



Orphan Grain Train

Relief for Human Need Worldwide

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OGT Indiana / Latvia



Andris Kikusts of the Latvian Red Cross in Riga, Latvia sent word that Orphan Grain Train Indiana's load was received with great appreciation. The eight bicycles, assortment of clothing, medical equipment and school backpacks will be shared with people in the area. Thank you, OGT Indiana volunteers for sending this load with care and diligence.

**Now to him who is able to do
immeasurable more than all we ask or
imagine, according to his power that is at
work within us.**

Ephesians 3:20

Rosin Brothers / Ukraine



Kirk Rosin and Brian Rosin of Orphan Grain Train North Dakota have traveled to Ukraine numerous times to establish orphanages and to support Alla Vasylieva of Bible Orphan Ministry in Ukraine. OGT has partnered with Alla in order to help support Ukrainian orphanages in need of help due to the war. Alla shared the following on May 11, 2026:

Today, our dear friends and brothers in Christ—Kirk and Brian Rosins, representatives of the American charity Orphan Grain Train—set off on their journey home to the United States! 🇺🇸

We are infinitely grateful to God for this blessed time together we had, for their sincere hearts open to service, love, and support for Ukraine during such a difficult time! Despite the w@r, they come again and again to be with the people, to help those in need, to support children, orphans, and families, and to bring light, hope, and God's love where it is so desperately needed. 🙏

Thank you so much for your sacrifice, kindness, prayers, hard work, and true friendship! It is a great honor for us to serve together and build God's Kingdom side by side! May the Lord richly bless you, keep you safe on your journey, and fill you with strength for your continued service! 💙💛

OGT Houston / Liberia





Orphan Grain Train Houston loaded for Liberia on Tuesday, May 12th. The volunteers rejoiced on the beautiful blue-sky day as they sent out another international shipment full of useful items. There are 67 boxes of school kits, 50 boxes of hygiene kits, 30 pieces of medical supplies and five bikes on this load. In addition, over 100 boxes of blankets and linens and clothing for men, women and children were packed in tightly. Thank you, OGT Houston volunteers for sorting,

packing and loading another container of goods that can be shared with others.

**Against all hope, Abraham in hope
believed.**

Romans 4:18 NIV

LWML Central Illinois / OGT Missouri-Illinois



On April 25th, Central Illinois LWML met in Decatur, Illinois for their 81st annual convention. Brad Jackson and Keith Scherer, both of Orphan Grain Train Missouri-Illinois were there to load the many boxes and bags of gathered items

brought in by the women and church groups that attended the convention. Thank you Brad and Ken for bringing the box truck and loading all the donations. Thank you, women of LWML Central Illinois for inviting OGT and for gathering donations that can be shared with other people.

**"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future."**

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Thrivent / OGT Iowa West



A big thank you to Steve Frank, a regional board member of Thrivent from Milford, Iowa. Steve gifted Orphan Grain Train Iowa West with \$1,000 to use as they wish. Volunteers purchased supplies to build bins in the bunker room to help organize donated items that are packed in bags. The remaining balance of the funds was used to purchase new t-shirts for regular volunteers. The t-shirts arrived and this is a photo of most of the volunteers wearing them. Thank you, OGT Iowa West volunteers for your dedication and show of force!

I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing the praises

of the name of the Lord Most High.

Psalm 7:17 NIV

Norfolk Public School / OGT Norfolk



In late March, Norfolk Public Schools 4th grade Leadership group and instructors visited Orphan Grain Train Norfolk. This wonderful group of students toured the Servant Center and then went to work sorting and packing. **Thank you,**

future leaders for spending your day with
us and volunteering your time.

Christ Lutheran School / OGT Norfolk



These six young ladies from Christ Lutheran School in Columbus, Nebraska visited Orphan Grain Train Servant Center in Norfolk. Their April visit had them touring the warehouse and volunteering a few hours of time to pack

quilts and blankets. Thank you, ladies for your visit, and your busy hands that folded and packed bedding and filled many boxes.

**A cheerful look brings joy to the heart;
good news makes for good health.**

Proverbs 15:30

Immanuel Lutheran School / OGT Norfolk



Immanuel Lutheran School 5th grade students, teachers and parents visited Orphan Grain Train Norfolk in late April. There were 19 wonderful students who put together 560 hygiene kits. That's two pallets of kits, 35 boxes per pallet with eight kits per box. Amazing job!

Thank you, for taking the time to travel to Norfolk and bringing your joy and energy with you!

**You crown the year with your bounty, and
Your carts overflow with abundance.**

Psalm 65:11 NIV

Saving Grace Lutheran Church - Quilters / OGT

Phoenix / Navajo Nation



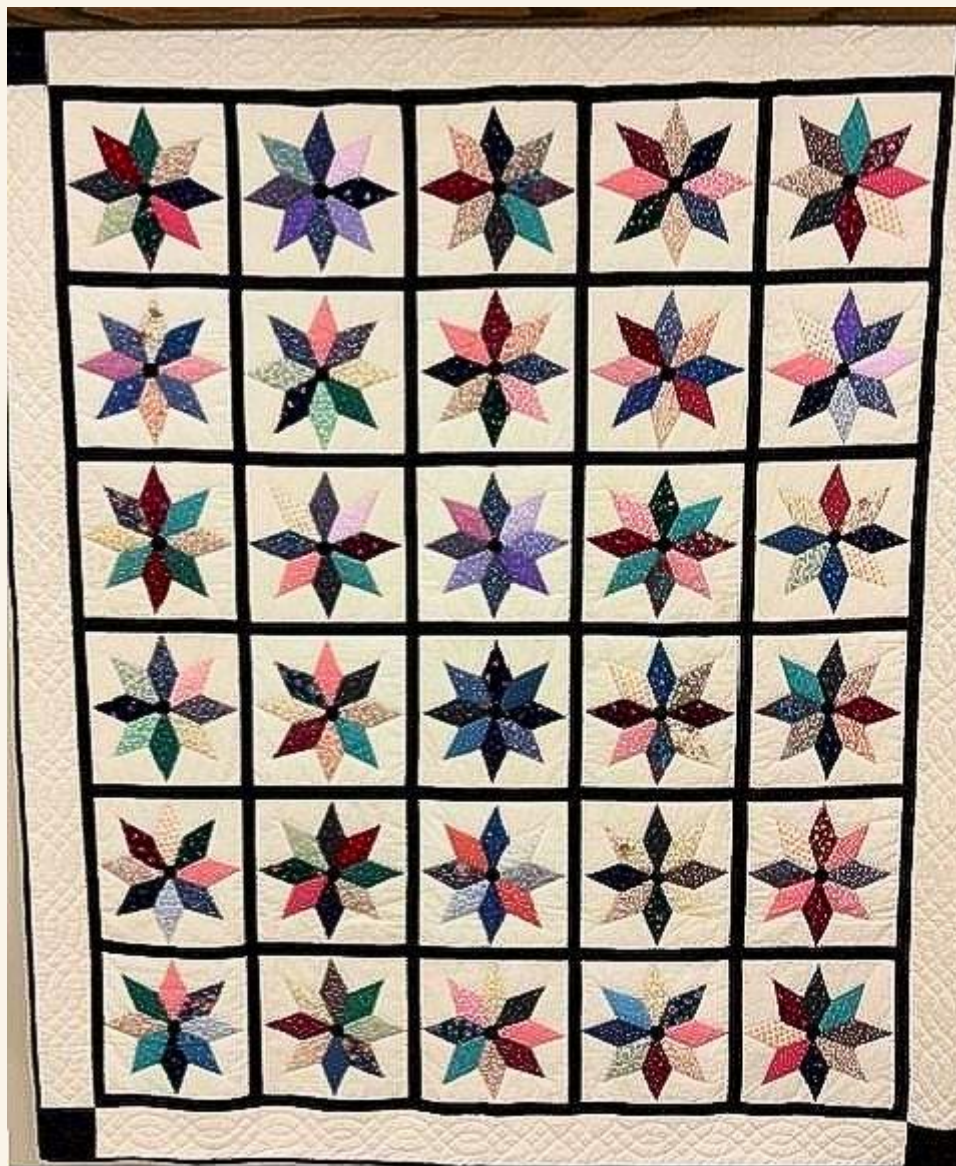
On May 5, 2026, the quilting group from Saving Grace Lutheran Church in Queen Creek, Arizona invited the Orphan Grain Train Phoenix Branch to their quilting meeting. After hearing the OGT story, these ladies donated twenty lovely, hand-made quilts. These quilts will be delivered to a new location on the Navajo Nation in Rock Point, AZ on June 11.

Thank you, Saving Grace Lutheran Church quilters for the invitation to come share

**about Orphan Grain Train and for the
beautiful quilts you made and asked OGT
to share with others.**

Q U I L T

OF THE WEEK



Quilt #26

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.

Additional News / Updates

Adopt-an-Orphanage

God is opening doors for us in Ukraine! We are working closely with Alla Vasylieva & Bible Orphan Ministry to provide funding for ten current institutions. The Korosten Orphanage is located north of Zhytomyr, near Belarus. There are usually around 40 children there from birth to 18-yrs-old. According to local authorities, this orphanage allocates funds for only 25 children. The rest of the funds must be

found by the orphanage, & it is considered a very poor orphanage.

We are looking for supporters for this orphanage.

Please prayerfully consider providing support by donating \$3,400 per year. Donations can be sent annually, quarterly, or monthly. We also ask you to pray for Alla, her team, & these orphans.

For more information email Paul Leckband

pleckband@ogt.org or call: 402-992-0578.

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.

Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12, 2026, is Orphan Grain Train's National Convention. Registration for this event is happening now. Go to www.ogt.org to sign up online or print off the registration form to mail to Norfolk.



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN CONVENTION 2026

SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 2026

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ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN NORFOLK SERVANT CENTER

&

MIDTOWN EVENT CENTER

NORFOLK, NEBRASKA



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 4:00** Opening of Convention
- Ysleta Mariachi Band from Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas
 - Karla Gonzalez - Interim Executive Director of Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso
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- 5:00** Three-Quilt Spotlight Auction Break
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- 5:15** Dinner - Paul's Paellas from San Diego
- Introduction by Paul Dimech
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- 6:15** Bar open
- Three Quilt Spotlight Auction Break
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- 6:30** A conversation with Rev. Ray S. Wilke
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- 7:30** Three Quilt Spotlight Auction Break
- Silent Auction Final Bids and Three-Quilt Auction Winners
 - Proceed to Checkout and Pickup your Treasures
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- 8:00** Concordia Seward Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 7:45** Doors open at Midtown Event Center
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- 8:30** Opening Service
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- 8:50** Toi Carter/Pastor Manning - New Orleans
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- 9:30** North Carolina Disaster Recovery
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- 10:15** Break
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- 10:30** Dr. Pieper or Hyannis Connection/ Jamaica Water Demonstration
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- 11:00** Alla of Bible Orphan Ministry in Ukraine/Kirk and Brian Rosin

12:00 TO FAIR WELL

Finish up speakers/lunch served either as sit-down for conversation or to-go boxes offered



QUILT AUCTION

Orphan Grain Train will once again have a quilt auction. This year, twelve quilts will be juried by three professional quilters and auctioned Friday evening. We are asking that all quilts donated be new, stitched, not tied and of good quality. Since space is limited, only one quilt will be accepted from each donor or organization. There is no set size or quilt style. ALL quilts have to be received at the home office in Norfolk, NE before **August 1, 2026** and clearly marked "For Quilt Auction." If you have any questions, please contact Kamryn at (402) 371-7393



LODGING: SPECIAL PRICE LODGING OPTIONS

Please mention that you are with Orphan Grain Train, tax not included with price.

Norfolk LODGE
A LODGE

King or 2 Queen \$123.00
(402) 379-3833
4200 W. Norfolk Ave.

Holiday Inn

King or 2 Queen
\$149.00
(402) 379-1524
920 S. 20 St.

Hampton Inn

King or 2 Queen
\$129.00
(402) 379-3585
904 S. 20 St.

Fairfield
BY MARRIOTT

King or 2 Queen
(402) 370-2244
1302 Cyhawk Loop



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NORFOLK VISITOR CENTER

<https://visitorsnorfolkne.com/home/places-to-stay/>



Weekly Devotion



By Paul Leckband

Orphan Grain Train, Director of Spiritual

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and

revelation, so that you may know Him better.

Ephesians 1:17

(Jesus) said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: ‘The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.’ “You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what My Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Luke 24:44-49

Knowing God: We know that we are saved by “heart” faith, not “head” faith. But “head” faith is important, too. How do we know about God? How do we learn about who He is? What He is all about? What His will is for our lives?

It’s by the work of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised to His disciples as He was preparing to ascend into heaven. The Holy Spirit teaches us, too. He uses the Word, the Bible, to teach us about God. “(Jesus) opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.” Apparently, those first disciples still struggled to understand what Jesus was all about—why He came and what He had done and what He had

called them to do. In a mere ten days the Holy Spirit would come upon them on the first Pentecost Sunday.

The Holy Spirit still uses God's Word today to inform us. The Spirit unlocks Scripture for us, that we may grow in our love for Jesus and to grow in our knowledge of Him and His will for our lives. And that is why it's so important for us to continue in His Word!

We pray, Holy Spirit, that You would use Holy Scripture to cause us to grow in our love for and knowledge of Jesus our Savior, and also His will for our lives. We pray in His name. Amen.



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