



Orphan Grain Train

Relief for Human Need Worldwide

Orphan Grain Train Convention 2026

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Announcements

OGT Lincoln

**GOLF FOR OTHERS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER
14, 2026!**

**The registration deadline has been extended to
August 15, 2026.**

Sponsorships are available.

**Gather four people and spend your Monday on the
fairway while supporting a worthy cause.**

**Please join others for a golf tournament in Lincoln,
Nebraska on September 14 to support Orphan
Grain Train Lincoln. OGT ships donated food,
clothing, medical supplies and other needed goods
to people suffering from poverty, wars and natural
disasters in the United States and around the
world. OGT Lincoln, one of 27, nationwide, OGT**

**locations has moved into an updated warehouse
and has embarked on a capital campaign to
purchase the building. Please join others and
participate in this golf tournament with a worthy
mission!**



2026 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Charity Event
Save the Date

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

**WOODLAND HILLS GOLF COURSE
6000 WOODLAND HILLS DR. EAGLE, NE**

Lunch provided by Amigo's

Schedule of Events

7:30AM Registration
8:00AM Shotgun Start
Awards Afterwards

Cost to Participate

\$600 Per Foursome
Sponsorships Available

**REGISTER AT WWW.WOODLANDHILLSGOLF.COM
Deadline to Register: August 1, 2026**

✉ ogtlincoln@ogt.org ☎ (531) 269-0586 🌐 www.ogt.org/our-story.com

OGT Wichita / Moldova

Orphan Grain Train Wichita is sending a shipment to Moldova on Wednesday, August 5th, 2026 at 9:00 am.

If you are in the area and available to help load the truck, we could use the help. We welcome anyone wanting to join in the loading of this container to Moldova! Please consider stopping by to help us load this container.

<https://www.ogt.org/branches/wichita/>

Photos are from previous OGT Wichita shipments





OGT Norfolk / 2026 National Convention

Paella! Paul Dimech of Paul's Paellas in San Diego will prepare and serve his delicious and artistic paella on Friday evening, September 11, 2026 at the 2026 OGT National Convention. Please register and join others for good food, good fellowship and updates from domestic and international OGT mission partners.



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



Paul Dimech preparing and serving his artisan paella at a recent OGT Phoenix fundraiser.

**OGT Missouri-Illinois, Churches and LWML
Volunteers Work Together for Lithuania**

An ample array of volunteer helpers ranging from young adult to senior adult levels rolled up their sleeves on July 21st, 2026 to fill a large shipping container destined for needy folks in Lithuania.

Included in the shipment were a large supply of newly handmade blankets and quilts, a huge number of boxes containing fine and varied clothing for people of all ages, health items, school kits, ambulatory equipment and various necessities. Many quilts were made regionally via the LWML in Central Illinois and places in southern Illinois plus eastern Missouri.

Enthusiasm for the shipment resonated through many congregations of the OGT Missouri-Illinois Region. The estimated count of people involved in the project over many months remains incalculable. A prayerful sendoff completed the task, with all praise to God Almighty!

- by Dr. Gerald Perschbacher, Regional Board Member





Pictures trace the initial boxed & prepared items being loaded, and a representative farewell band that finished the final prepping and prayerful blessing upon the shipment. Photos courtesy of regional board members Brad Jackson & Keith Scherer.

OGT Ohio / Domestic Aid / North Carolina



Orphan Grain Train Ohio rented a U-Haul truck to transport furniture, bedding, household items and clothing. Saturday, July 25th, the truck will arrive in Burnsville for the free

giveaway of items to families who are finally able to move back into their homes. In September of 2024, Hurricane Helene devastated the area causing landslides, flooding and destruction of homes. Thank you, OGT Ohio volunteers for making another trip to this area. This is one of many truckloads that you have taken to the storm hit region of North Carolina.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 12: 1 NIV

Inwood Iowa Volunteers / OGT Norfolk



Carol and Mace VanDeStroet and daughters Jamie and Kara took a road trip from Inwood, Iowa to Norfolk, Nebraska. They brought a truck load of very well put together items: 53 feminine kits, over 400 hygiene bags and pencil bags, specially sewn skirts and clothing and back packs. Mace helped Carol cut the fabric for the bags and Carol sewed them. The feminine kits were put together by Sewing for Mission, a group of women from different churches who meet

once a month. Betty Hagedorn gathered the clothing and backpacks and the VanDeStroets delivered them to Norfolk. The group of four then toured the Norfolk Servant Center and OGT Headquarters. People in need will be blessed by the volunteers who gave of their time and talents! It was blessing to visit the VanDeStroet family who made this trip to OGT Norfolk!

Mt. Calvary Lutheran, Huron, SD / OGT Norfolk



Sherri and Robert Blaseg from Huron, SD pulled their "toy hauler" RV full of 213 OGT filled boxes and quilts to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk on Friday. The boxed items were put

together by Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Huron, SD. Thank you, members of Mt. Calvary for gathering and sorting all of these items. Thank you, Sherri and Robert for delivering them to OGT Norfolk.

OGT Phoenix / Arizona



On Saturday, July 25, Orphan Grain Train Phoenix Branch created an assembly line and made 130 hygiene kits. All of the supplies for the kits were donated. The owner of several B&B's donates gently used towels and wash clothes to OGT Wichita twice a year when he replaces the old for new. These

hygiene kits will be shared with homeless groups and food banks in the Arizona area. Thank you, OGT Phoenix volunteers for gathering and putting these "much needed" kits together. Thank you, to the owner of the B&B's that shares the gently used towels with OGT Phoenix.

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Luke 6:28 NIV

OGT New England / Republic of Georgia



Orphan Grain Train New England Announces Shipment:
Great trucker, great crew, done in 2 hours. Over 160K pounds
loaded. Thanks be to God for the donations and the
volunteers. We pray for a successful ocean transport to help
the people in the Republic of Georgia.

Volunteers for the Orphan Grain Train's (OGT) New England
Branch, a charity located at 33 South Main St. in Terryville,

Ct., loaded a 40-foot container of needed items for the Republic of Georgia on July 27, 2026. OGT has the use of a warehouse in Terryville that is owned by Mr. Bill Allread, who has made space available for this charitable work.

The Georgian shipment was sent to a Mission, The International Charity Fund, working with people with disabilities, families, and with refugees from both Republic of Georgia and Ukraine. The over 14,500 pounds of items loaded were valued at over \$160,000. Included were nearly 1,300 boxes and items of men's, women's, children and infant clothing, blankets, quilts, linens, shoes, coats, diapers, hygiene kits and school kits and medical items like walkers, crutches, canes, toilet risers and shower chairs. Also included were 97 handmade quilts from Immanuel Lutheran of Danbury's women's group. The container was taken to a port to be loaded on a ship for transport overseas.

Other shipments have gone to missions in a number of

countries e.g. Liberia, Nicaragua, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Lithuania, Latvia, Nepal, the Philippines, Trinidad, Panama, Ghana, Venezuela and Peru, as well as Appalachia and hurricane relief for Puerto Rico, Florida and North Carolina. The Branch also helps those locally in New England, giving out many hundreds of medical items so far this year to individuals in need and thru the visiting nurse and hospice care organizations of the area. It has also helped with a shipment to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission.

The effort is an Outreach Ministry of the Lutheran Church, and OGT is a 501(3)(C) charity affiliated with the church and supported locally by Holy Trinity Lutheran in Terryville and Immanuel Lutheran in Bristol and is open to all who want to help others. For more information, please call Holy Trinity at 860-582-0723 and/or check out the ogt.org website.

OGT Wisconsin / Peru



On Wednesday, July 22, 2024, Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin loaded a container for Peru. Twenty-two boxes of Kids Against Hunger fortified meals and almost 4,000 pounds of canned and dry food are in this load. More than 100 boxes of diapers, hygiene supplies and kits and linens and blankets were loaded on Wednesday. The school kits and school supplies, along with teacher kits will be shared with students and teachers alike. In addition, there is clothing for men, women and children, medical equipment and many boxes of

toys. Thank you, OGT Wisconsin volunteers for organizing this load and then showing up on Wednesday to make it happen.

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

LWML North Dakota / OGT North Dakota

LWML CONVENTION SUPPORTS OGT ND

The Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) North Dakota District gathered in Devils Lake for their annual convention in June, where women from across the state came together in fellowship and service. As part of the convention, attendees held a supply drive for Orphan Grain Train North Dakota and assembled 269 hygiene kits to help meet the needs of people around the world.



In addition to the completed kits, convention attendees donated 2,850 additional hygiene items for future kits.

Supplies donated included:

- Bath towels: 276
- Wash cloths: 451
- Bars of soap: 423
- Soap box holders: 262
- Combs: 246
- Nail clippers: 286
- Toothbrushes: 319
- Band-Aids: 3,663
- Facial tissues: 660



We are incredibly grateful for the generosity and servant hearts of the LWML women. Their gifts of time, supplies, and compassion will bring comfort, dignity, and hope to people facing difficult circumstances across the globe.

Thank you for partnering with Orphan Grain Train North Dakota to share Christ's love in such a tangible way.

Q U I L T

OF THE WEEK



Quilt #37

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.

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.

OGT Adopt-an-Orphanage

Adopt-an-Orphanage Ukraine:

OGT's Adopt-an-Orphanage ministry is now working to support 10 orphanages & other institutions in Ukraine. These include the Pugachivka Mental Institution, which houses 90 ladies with special needs, age 35 until end of life; and the Teterivka Orphanage, which houses boys with disabilities.

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 Adopt-an-Orphanage, please contact Paul

Leckband.

Email: pleckband@ogt.org.

Call: 402-992-0578.

OGT Convention 2026



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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
- 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



LODGING: SPECIAL PRICE LODGING OPTIONS

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

Norfolk LODGE
A SLOTTES

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
\$149.00
(402) 379-3585
904 S. 20 St.

Fairfield
BY MARRIOTT

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



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NORALL VISITOR INFORMATION

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



Weekly Devotion



By Paul Leckband

Orphan Grain Train

Director of Spiritual Correspondence

The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried

from the entrance of His tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. He said, “If I have found favor in Your eyes, my Lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you all may wash your feet and rest under the tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that You have come to Your servant. ”Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.” (Genesis 18:1-5)

Eating Together: It is still a custom in the Middle East to offer food to those who come near. It would be considered rude NOT to offer food. This is an ancient custom. And so, Abraham sees “these three men,” and even though they are strangers to him, he says, “Do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed . . . “ One of these men appears to be the Angel of the Lord—the pre-incarnate Christ.

Eating together is a great way to enjoy fellowship. That's why Advent and Lenten suppers are so important at church, as is breakfast after the Easter sunrise service. We took turns bringing snacks to our faculty meetings in the schools where I served as principal, and I found that it helped soften even the most contentious discussions.

The Lord comes to us today and shares a holy meal with us. This meal is the Lord's Supper, where we receive His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine. We receive forgiveness and salvation, and we enter into fellowship with Christ and with all the saints.

**Bless our participation in Your Holy Meal,
O Christ. Amen.**



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