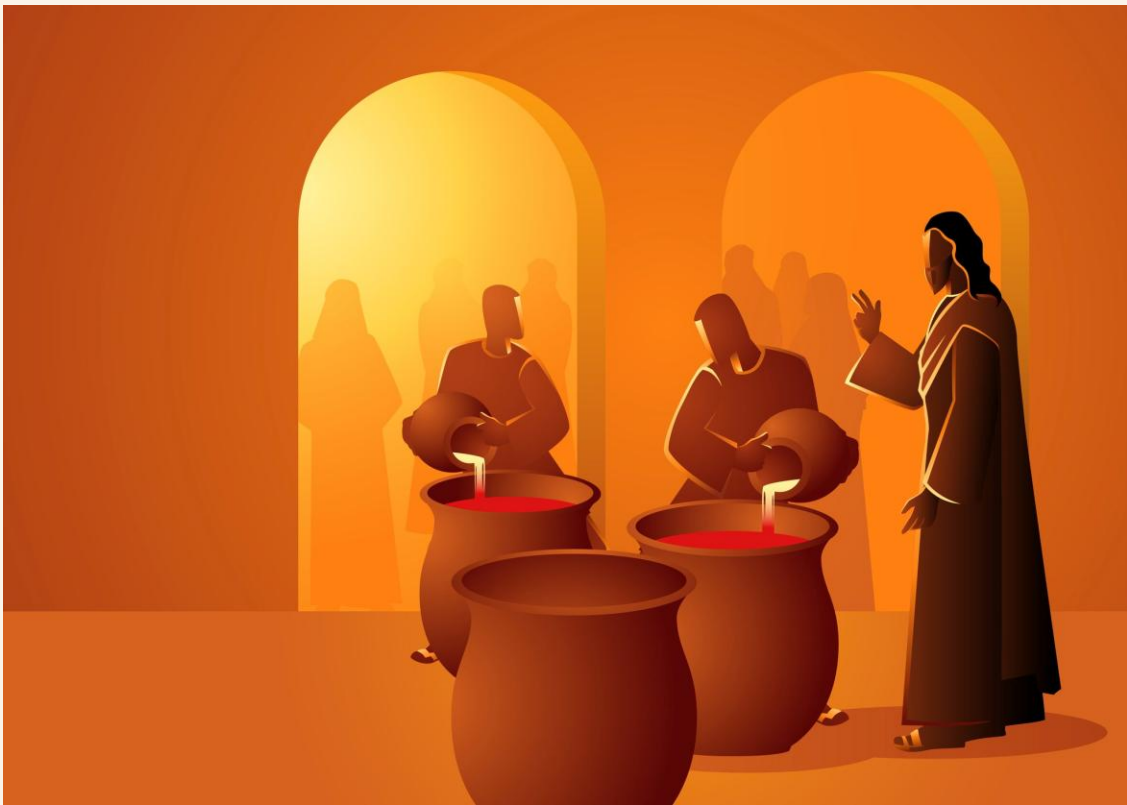
Every quilt has a story. Many beautiful and unique quilts are shared with Orphan Grain Train, but not their story. Quilts are sewn into the history of Orphan Grain Train. Quilts were included on the first shipments to Latvia and Russia in 1993, and were given to children in orphanages. 27 OGT branches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

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

Quilt #9

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## Weekly Devotion



**By Paul Leckband**

Orphan Grain Train, Director of Spiritual Correspondence

**On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and His disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to Him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, why do you involve Me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water;" so they filled them to the brim. Then He told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice**

**wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” This, the first of His miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed His glory, and His disciples put their faith in Him. (John 2:1-11)**

Wine: Have you ever visited a winery for a wine-tasting? Lois and I visited the Prairie Rose Winery in Keystone, SD, and sampled their wine. We bought a bottle of Pumpkin Bog wine, fermented from pumpkins and other ingredients. I don't consider myself to be a wine-connoisseur, but I know what I like.

What was the significance of Jesus' first public miracle? One source I found among many noted, "Changing water into wine requires demonstrating power over time and space. Wine requires many processes that cover a long period of time. The growth of the plant. The maturation of the grape. Harvesting the grape. Treading the grapes into juice. Great wine takes a long time to ferment. Jesus bypassed the entire timeframe in moments, which only God can do." [Source: Danielle Bernock, [christianity.com](https://christianity.com)]

There may have been many reasons why Jesus chose to turn water into wine for His first public miracle. Whatever the reason, Jesus showed that He is Lord and master of all things. He alone can transform water into wine. He alone can give us His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

***O Lord, “continue Your love to those who know You, Your righteousness to the upright in heart.” (Psalm 36:10) Amen.***



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