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Young Volunteers / OGT Lincoln













Ten campers from Trinity Lutheran Church along with leader, Mrs. Sheila Ziems visited Orphan Grain Train Lincoln on June 10th. The group made Mercy Meals and hygiene kits. They packed food bags for local veterans and packed clothes into OGT boxes for future shipments. Thank you, Trinity Lutheran students for spending the afternoon with OGT Lincoln and accomplishing so much. Thank you, Mrs. Ziems for leading

this joyful group of students.

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful
in prayer.**

Romans 12:12

OGT Adopt-An-Orphanage



This is a letter that was recently sent to Orphan Grain Train from Alla of Bible Orphan Ministry. OGT with the support of donors is actively involved in assisting nine orphanages in Ukraine with the Adopt-An-Orphanage program. There is a

hope for adding more orphanages. OGT also sends regular containers of aid to Bible Orphan Ministry in addition to other recipients in Ukraine.

Dear Paul,

I hope you are doing well!

Beside visiting kids in orphanages, providing aid, we're currently getting ready for summer camp. Please, keep us in prayers!

Here is an update on the electricity supply project in Korosten. It has been spent 72251,48 uah (\$1680,2) from \$2500. The remaining funds will be used to pay for the electricity connection. During the war, all of us in Ukraine have come to truly appreciate the value of simple things... Electricity. Heat. The ability to live a normal life... Due to constant power outages, Korosten facility faced serious difficulties. Korosten is shelled every day and every night! And when the power go out —it's not just an

inconvenience. It's children left in the dark. It's a kitchen where it's impossible to prepare hot meals. It's lessons in the dark by candlelight and anxiety instead of a sense of security.

Thanks to the support of OGT, we were able to help with an inverter and a battery—items that absolutely essential in wartime! Now the children will have electricity when it's dark outside. The cooks will be able to prepare hot meals for the children. The kids will be able to do their homework during the short days not by candlelight, but in more comfortable conditions. And most importantly—at least a little more stability and peace of mind during these difficult times. For the children, this means warmth, care, and the feeling that someone is looking out for them.

We sincerely thank Orphan Grain Train for providing these invaluable items!!! Projects like this require significant funding, and without your support, they simply

would not be possible! It is thanks to you that light has come to this children's facility—both literally and in a much deeper sense of the word!

Thank you very much for caring about the children of Ukraine alongside us!!! May the Lord richly bless everyone who participated in this vital project!!! 🙏

May God richly bless you!

Alla



Adopt-An-Orphanage Ukraine:

Orphan Grain Train recently added orphanages to the Adopt-an-Orphanage program which is now supporting nine institutions in Ukraine, all of which are suffering great hardships because of the ongoing war.

Nadiya Orphanage

We've newly added the Nadiya Orphanage in the village of Mokrets. It currently houses children, ages 3-14, but can accommodate up to 40 children. The conditions are those of an old kindergarten building.

Volyn Regional Center

We've newly added the Volyn Regional Center in Kovel, which is operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine. It constantly houses 30-40 children, ages 3-18. These are children who find themselves in difficult circumstances: orphans, children deprived of parental care, children who have been subjected to various forms of violence.

Zhytomyr Orphanage

The Zhytomyr Orphanage houses 40 children, ages 5-8 years old.

Nova Borova Orphanage

Nova Borova Orphanage is located about 50 miles north of Zhytomyr. This orphanage houses 70 girls, ages 6-30. These are extreme special-needs cases, many suffering from cerebral palsy or Downs Syndrome, many who are completely bedridden. The director has been told to expect a 45% cut in their budget for this year, & next year 20 boys will be transferred to this facility.

Doneshi Orphanage

Doneshi Orphanage is located about 50 miles west & south of Zhytomyr. This institution houses 80+ special needs children, ages 6-12. Many suffer from autism, speech impediments, or other disabilities. Government regulations are nearly impossible for them to meet.

Kmitiv Orphanage

Kmitiv Orphanage houses 80 children, ages 6-16 and has great needs.

The support we give to our mission partners in Ukraine enables them to provide Gospel outreach & deliver

humanitarian aid. If you would like more information or might be interested in supporting this institution, please contact Paul Leckband.

Email: pleckband@ogt.org.

Call: 402-992-0578.

OGT Norfolk / Republic of Georgia

Orphan Grain Train Norfolk's February shipment to the Republic of Georgia arrived safely and the recipients at the International Charity Foundation sent back photos of their many distribution events.



An elderly man who was in need of a walker received one. He was very happy to finally have a tool to assist him in movement.



Young athletes were thrilled to receive sportswear for their youth soccer team in Khabume village.





A partnering organization "Toliskuri" organized a humanitarian event in the village of Torsa, distributing essential aid to support local residents and strengthen the community. Another event like this was held in the village of Kheta. These large-scale distribution events bring many people together to receive needed assistance and supplies.

Thank you, to all the OGT volunteers who prepared this shipment of goods so that people across the world could be blessed by this abundance.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 5:6 NIV

OGT Castle Rock / Latvia





On June 17, 2026, eleven Orphan Grain Train Castle Rock volunteers loaded 1,239 boxes of clothing, 107 pieces of medical equipment, and 13 bicycles into a container headed to Latvia. Not pictured are Erica Clark and Kelly Head. Thank you to all the other OGT volunteers who collect and sort the clothing, plus pack the boxes making shipments like this possible. We pray that these goods make life in Latvia better. Thanks be to God!

**The Lord is my light and salvation-whom shall
I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life-of
whom shall I be afraid?**

Psalm 27:1 NIV

OGT Houston / Domestic



**In May, Orphan Grain Train Houston delivered items to
Legacy Ranch Kids, Armand Bayou Elementary School,
Anchor Point and Lord of the Streets. Sleeping mats,
clothing, hygiene kits and childcare kits were shared with**

agencies and organizations that are involved with helping children in foster care, people without homes and people in difficult financial situations. Thank you, Houston volunteers for seeing the need in your community and going alongside other agencies to help support their mission.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Romans 12: 9-10 NIV

OGT Michigan / Latvia









This is what can be accomplished when youth come together as volunteers, neighbors, relatives, and friends to serve others. With teamwork, enthusiasm, and a shared purpose, these dedicated young people helped load a 40-foot container of humanitarian aid for Latvia through Orphan

Grain Train Michigan. Boxes of blankets, linens, clothing, hygiene supplies, and school kits quickly filled the container, which is now on its way to the port in Riga, Latvia, and ultimately to the Latvian Red Cross. Thank you to the Michigan volunteers for the energy, hard work, and positive spirit you brought to completing this shipment on a summer day. Your efforts will make a meaningful difference in the lives of many people across the world. Well done!

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6 NIV

OGT Michigan / Romania



Orphan Grain Train Michigan received word that their April shipment to Romania arrived safely, and a crew of men unpacked it in the evening. The shipment contained 45 boxes of Mercy Meals, hygiene kits and supplies, clothing for men, women and children, blankets, medical equipment and toys. It is a magnificent gathering of people who volunteer their time and energy to pack and load a truckload of goods. It is also remarkable that at the receiving end there are people who unpack and distribute the items to people in need.

The whole earth is filled with awe at Your

wonders; where morning dawns, where
evening fades, You call forth songs of joy.

Psalm 65:8 NIV

St. Peter's Lutheran School / OGT Missouri - Illinois







Kindergarten and first grade students from St. Peter's Lutheran School in Arlington Heights, Illinois recently put together 51 hygiene kits that were shared with Orphan Grain Train Missouri-Illinois branch in St. Louis. Kristin Drake, a kindergarten teacher at the school was able to organize this event by using money from a Thrivent grant and the school's first quarter chapel offering. OGT field worker, Pete Gnan, visited the school in the fall and shared about OGT during the weekly chapel. Gnan's children graduated from St. Peter's. Thank you, students for the care you put into each well-

folded hygiene bundle. Thank you, Kristin for gathering the funds and supplies for this event and then leading this activity. Thank you, for praying over each kit as they will go out and be shared with people in need.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

NE Cornhusker Girls' State / OGT Lincoln





Nebraska Cornhusker Girls' State learned about Orphan Grain Train and Mercy Meals on June 3 on UNL campus. They

packed over 23,000 rice and vegetable meals as part of a service project. Eight volunteers from OGT-Lincoln facilitated the event. Thank you, ladies, for spending your day at OGT Lincoln and volunteering your time to make meals for others.

OGT Houston / Domestic



Orphan Grain Train Milbank had a presence at the South Dakota State LWML convention in Rapid City on June 5 and

6. The delegates voted in favor of a grant for 5,000 dollars to make some improvements at the Milbank collection center building. Milbank will start with a new water heater to replace the one that was leaking. Nineteen quilts were given to OGT Milbank at the convention. OGT Milbank was able to get them to the Pine Ridge reservation right from the convention via an LWML member who is involved with the reservation. Thank you, to the delegates who voted in favor of support to OGT Milbank for building improvements. That is such an encouragement to the volunteers who regularly spend time in the building. Thank you, to whomever brought in the nine quilts to be shared.

We love because He first loved us.

I John 4:19

Lutheran Women in Mission / Mid-South





The Mid-South Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) convention met in Springdale/Fayetteville, Arkansas from June 12-14, 2026. Orphan Grain Train's Pete Gnan, field work director, attended the convention. Two hundred women were in attendance. Thank you, women of LWML for all you do in sharing the love of Christ as you carry out His mission.

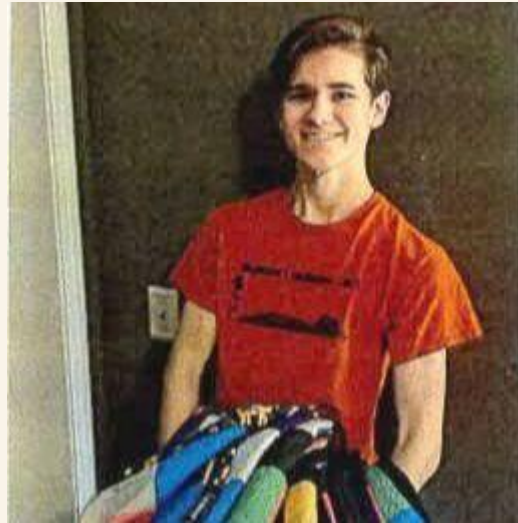
Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His

face always.

Chronicles 16:11 NIV

Q U I L T

OF THE WEEK



Quilt #31

Do you recognize this quilt?

*This quilt was one of ten beautiful 36" x 36" quilts
made by volunteers at Beautiful Savior Lutheran*

Church in Olathe, Kansas. George Deloncy was part of this venture of quilt making. He is seen here holding a few of the quilts that were put together, boxed up and sent to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk.

Every quilt has a story. Many beautiful and unique quilts are shared with Orphan Grain Train. If you recognize a quilt and know it's story, please send the information to ogt.org. 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.

Announcements

OGT Lincoln



2026 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Charity Event
Save the Date

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

WOODLAND HILLS GOLF COURSE
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2026 Drought

In Need of Hay for New Mexico

Las Vegas, New Mexico, is currently facing severe to exceptional drought conditions, exacerbated by historically low snowpack and lingering watershed damage from the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon fires. Approximately 94% of the state is under drought, with the Rio Gallinas—the city's primary water source—facing critical flow shortages. We received a phone call from Las Vegas asking if we could send hay. The ranches are small, but the forage available to feed the cattle is depleted. If you have hay available to donate, please contact Orphan Grain Train Norfolk @ 402-371-7393. ask for Kamryn or kgreen@ogt.org. This hay would be going to New Mexico, not to western Nebraska.

Orphan Grain Train Convention 2026

**Orphan Grain Train
2026 National Convention**

Friday, September 11 - Saturday, September 12, 2026

Registration for the 2026 OGT Convention is currently open.

**Please register now by visiting www.ogt.org to sign up online
or print off the registration form and mail to:**

Orphan Grain Train

PO Box 1466

Norfolk, NE 68702-1466



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SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 2026

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
- 5:00** Three-Quilt Spotlight Auction Break
- 5:15** Dinner – Paul's Paellas from San Diego
- Introduction by Paul Dimech
- 6:15** Bar open
- Three Quilt Spotlight Auction Break
- 6:30** A conversation with Rev. Ray S. Wilke
- 7:30** Three Quilt Spotlight Auction Break
- Silent Auction Final Bids and Three-Quilt Auction Winners
 - Proceed to Checkout and Pickup your Treasures
- 8:00** Concordia Seward Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 7:45** Doors open at Midtown Event Center
- 8:30** Opening Service
- 8:50** Toi Carter/Pastor Manning – New Orleans
- 9:30** North Carolina Disaster Recovery
- 10:15** Break
- 10:30** Dr. Pieper or Hyannis Connection/Jamaica Water Demonstration
- 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



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Weekly Devotion



By Paul Leckband

Orphan Grain Train, Director of Spiritual Correspondence

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a large crowd went along with Him. As He approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, His heart went out to her and He said, “Don’t cry.” Then He went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, “Young

man, I say to you, get up!” The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave Him back to His mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help His people.” The news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country. (Luke 7:11-17)

Widows: God has a special place in His heart for widows. In this week’s reading, Jesus has pity on the “widow” from “Nain” and raises her “son” from the dead. This is especially significant, because there was no social net for widows in Jesus’ day. They depended on their children to support them. Since the “dead person” was “the only son of his mother, and she was a widow,” his death meant that she would be left destitute. By delivering her “son,” Jesus was delivering her. And remember how Elijah raised the “widow of Zarepath’s” son from the dead. [See 1 Kings 17:17-24.]

In Psalm 68:5, the psalmist writes, “A Father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling.” And the

Old Testament prophet Malachi speaks of God's harsh judgment against those who "oppress widows and the fatherless." (Mal. 3:5) The Lord says, "I will come near to you in judgment . . . "

Orphan Grain Train takes seriously our mission to provide relief for the destitute, and that includes widows and orphans. After all, Jesus promised, "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." (John 14:18)

Bless our ministry to the destitute, Lord, to widows and orphans. Amen.



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