

# Orphan Grain Train

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**Martin County Kids Against Hunger is gearing up for their annual pack day! Fairmont, MN  
Saturday, February 7, 2026**

**8:30 am - 1:30 pm**

**Hundreds of volunteers will gather to pack 100,000 Kids Against Hunger Meals that will be packaged and donated back to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk. OGT will ship the meals to places like South Sudan and Chad where a huge population of people are living in makeshift shelters in refugee camps where food is scarce.**

**If you are interested in the packing**

**event: [kahfairmontmn.weebly.com](http://kahfairmontmn.weebly.com)**

**The photo is of already packaged Kids Against Hunger meals from a previous packing event. These were being loaded into an Orphan Grain Train truck and were brought back to Norfolk**

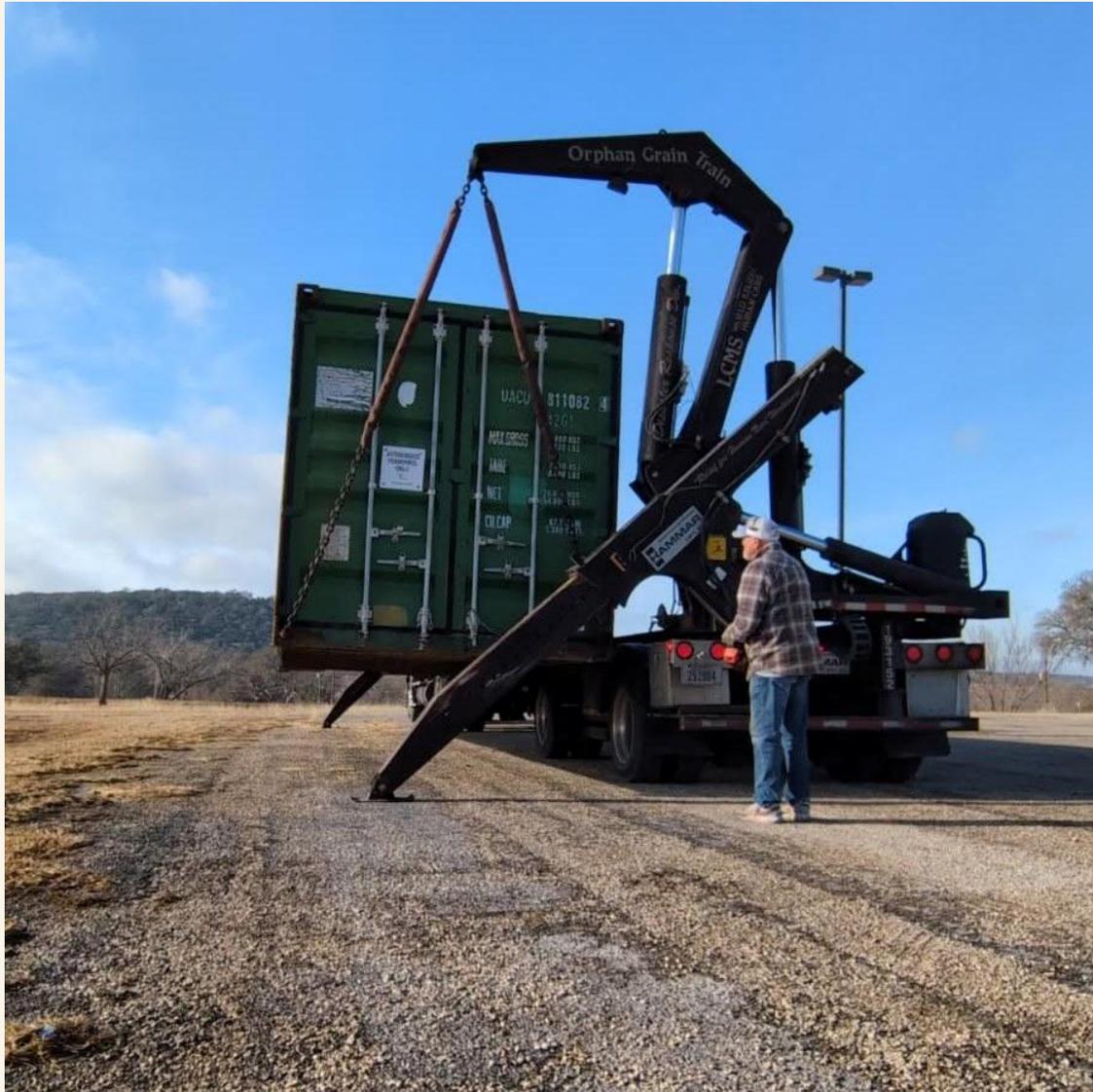
for a shipment. Thank you, Martin County Kids Against Hunger for all you do to prepare food for people who are hungry.



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## **OGT Disaster Relief Continues for Texas 2025 Flood Area**





Orphan Grain Train continues to send aid and support to residents in the Kerrville, Texas area who are still recovering from the July 4th flood of 2025. On Thursday, OGT truckdriver, Bob Schleppenbach delivered the second of three containers to Ingram, Texas. The first container holds insulation and drywall. This second container has washers/dryers, beds and linens inside. In the next few weeks, four

donated modular homes will be delivered to residents in the area whose homes were destroyed by the floods. A work camp/ retreat center is being established in Ingram and run by local resident, Courtney Calhoun.

The haunting destruction of the fast-moving water is still visible, but the hope of the people in the community remains strong.

(Pictured: Courtney Calhoun and Bob Schleppenbach)

"May the God of all hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

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**OGT Houston**



## **Houston Provides Relief to Community**

**Orphan Grain Train Houston delivered clothing to Clothed by Faith in Deer Park, and then two days later brought hygiene kits, blankets, men's coats and new underwear to North Side Baptist Church Warming Center in Texas City and Strong Tower in Hitchcock. All of these items are meeting the immediate needs of the people in the area. Thank you, OGT**

**Houston volunteers and donors for providing items that bring some relief to people in difficult circumstances.**

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## **OGT Lincoln**



**Immanuel Lutheran Church confirmands, parents and Pastor Jeff Bloom packed 15 boxes of Mercy Meals at Orphan Grain Train Lincoln on February 4, 2026. The 3,240 meals will be shared with Immanuel Lutheran's Bread of Life Food Pantry. Thank you, confirmands, parents and Pastor Bloom for coming together for this service project that puts fortified meals on the Pantry shelf for others.**

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## OGT Maryland



**Orphan Grain Train Maryland loaded for Cameroon on the February 3, 2026. Mercy House of Hope in Douala, Cameroon is the recipient for this container of goods.**

**Over 19,000 lbs. of clothing and shoes for men, women and children, 1,200 pairs of new rubber slide shoes from Samaritan's Feet International, medical equipment, and linens were sorted, boxed and loaded onto the truck. In addition, 200 Luci lights, 16 bicycles and sewing machines, fabric and supplies were also part of the inventory. "With unrelenting dedication," OGT Maryland volunteers continue to do what is necessary to make this happen. Over 1,300 boxes were handled and loaded by the Maryland team filling the container. Thank you, OGT Maryland donors and volunteers for your steadfastness.**

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**OGT Michigan**



In early January, Orphan Grain Train Michigan delivered 42 boxes of hospital gowns and scrubs to Thumb Industries, Inc. in Bad Axe, Michigan. Thumb Industries offers community-based work programs that provide training for persons with disabilities. Thank you, OGT Michigan volunteers for locating a place that can put used hospital gowns to good use. Thank you, donors for your continued support of OGT Michigan.

"Mankind, He has told each of you what is good

and what it is the Lord requires of you: to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8

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## Christ Lutheran School Volunteers at OGT

### Norfolk













Christ Lutheran School students in 6-8th grades walked over to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk Servant Center on Thursday to volunteer. As part of Lutheran School's week, the students spent the afternoon sorting and packing for their servant event. Part of the group packed Mercy Meals and the other packed blankets, clothing and school and hygiene kits. The groups switched jobs mid-way through. After an hour and a half of constant motion, the final count showed eight completed pallets of blankets and clothes and 5,184 Mercy Meals. Thank you, students and staff for spending your afternoon with us. Thank you for all you accomplished! Thank you, volunteers for being there to monitor

each line, guide and refill supplies where needed.

Ephesians 1:16 (NIV): "I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers."

## Faith Lutheran School Volunteers at OGT Lincoln



It was Lutheran School's Week last week and Faith Lutheran Church celebrated it by volunteering at

**Orphan Grain Train Lincoln. Twenty-one children, four parents, and two teachers packed boxes, made hygiene kits and prepared food packages for veterans in the Lincoln community. The students rotated to different stations so that they had a chance to experience a variety of packing activities. Thank you, Faith Lutheran parents and staff for volunteering and being leaders in this event. Thank you, students for being OGT Lincoln volunteers and making a difference.**

**"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven."**

**Matthew 5:16**

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## OGT Maryland



Orphan Grain Train Maryland continues to collect winter coats for local organizations that share them with people in the community. Prior to Christmas, they gave out 1,036 coats. Dickey Hill Elementary School/ Middle School, Faith and Works Enterprise, St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Calvary Community Church, Bell

Grove Elementary School, Catonsville Methodist Church and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer all received coats that were gathered from the OGT Maryland coat drive. Thank you, donors and volunteers for asking, gathering and sharing all of the many warm coats that went to be shared with others. As the cold winter winds and snow continue to be forecasted for the east coast, those coats that were given out will continue to bring warmth to many.

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?"

James 2:15-16

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## **Grace Lutheran Church, Cheyenne Wells, Colorado Donates to OGT Castlerock**



**Grace Lutheran Church in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado  
donated a truck load of clothes and medical equipment to  
Orphan Grain Train Castle Rock. A big thank you to Mark  
Harm and his congregation. Thank you, Grace**

**Lutheran Church members for helping to fill this truck full of useful items that can be shared with others.**

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**Joy in Sewing and Sharing!**



Fifteen years and 1,800 pillowcase dresses later, Jane Pfeifer, or better known as "Jane of All Trades" from Madison delivered another box of dresses to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk on Thursday. She is a kind of "handyman" in many areas, especially when it comes to sewing. We thank you Jane for sharing your gifts with us and for bringing joy to so many people.

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**Q U I L T**

**OF THE WEEK**



## Do you recognize this quilt?

### QUILT #12

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.

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# Weekly Devotion



**By Paul Leckband**

Orphan Grain Train, Director of Spiritual Correspondence

**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever. To Him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever. Who by His understanding**

**made the heavens. His love endures forever. Who spread out the earth upon the waters. His love endures forever. (Ps. 136:1-6)**

Waters: Water is an intrinsic part of our lives. Water makes up 71% of the earth's surface, according to [usgs.gov](http://usgs.gov). Water comprises 50-75% of our bodies, according to [bing.com](http://bing.com). Also, according to [bing.com](http://bing.com), we can survive without food for up to three weeks, but, as a rule, we can only survive without water for three days.

The Bible intrinsically links God with water. The first mention of water in the Bible is Gen. 1:1-2: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." Genesis Chapters 6-9 records how He devastated the earth with a worldwide flood. He delivered His people from their bondage in Egypt by the miraculous parting of the Red Sea. He went on to provide water for His people in the Sinai wilderness. Jesus changed water into wine. He spoke to the Samaritan woman about the living water that only He can supply.

Jesus still comes to us in water today through Baptism. St. Peter writes,

**“ . . . and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by**

**the resurrection of Jesus Christ . . . “**

1 Peter 3:21

**Thanks and praise be to You, O Jesus, for  
the saving waters of our Baptism. Amen.**



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