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Orphan Grain Train Convention 2026

To God be the Glory!



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Orphan Grain Train partners with Hope and Care Outreach in Liberia. Here is a recent post from Hope and Care Outreach:

"Today was a busy and blessed day at HCC. The Orphan Grain Train container arrived, bringing with it hundreds of cartons filled

with clothing, blankets, medical supplies, and bicycles. The children at Hope Homes won't need even a fraction of these generous donations, which means HCC has been blessed to be a blessing to others.

In the near future, members of our communities, staff, clinic patients, and church families in need will receive these gifts at no cost, all because of the love of Jesus. The kids cannot wait to share."

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Click on photo above for video of OGT shipment to Romania being unloaded at Foundation for the Blind

Orphan Grain Train Norfolk's container to Romania arrived at Foundation for the Blind in Suceava, Romania. The shipment contained church pews, clothing, bicycles, braille Bibles, medical equipment and 132 boxes of Mercy Meals. Thank

you, to the OGT Norfolk volunteers who sorted, packed and loaded this shipment in May so that it could be shared in July.

*"With God's help, the shipment arrived to us, in very good condition. Peace to you!" -
Boghian Ghiorghita of Foundation for the Blind.*

OGT Indiana / Peru



It was a hot July day in Jonesville, Indiana, but that didn't deter three men from Pete's Trenching of Seymour and three Orphan Grain Train Indiana volunteers. Together, the six men loaded 1,344 boxes of clothing and shoes to be shipped to Peru. Thank you, Lord for great volunteers - serving others and still smiling after loading over a thousand boxes!

Let us not become weary in doing good,

**for at the proper time we will reap a
harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as
we have opportunity, let us do good to all
people, especially to those who belong to
the family of believers.**

Galatians 6:9-10 NIV

OGT Houston







Orphan Grain Train Houston has been incredibly busy this summer as so many new volunteers have come to the Servant Center to sort and pack. Thank you, to everyone who has spent time sorting through clothes, taping up boxes, packing boxes or putting together kits. OGT is a Christian

volunteer network. and every person who spends time at one of the locations volunteering is valuable to our Christ-mission. Your presence encourages all of us and ultimately helps us bring shipments and aid to people in need. Thank you!

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

Wecota, SD Volunteers / OGT Milbank



For the last six years, these four women from Wecota, SD have been volunteering and serving for a day at Orphan Grain Train Milbank Collection Center. These women also brought 45 quilts with them this year! What an enjoyable day! Thank you, ladies for making this a yearly activity for the last six years.

May the God Who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ

Jesus.

Romans 15:5 NIV

OGT / Louisiana







Orphan Grain Train continues to support food insecurity relief efforts in Louisiana. We are working with Toi Carter of Louisiana Just Recovery Network. The food security group has been working together to prepare food to go out to 800 families' communities in need across Southern Louisiana. The food will go out to communities that LJR has worked with since Hurricane Ida. LJR helps with the logistics of receiving food and coordinating people coming together. The

food is going to rural communities in Plaquemines Parish, St Charles, St John, St James, and Ascension Parish as well as urban communities in New Orleans and Baton Rouge - each experiencing lack of access to healthy foods for different types of reason.

Toi shared that this Food Group includes some staff of non-profits who are working overtime to get these supplies together, but most are volunteers coming together - in the spirit of service and Jesus's love - to prepare this food. The volunteers come together from across Southern LA, but many are also from other places around the world including republic of Vanuatu, Haiti, Ghana, and Cameroon.

"Our work since April was to break down 1600 lbs. of rice and 800 lbs. of dried beans into individual units. We held four different volunteer days to accomplish this. We've learned along the way, shifting our technique from vacuum sealing

to the mildly heated levers that seal bags.

Volunteers have been sent by all of the organizations in our member network and have ranged from 8 people to a recent group of 20 youth and adults from the Rural Roots summer camp - who got us through the last 400 lbs. of beans!" - Toi

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

Isaiah 58:10 NIV

OGT Lincoln / Ukraine





Orphan Grain Train Lincoln loaded their second shipment for Ukraine on Friday, July 10th. Medical supplies and equipment, winter clothing and shoes, and blankets and quilts were included on this load. In addition, 172 boxes of Mercy Meals and 26 boxes of Mercy Meals beans and rice were packed on as well. Thank you, to all the volunteers who made this shipment a reality.

Taste and see that the LORD is good;

Psalm 34:8 NIV

OGT / Adopt an Orphanage Ukraine



Alla from Bible Orphan Ministry in Ukraine sent photos and a "thank you" to Orphan Grain Train supporters of Adopt an Orphanage Ukraine.

Thank you so much for your generous support!

Thanks to OGT the children at the orphanage in Zhytomyr received hygiene supplies that not only helped them but also made them feel loved and cared for. Your support turns into happy smiles and care for the children. Thank you so much for the hygiene supplies and for showing your love in action! May the Lord bless you abundantly! - Alla

OGT Ohio / Children's Lantern



Children's Lantern in Defiance, Ohio is a Christian charity organization that serves foster children and parents. They recently put out a request for twin mattresses.

Orphan Grain Train Ohio saw the request and responded by presenting the agency with money to purchase new mattresses.

Photo: The board members of Ohio Orphan Grain Train and the staff at Children's Lantern. Both, doing amazing work by serving God's people!

Clearpoint Church Volunteers / OGT Houston









Orphan Grain Train Houston continues to be incredibly active with visitors and volunteers this summer. Clearpoint Church, Pasadena across the Beltway from OGT Houston, shuttled a group of 13 youth to tour, work, and learn about the ministry. During his morning devotion with the young volunteers,

Clearpoint Church youth Pastor, Maverick, said, "It shouldn't be a one-time scheduled event but a life of service whenever and wherever there is a need." Amen! Thank you, Clearpoint Church youth and Maverick for spending your day with OGT Houston.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 NIV

Minnesota Volunteers / OGT Norfolk



On Monday, July 13, nine 12–14-year-old students from Trinity Lutheran Church in Mountain Lake and Alpha, MN stepped into the doors of the Orphan Grain Train Servant Center in Norfolk. They have been making this trip for many years, and they came to work. Despite the heat, this group wanted to unload trucks. They were led by Pastor Rick Bremseth and youth leader, Amy Pankratz. They unloaded several trucks, restacked and palletized boxes, sorted

bunkers, and packed boxes. At the end of the day, seven pallets had been completed and several bunkers - all ready to be added to the inventory for shipping. What a great team! Thank you, for your great attitudes and fierce work ethic.

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

Matthew 5:6 NIV

Kiwanis Club / OGT Lincoln



Members of the Lincoln Northeast Kiwanis Club recently held their weekly meeting at the Orphan Grain Train Lincoln warehouse. Kathy Carter gave a presentation on the history and activities of OGT and the Lincoln Branch. Kathy also provided a tour of the OGT Lincoln facility. The Club has been a consistent financial supporter of OGT Lincoln. Several members expressed interest in volunteering for the organization. Thank you, members of Lincoln Northeast

Kiwanis Club for choosing to meet at the OGT Lincoln branch for your meeting. Thank you, also for your financial support of this branch.

**The disciples went and woke him, saying,
“Master, Master, we’re going to drown!”
He got up and rebuked the wind and the
raging waters; the storm subsided, and all
was calm.**

Luke 8:24 NIV

21st Century Lions Club / OGT Lincoln



Four members of the Lincoln 21st Century Lions Club recently came to Orphan Grain Train Lincoln and packaged 2,376 rice and beans Mercy Meals which will be delivered to local food programs. The Club also prepared ten hygiene kits and made a generous contribution to the cost of the Mercy Meals. The Lions Club volunteers at OGT Lincoln monthly.

Thank you, Lincoln 21st Century Lions Club members for
your dedication and generosity.

Q U I L T

OF THE WEEK



Quilt

#36

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.

OGT Lincoln

If you are in the Lincoln, NE area on July 30, 2026, please consider dinner at Panera while they support Orphan Grain Train Lincoln from 4 - 8pm. Thank you, Panera of Lincoln!

RAISE SOME DOUGH

Help support us!

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OGT / Adopt-an-Orphanage

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 2026 National Convention



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN CONVENTION 2026

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
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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



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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

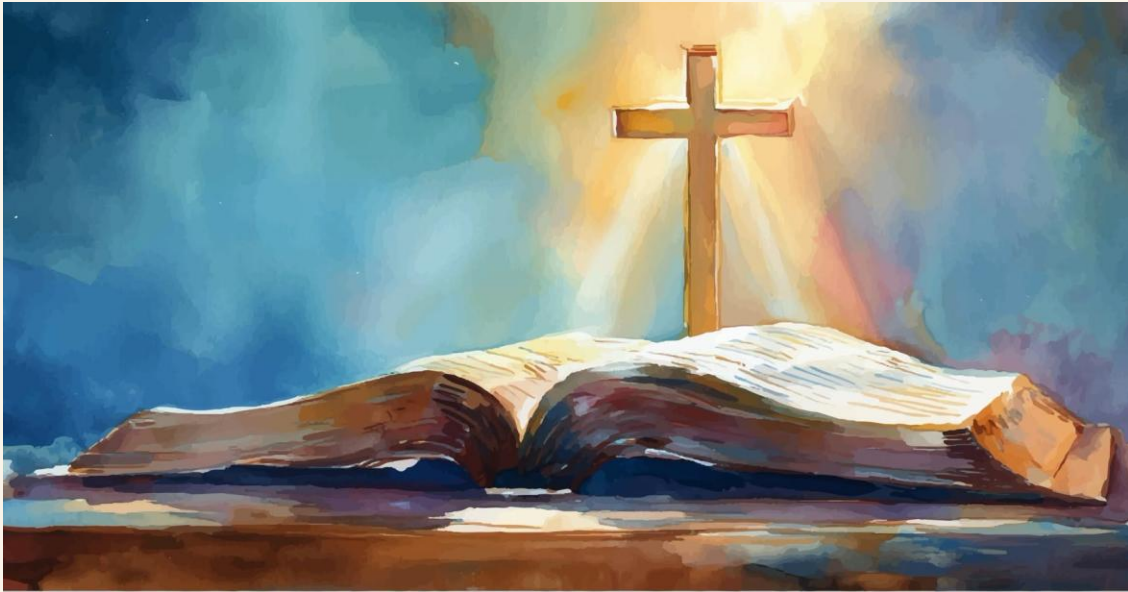
or print off the registration form and mail to:

Orphan Grain Train

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Weekly Devotion



By Paul Leckband

Orphan Grain Train, Director of Spiritual Correspondence

Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. (Deut. 30:11-14)

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs

sinner in His ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. (Psalm 25:8-10)

Where to Find Truth: One of the marks of a false teacher and one of the marks of a cult is the issue of secrets. Almost always, a false teacher will claim that mysteries have been revealed only to him. If you follow him, he will reveal those mysteries to you. So, are there mysteries that have only been revealed to certain men and women?

The answer is “No!” The people of Israel wondered how they could know what the “(Lord was) commanding (them) today . . . “He told them that “His commands and decrees . . . are written in the Book of the Law.” (Deuteronomy 30:10b) He’s talking about the Bible. And He also says, “No, the word is very near you.” What is that Word? St. Paul writes, “You have already heard about . . . the word of truth, the Gospel that has come to you.” (Colossians 1:5b - 6a) While God’s ways may seem beyond our comprehension at times, His Word is

**always “very near (us)” today. We find it as the Holy Spirit
guides us through Holy Scripture. Conclusion? Spend time in
the Word!**

**We thank and praise You, Lord, for You
bring Your Word near to us. Amen.**



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