



Orphan Grain Train

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Volunteers Deliver Domestic Aid



In late February, Kent and Carol Wilke, Orphan Grain Train Norfolk volunteers, traveled to Lexington, Nebraska and then Hastings, Nebraska to deliver two trailer loads of food. The food was delivered to Lexington Community Action and Hastings Crossroads Mission to be shared with people in the area. Hamburger, canned goods, flour, oatmeal, and fortified meals were delivered. In January, Tyson Foods permanently closed its major beef processing plant in Lexington. Roughly

30% of the town's workforce lost their jobs causing housing and food insecurity.

Give us today our daily bread.

Matthew 6:11 NIV

Massive wildfires in western Nebraska have burned over 800,000 acres of land. Orphan Grain Train is taking monetary donations to cover the cost of hay, trucking the hay and fencing materials. Please note on your donation the intended designation and funds will be put in that account.

A Gift Through God's Blessings



In February 2026, 34 bales of alfalfa hay were delivered to Ashland, Kansas after the Ranger Road fire spread through the area. The hay was donated by Brenda and Michael Kai of Stanton, NE and delivered by Lowell Krieger.

A GIFT THROUGH GOD'S BLESSINGS:

First and foremost, we give all glory and thanks to God. It is only through his blessings and provision that we are able to share this hay with you.

We know this wildfire season has brought loss, stress and uncertainty. Please know this gift is given with sincere love, compassion and prayers for your Family, your livestock and your land. We believe every harvest comes from Gods hand and every blessing we receive is meant to be shared. This gift is not from us alone but from our community and the Lord who provides in every season and sustains us through every trial.

Our prayer is that God will protect your livestock, restore what has been lost and strengthen you in the days ahead.

May this hay and the generosity of our community be a reminder that God sees, He provides and He is faithful.

With thankful hearts,

Michael and Brenda Kai

Thank you, Bill Wessel, Gary and Deb Klug, Gene Klug and Loren and Carmen Bosler for joining with Orphan Grain Train in helping to pay for the trucking of this load. More hay loads will be going to western Nebraska where nearly 800,000 acres have been burned. Thank you, to everyone who has offered hay, corn stalk bales and trucking to aid ranchers in the area.





OGT Central Iowa / Republic of Georgia











Orphan Grain Train Central Iowa in Clemons loaded on Tuesday, March 17th for the Republic of Georgia. Included in this load of clothing, medical equipment, and blankets are 261 kits: layette, school, teacher and hygiene. There are over 300 boxes of blankets and linens also on this load. Thank you, Clemons volunteers for showing up on that cold Iowa day and packing a tight load.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do

not give up.

Galatians 6:9 NIV

OGT Mid Atlantic / Republic of Georgia



Orphan Grain Train Mid Atlantic locked and sealed the doors on the container they loaded for the Republic of Georgia on Wednesday, March 18. Every OGT container sent out internationally is required to be closed with a bolt lock to seal it and ensure its contents have not been tampered with during the shipment. There are 42,120 Kids Against Hunger meals, along with clothing, blankets and hygiene kits and supplies on this load. In addition, there are ten bicycles and 73 boxes of stuffed animals to be shared with children. Thank you, OGT Mid-Atlantic for another successful load sorted, loaded and sent.

Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

John 5:8-9

105 boxes. We look forward to their next visit! Thank you,
Valley Lutheran High students for volunteering with great
hearts.

I can do everything
through Him
Who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13 NIV

Volunteers Sort and Pack Medical Supplies / OGT

Norfolk



Nancy Johnson and David McGuire stand in front of boxes of donated medical supplies and equipment from Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Nancy volunteers every Wednesday at the donation warehouse sorting bunkers of medical supplies. Some of the supplies are sent to Ukraine and some of the supplies Nancy holds back for

OGT's shipping needs. David is a full-time nurse at Mayo and volunteers with the mission. He runs the forklift for loading the supplies and is able to offer knowledgeable advice about sorting medical supplies. In the forefront is Bob Schleppenbach, Orphan Grain Train Norfolk's truck driver, who picked up the full container and returned it to Norfolk in early March. OGT MN South supplies Nancy with OGT boxes. This is Norfolk's first pickup of supplies. Thank you, Nancy for your dedication to this mission and sorting and picking items that can be sent through OGT.

"Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your

ways." Proverbs 4:26 NIV

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church - Beatrice, NE / OGT
Lincoln**



Holy Cross Lutheran Church members from Beatrice, Nebraska packed 6,480 Mercy Meals on Feb. 7, 2026, and toured the Orphan Grain Train Lincoln warehouse. Thank you, Holy Cross members for doing God's work with your hands.

When we get together,
I want to encourage you
in your faith,
but I also want to be
encouraged by yours.

Romans 1:12 NLT

OGT Wichita / Lativa



On March 4, 2026, Orphan Grain Train Wichita successfully loaded a 40' container filled with relief supplies that will support vulnerable individuals and families across Latvia.

Latvian Red Cross', Andris Kikusts, is the recipient who will distribute these items:

Warm clothing for men, women, and children

Blankets, quilts, linens, and bedding essentials

Shoes and winter footwear

Accessories such as hats, scarves, and gloves

Bibles

Manual wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs & commodes (no batteries)

Used bicycles

Backpacks

“I am very grateful for your support. I am truly pleased that our cooperation will continue and that we will be able to provide support to people who need it. Our support covers people of all ages and genders. The most needed items are warm men’s and women’s clothing and footwear for the winter season. We are also responsible for a day center for children, which needs school supplies. I believe we can accept all categories of goods and find meaningful use for them. Our

distribution and support capacity has not decreased.

We will continue to support all regions and vulnerable groups of people.”

— Andris Kikusts, Latvian Red Cross

Thank you, to all the OGT Wichita donors and volunteers who make shipments like this possible.

**Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we ask or
imagine, according to His power that is at
work within us, to Him be glory in the
church and in Christ Jesus throughout all
generations, for ever and ever! Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20-21

Q U I L T

OF THE WEEK



Quilt #18

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.

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

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Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So, he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living . . . The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But

the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So, they began to celebrate.” (Luke 15:11-13, 21-24)

The Prodigal: “Now the tax collectors and ‘sinners’ were all gathering around to hear (Jesus). But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered. ‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ Then Jesus told them this parable . . . “ (Luke 15:1-3) Jesus responds with the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son.

We commonly refer to the “lost son” as the prodigal. What the younger son demanded of his father was hateful. In effect, he was implying that he wished his father to be dead, because usually an estate gift wasn’t given until the father had died. It would have been a huge sacrifice for the father to liquidate his assets to satisfy his son’s selfish desires. And then, the younger son headed off to a “distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.” According to dictionary.com, “prodigal” means “a person who is wasteful of his or her money, possessions, etc.” And then the prodigal son has the nerve to return shame-faced to his father. Against all odds, the father not only forgives him but completely restores him and even honors him. The Pharisees and teachers of the law would never have understood this. [If you read the full parable in Luke Chapter 15, you’ll discover the older son’s less than welcoming response.]

We, too, are prodigals. God lavished His love upon us, the lost. We squandered His gift of life, but the Father has restored us through His Son

Jesus. We are no longer lost but found. We are forgiven, and we are saved.

Forgive us, Father, for we have sinned. Let us hold fast to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has restored us. We pray in His name. Amen.



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