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OGT Lincoln / Mercy Meals

The Orphan Grain Train Lincoln location recently hosted several Mercy Meals packaging events, including:

The Messiah Lutheran School 5th grade class, which packaged 12,529 meals on March 20.

Members of the Holland Reformed Church, who made 9,072 meals on March 21.

A large group from the Lincoln Christian Fellowship, who heard a presentation on Orphan Grain Train at their Sunday service on March 22 and came together to package 15,552 meals on March 28.

A group of young people and their sponsors from St. John's Lutheran Church in Cordova, which used their Easter

vacation to package 3,240 meals and work in the OGT clothing area on April 6.

Photos:

- 1. The Messiah Lutheran (Lincoln) 5th Grade Class**
- 2. A young volunteer from the Holland Reformed Church carefully mixes in dried vegetables**
- 3. Members of the Lincoln Christian Fellowship, hard at work in the OGT - Mercy Meals packaging lines**
- 4. Youth and sponsors from St. John's Lutheran, Cordova**

Thank you, to all of the volunteers in these groups who came together to package these meals.

**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.

Ephesians 3:20









Holland Reformed Church - Hickman, NE / OGT

Lincoln



Holland Reformed Church in Hickman, Nebraska packed 9,072 Mercy Meals on March 21 at the Orphan Grain Train Lincoln warehouse. Following the packing event, they ate lunch and enjoyed good conversation. Thank you Holland Reformed Church for spending your Saturday morning packing Mercy Meals for others.

Where God Guides, He Provides

OGT / Central Iowa

A family of sisters recently reached out to Orphan Grain Train Central Iowa. They were wanting to donate as much of their parents' household items that would be accepted. They didn't want the items resold. With limited warehouse space, Richard Hartwig, the manager wasn't sure if OGT Central Iowa could house all of the items. Shortly after this call came another call. In order to keep a family of children together and not split up in foster care, a woman accepted legal custody of four siblings. She called OGT Central Iowa asking for furniture to help make a home for the children. Central Iowa had furniture available because of the sisters' donation from their parents' estate. The Lord led the way and opened the door once again. Amazing to behold!

Where God guides, He provides.

Isaiah 58:11



OGT / Indiana

Orphan Grain Train Indiana in Jonesville recently received a request from a family that suffered an extensive house fire in

February. The family brought their referral from the fire report and were able to take home some really nice furniture. The furniture had been donated by a couple moving south and they needed to downsize. There were four dressers, four end tables, and a couple of living room chairs. From other donors, OGT Indiana also had a queen bed set, a diaper changing table, and various household appliances and kitchenware to give the family. The furniture filled the U-Haul truck. The family was pleased to replenish the furniture they had lost to the fire, and OGT Indiana was thrilled to be a part of the family's healing process from the fire. Thank you, to all the donors and volunteers who participated in this wonderful delivery.

But You, Lord, are a shield around me, my
glory, the One Who lifts my head high.

Psalm 3:3 NIV

OGT Norfolk / Malawi





Orphan Grain Train Norfolk's load to Malawi and Action for Progress arrived at its destination. Action for Progress shared a letter explaining the distribution of the 272,160 Feed My Starving Children fortified meals. It is rainy season in Kasitu Village of Malawi. Navigating the muddy roads can be a challenge, and sometimes they are impassable. The driver attempted to deliver the meals to the people of the village, but road conditions would not allow it. The Action for

Progress team asked some of the people receiving the food to help carry the boxes to the distribution area. The people of Kasitu lifted the boxes on their heads and carried the boxes to the people who would also be receiving the food. All 660 people who had gathered to receive the rice meals received the food and went home happily. We are grateful to our donors, who make shipments like this possible.

I thank my God every time I remember you.

Philippians 1:3 NIV





Orphan Grain Train has been shipping to Malawi for many years. This is a note from our recipient, Dr. Mtika at Norfolk Schools in Malawi. He also sent photos of the current flooding that is happening in the Southern African country.

"Just wanting to say a big Thank you to OGT for the tremendous ministry that you do to help the situation in Malawi. That 40' container with rice will be just right for all these that have lost their houses and livelihood.

Unfortunately, some 13 lost their lives in the process of the floods. I'm in contact with the over twenty pastors that we partner with to check with their parishioners. Most of

them have confirmed that no one has been lost but many have had their houses, crops and livelihood swept away. I've confirmed them that help from OGT is on the way. They are very appreciative for all the help that OGT provides through Norfolk Schools in Malawi. THANK YOU!!

Dr. Joe Mtika B.A., M.S.E., Ed.D.)

Founder, President & CEO

Norfolk Schools in Malawi, Inc.

OGT Rocky Mountain / Latvia



Orphan Grain Train Rocky Mountain branch in Julesburg, Colorado loaded for Latvia in early March. Over 130 boxes of blankets and linens, over 1,300 boxes of clothing and shoes and

more than 80 hygiene, layette or school kits are included in this container. Thank you, Julesburg volunteers for this beautifully loaded container.

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

Proverbs 3:27 ESV

OGT Wisconsin / Nebraska



Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin is hauling hay to western Nebraska. This is the first load that went out last week. There are four more in the works. Thank you, Dave Enders from Lodi. Thank you,

donors for supporting the trucking of these loads.
Thank you, Wisconsin for supporting the
ranchers in Nebraska. Please Lord, we pray for
rain for Nebraska.

**Two are better than one, because they
have a good return for their labor: If
either of them falls down, one can help the
other up.**

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 NIV

OGT Norfolk / Nebraska Nurses Honor Guard



The second medical packing night at the Orphan Grain Train Servant Center was another success. On Thursday, March 12th a group of people from Nebraska Nurses Honor Guard and another group from Elgin's Bargain Box came to the warehouse to sort and pack medical equipment. Six bunkers of medical items were completed and are now ready to be used for shipment. Thank you, to everyone who came to do this

tremendously needed task. Because there are volunteers who would like to be involved in this, the hours of this packing night will change starting Thursday, April 9th. The hours will be extended from 1:00-8:00 to allow people with conflicting schedules to be able to attend.

"The Lord has done great things for us."

Psalm 126:3 (NIV)

OGT Norfolk / Generation Diamond of Omaha



Jim, Larry, Justin and Bill at Orphan Grain Train Norfolk loaded fortified meals and clothing items for Generation Diamond in Omaha. Generation Diamond assists individuals 19 years and older who are reintegrating into society so that they can maintain a stable plan, stable job and stable housing. Thank you, Generation Diamond for giving these individuals support, direction and hope. Thank you, gentlemen for loading up the truck with useful items that were requested by Generation Diamond.

Thank you, Bill Wessel for transporting these items to Omaha and making the connections.

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

John 11:44 NIV

Platte River Academy, Colorado / OGT Castle Rock



Nine student volunteers and two moms from Platte River Academy from Highland Ranch, Colorado packed well over 100 boxes of clothes. This group did a great job and had fun while they were "working." Three Orphan Grain Train Castle Rock volunteers assisted this group-Chuck and Jean pictured on the right. Thank

you, for the wonderful job you did. Thank you Platte River Academy Volunteers for spending your time at OGT Castle Rock. Thank you for the great energy and smiles you brought with you.

Wyoming Visitors Bless Others / OGT Norfolk



This is Dee and Myron Heny from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Powell, Wyoming. They drove from Powell to visit their daughter and son-in-law, who both teach at Christ Lutheran School. The Heny's made a stop at

Orphan Grain Train Norfolk to share quilts and pillowcase dresses made by members of Immanuel Lutheran. Thank you, Heny's for making a stop at OGT Norfolk and bringing those items with you. We always enjoy visitors!

But I will come to you after I go through Macedonia, for I am going through Macedonia;

1 Corinthians 16:5

St. Paul's Lutheran Church / OGT MN North



This is the group of quilting ladies from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Loon Lake by Vergas, Minnesota. Some of the women from the church made quilts and assembled hygiene kits. Polly, the woman in the photo, is holding up one of the 57 woven mats that were put

together with quilt scraps. Thank you ladies of St. Paul's for these wonderful items made with such care. They were delivered to Orphan Grain Train MN North to be shared where they are needed either domestically or internationally.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6 NIV

OGT Norfolk / Ukraine





Orphan Grain Train Norfolk's last shipment in December to Bible Orphan Ministry in Ukraine contained packed Christmas boxes for children. Some of the boxes were shared with the children in Korostishiv after Christmas. These are photos that

Alla shared with us when the boxes were given at the orphanage. These boxes bring such joy to children. Thank you, to all the churches, individuals and groups who have been involved in packing these Christmas boxes during the summer, so they are ready to send out before Christmas.

You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

Psalm 139:13 NIV

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church / OGT Michigan









**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cass City
was the site for the first Mercy Meals packing**

event in collaboration with Orphan Grain Train Michigan.

Forty members and friends of Good Shepherd, from children to seniors, packaged nearly 10,000 fortified meals over the course of two hours Saturday, March 21, 2026. The meals which consist of rice, soy, vegetables, and supplemental nutrients are mixed and sealed. Only hot water is needed to enable hungry children to eat. The meals will be shipped to areas of the world where people suffer from severe food insecurity or starvation. Over its seven years of operation, Orphan Grain Train / Michigan has successfully shipped humanitarian relief to Kyrgyzstan, Panama, Moldova, the Republic of Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Malawi, South Sudan, Peru, and Romania. Mercy Meals will now be a

significant expansion of that Christian compassion. Worldwide, more than fifteen thousand children die every day for lack of food. Orphan Grain Train with its Michigan branch located in Sebewaing is working to address that crisis and respond to the words of Jesus, "I was hungry and you fed me."

The intent of our new Orphan Grain Train food initiative is for churches throughout mid-Michigan to consider making Mercy Meals a component of their church's mercy care efforts. The event Saturday proved beautifully its feasibility.

For information, contact Orphan Grain Train branch manager, Pastor David Reed 989-600-2264.

Peace Lutheran Church / OGT Norfolk



Sixteen women from the Connect Groups at Peace Lutheran Church in Columbus, Nebraska purchased and put together 33 hygiene kits. They also donated towels and Bibles. Joyce brought all of these items to

Orphan Grain Train Norfolk to be shared with people domestically or internationally. Thank you, ladies for taking the time and energy to do this. All of these items are well received and will move quickly into a load.

Your love has given me great joy and encouragement.

Philemon 1:7 NIV

OGT Phoenix / Wells Fargo Bank



A volunteer at Orphan Grain Train Phoenix also works for Wells Fargo Bank. As a team building event, Stephanie Arruda/Sanderson, used a Thrivent gift card to purchase the needed items to build hygiene kits. Her team made 56 hygiene kits and donated them to the Phoenix branch. (Stephanie is the second from the left in the picture). OGT Phoenix was grateful to receive these gifts. They are always requested by our partners who serve the homeless. Thank you, Stephanie, for

organizing this event. Thank you, employees of Wells Fargo in Phoenix for participating in this team building event and putting together the 56 hygiene kits. Thank you, Thrivent for continuing to support the building of kits that can be shared with so many people in need.

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.

Isaiah 26:3-4 NIV

Q U I L T

OF THE WEEK



Quilt #20



Quilt #21

Do you recognize these quilts?

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

Who among the gods is like You, O Lord? Who is like You—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? (Ex. 15:11) Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: “The Lord’s right hand is lifted high; the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!” I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done . . . This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:15-17, 24) At this,

(Mary Magdalene) turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize it was Jesus. “Woman,” He said, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking He was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward Him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).” (John 20:14-16) For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:3-6)

Easter Breakfast: In many of our churches, it is customary to serve a breakfast after the Easter sunrise service. I look forward to this, and I’m sure many of you do, too. After the solemn observance of Lent, of Maundy Thursday, of Good Friday, it is wonderful to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus on Easter Sunday. And part of that celebration includes the good food and fellowship of breakfast with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The youth group was responsible for preparing and serving Easter breakfast at the church we belonged to in Chicago. One of the traditions was to place a bowl of Easter eggs on each table. Unbeknownst to most, one egg was not hard-boiled. You could tell when someone discovered this, because when they cracked open the egg, out came the runny yolk, and there would be a cry of

surprise. It was great!

Where was I? Oh, yeah . . . He is risen! He is risen indeed! God has worked a mighty wonder. What could be a more wonderful wonder than Jesus' resurrection? "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!" What could be a more "mighty thing" than the resurrection? "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Why rejoice? Because on that first Easter Sunday, our Lord and Savior rose from the dead, triumphant over sin, death, and Satan. It's no longer a surprise, so let us celebrate!

May we rejoice, O God, at the mighty works You have done. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



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