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OGT Michigan / Romania





**Responding to God's Word: "I was hungry and you fed me"
Matthew 25:35, Orphan Grain Train Michigan sent out their
17th international shipment on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. Their
first load of OGT Michigan-made Mercy Meals went out on
this load to Foundation of the Blind in Romania. There were
10,000 fortified meals on this load, along with medical
equipment, hygiene supplies, bedding and clothing. Thank
you, to all the amazing volunteers and were there to load the**

truck and send it on its way. It is always amazing to behold what many hands working for the Lord can accomplish.

OGT Houston / Malawi Prisons Service

The donation comprised of over **1,500 boxes of assorted items including blankets, children's clothing, shoes, hygiene kits, bicycles, bedding, and school supplies among others.**



Picture 3: Donation items being offloading from the shipment
Date and location: April 9, 2026
Photographer: : Wdr. Grace Chunga - Ass. PRO-PHQs

These items are expected to be distributed across prisons nationwide, directly impacting inmate welfare and rehabilitation efforts. This gesture not only strengthens international humanitarian ties but also supports Malawi's shift toward a more rehabilitative and humane correctional system, where dignity and reintegration remain key priorities.

In December of 2025, Orphan Grain Train Houston sent out their first international shipment. The shipment was shared with the Malawi Prisons Service. Reverend Brian Kondowe, Head Chaplain for the Malawi Prisons Service, sent this letter to Orphan Grain Train shipping director, Ginger Beckman.

The Malawi Prison Service (MPS) received a significant boost in its efforts to improve inmate welfare following the donation of a humanitarian supplies from the United States, facilitated by Orphan Grain Train. The consignment, which arrived in Malawi on April 9, 2026, took approximately three months to transit from U.S.A.

Speaking on the development, National Prisons Chaplain, Senior Superintendent Ord. Brian Kondowe highlighted the importance of the donation and the collaboration behind it and said,

"These assorted items will benefit many

inmates. Many are in need, and some leave prison without even basic clothing. This will bring relief and restore dignity to many lives."

OGT Wisconsin / Kyrgyzstan





Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin received word that the container they put together and shipped out in September of

2025 was received by the recipients in Kyrgyzstan. Photos were sent back from some of the 26 organizations that received either medical equipment, clothing, blankets and linens or bicycles. Some of the social agencies work with disabled individuals living in remote rural villages where life is especially difficult for families who have a member with a disability. They also work with many members in the deaf or blind community in the Sokuluk and Ak-Suu regions of Kyrgyzstan. Thank you, OGT Wisconsin volunteers for gathering, sorting, packing and loading another shipment.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.

Philippians 2:3-4 NIV

OGT Maryland / Appalachia







Orphan Grain Train Maryland announced to all volunteers the successful load that was delivered to Hazel Green Food Project. (HGFP). in Hazel Green, Kentucky. HGFP sits in one of the poorest counties in all of Appalachia. Volunteers loaded winter and summer clothes for men, women, and

children; plus-sized clothes; linens including those marked specifically for Appalachia; medical and hygiene supplies; soft toys; sewing machines; and more. This totaled 1,227 pieces and weighed 21,920 lbs. OGT Maryland's partners in Hazel Green eagerly looked forward to the arrival of this load that came on Friday, April 24, 2026.

Tony Rodriquez, assistant branch manager of OGT Maryland, noted that each volunteer is a unique part of a greater common body which has been aligned to one mission. The mission is to serve those people suffering from disasters, difficult situations or those who just need a helping hand. Volunteers are involved in all of this, while at the same time sharing the "Goodness of God!" Rodriquez noted that no single person or contribution gets a shipment to its destination; rather, when everyone works together for the Glory of God, the work and mission thrive and are blessed.

"May the Lord bless each one of you for your enduring

dedication." - Tony

**And as for you, brethren, do not become
weary or lose heart in doing right.**

II Thessalonians 3:13 AMP

OGT Norfolk / The Philippines







Orphan Grain Train Norfolk's container to Ryan Tormentar and Christian Mission Baptist Church in Negros Occidental, Philippines reached its destination safely. These are photos that were shared with OGT Norfolk. There were ten cases of peanut butter on this load, and the food was very well received. The Philippines has experienced several super Typhoons that have left severe damage to the area. This container contained many disaster relief items: 13 solar room

lights, 30 survival kits, 54 tarps, disaster totes and buckets, and hygiene kits and supplies. In addition, there were 15 bicycles and 140 Christmas boxes to share with children.

OGT Lincoln



Bev Sprouse with Modern Woodmen Financial presented Jim Carter, Branch Manager of Orphan Grain Train Lincoln with the Hometown Hero award and a \$100 donation to OGT.

Congratulations Jim Carter!

Thank you, Modern Woodmen Financial!

Sharing Disaster Relief / Nebraska



On April 24, 2026, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rolf from Tarkio, Missouri along with Lincoln, Nebraska friends, Howard and Karon Killion, delivered barbed wire rolls, hedge posts, and steel fence posts to Orphan Grain Train Lincoln manager, Jim Carter, for disaster relief in western Nebraska after the fires. Neighbors helping neighbors rebuild.

Thank you, Rolfs and Killions for this delivery of needed items.

Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him."

Proverbs 30:5 NIV

**OGT Norfolk Fish Boil / Grace Lutheran Church,
Le Mars, Iowa**





Grace Lutheran Church in Le Mars, Iowa hosted another fantastic Orphan Grain Train Fish Boil last Sunday, April 19th.

Thank you members of Grace for another year of amazing desserts and hospitality. We heard several people say that the food was exceptional. Thank you, also for your incredibly generous support of Orphan Grain Train. This is a really fun event! If you've never attended a Wisconsin style fish boil, look for next year's event in Le Mars sometime in April of 2027!

Q U I L T

OF THE WEEK



Quilt #24

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

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Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews gathered around Him, saying, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in My Father's name speak for Me, but you do not believe because you are not My sheep. My sheep listen to My

voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and the Father are one.” Again the Jews picked up stones to stone Him . . . (John 10:22-31)

Actions & Words: “Actions speak louder than words.” At least that’s how the saying goes. In Jesus’ case, we have both His words AND His actions. When the Jews demand that Jesus tell them plainly “if (He is) the Christ,” He points out that He HAS told them. He also points them to His miracles. He says, “I do [them] in My Father’s name.” They don’t accept His words, and they don’t accept His miracles. Why? “(They) do not believe because (they) are not (His) sheep.” In other words, they have made up their minds. They have hardened their hearts. They refuse to believe that Jesus is “the Christ” no matter what He says, no matter how many miracles He performs.

Sadly, many fall into the same category today. They have heard Jesus’ Word. They have seen Scripture’s testimony about Him, but they still refuse to believe. We, “who are (His) sheep listen to (His) voice.” He says, “I know them, and they follow Me.” It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we “listen to (His) voice” and believe. And He promises, “I give them eternal life, and they shall never

perish.” This is most certainly true!

**“Praise and glory and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”
(Revelations 7:12)**



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