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Pro-Lift Rigging / OGT Phoenix



On Tuesday, August 11, 2026, Jeannie Becker and Jean Weber from the Orphan Grain Train Phoenix Branch presented the OGT story to the employees at Pro-Lift Rigging in Glendale, Arizona. After the presentation the employees presented a check for \$10,000.00 to the Phoenix Branch to cover operational costs. This was an unexpected and welcomed blessing. Pro-Lift Rigging has a purpose: To acknowledge and glorify God by living in submission to Him; through impacting people, stewarding His resources, accomplishing meaningful work, and directing our profits to His redemptive work on earth. In the past, the Glendale location has helped us move steel shelving, paint the sorting room, thoroughly clean the warehouse floors before our fundraiser in November 2025, and provide financial support. We thank them for their support. Thank you, Pro-Lift Rigging for staying focused on your purpose and glorifying God by your actions.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippian 2:4 NIV

Domestic Disaster Update / Western Nebraska

After four days of fencing in Hyannis, Nebraska, the Orphan Grain Train fencing crew made their way home. Tom Rudloff holds up the worn off soles of his boots. DeWayne Erickson quipped that fencing is good for the soul, but not so good for the soles. Beautiful fence. Beautiful scenery. Beautiful Lord, we serve. Thank you again, Mick Onnen, Dave Meyer, Mike Jundt, Tom Rudloff and DeWayne Erickson for saying, "yes" to this trip.



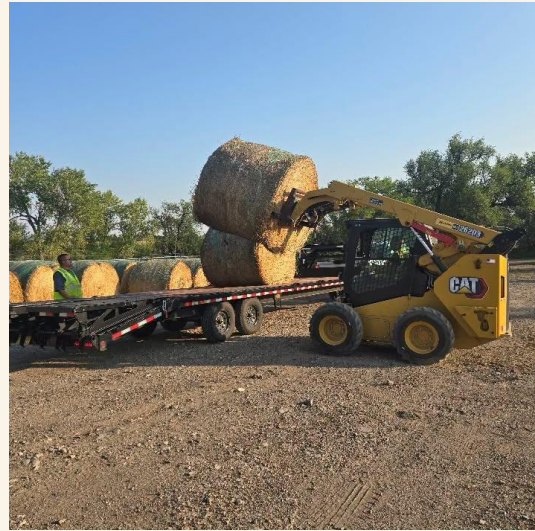
Domestic Disaster Update / Las Vegas, New Mexico



On Wednesday, August 12, 2026 an Orphan Grain Train load of 34 large round bales was distributed to local ranchers in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Las Vegas, New Mexico, is facing urgent needs due to the long-term recovery from the 2022 Hermit's Peak–Calf Canyon wildfire, ongoing water infrastructure damage, and the continued impact of post-fire flooding and drought. Ranchers there are needing hay for their livestock.

Thank you, to Lowell Krieger for trucking this load. Thank you, to Janna Lopez for organizing the distribution. Thank you to local San Miguel and Mora County community volunteers for showing up to load the bales for each recipient.

Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.
Psalm 139:23-24





On Tuesday, August 11, 2026, this group of Orphan Grain Train North Dakota volunteers gathered for a photo after the work was done. They had just completed filling the container that they are standing in front of full of items to be sent to Latvia. Boxes of men's, women's, children's and infant's clothing are part of this load. In addition, there are hygiene supplies and kits. There are more than 70 boxes of blankets and linens. Thank you, Jamestown volunteers for the spirit of joy you show.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 NIV

OGT Wichita / Moldova



On Wednesday, August 5th, this amazing crew of Orphan Grain Train Wichita volunteers loaded a container with over 1,200 boxes of men's, women's and children and infant's clothing. As fall approaches, the many boxes of winter coats and shoes included in the load will be welcomed by the recipients in Moldova. In addition, there are many pieces of medical equipment and blankets and linens. There are also many hygiene, school and layette kits packed into this container. Thank you, Wichita volunteers for showing up in full force to put together this beautiful load.

My God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19 NIV

Volunteers Sort & Pack / OGT Iowa West



This is a special group of people that came and worked at Orphan Grain Train Iowa West Branch on Thursday, August 13. They sorted and packed many boxes. Last week, a group of six people from Charter Oak also came to volunteer and sorted and packed with gusto. Volunteers accomplish great things at OGT. We are most thankful for all that you do at OGT!

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

OGT Norfolk / Romania



Orphan Grain Train Norfolk's container to Romania arrived safely in Suceava. The recipient sent photos of the distribution of items to the people in the community. Four bicycles, 70 boxes of blankets and clothing for men, women and children. Also included on this shipment were 132 boxes of Mercy Meals and diapers.

A letter from the recipient, Boghian Ghiorghita of Charity Foundation for the Blind in Romania:

Our dears,

We are very happy to share with you these pictures of the distribution of packages from transport 2> bicycles, boxes of clothes, medical instruments to help with walking. We also attach a video of the unloading of the packages in a fraternal community with our beneficiaries, where the pastor of the commune says a prayer of thanks for these boxes, for these gifts from you. A prayer of blessing on the people as well as on you who take care of us, repeatedly. Blessings to you and all those who worked on this transport and made it possible for our people to receive these boxes from you.

**Blessings to you,
BOGHIAN GHIORGHITA**







No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.
A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save. But the eyes of the Lord are on
those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver
them from death and keep them alive in famine.
Psalm 33: 16-19 NIV

VBS Volunteers / OGT Ohio





The children from Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township in Ohio joined together for VBS and the offering was to collect items for hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train. The pictures show children and adults sorting and preparing the kits at Zion Lutheran Church. Together, they assembled 50 kits that will be shared with OGT Ohio who will share them with people in need. Thank you, Zion and St. Paul Lutheran students and adults, for gathering the items needed and then assembling them into hygiene kits. The kits can be sent both domestically or internationally and move very quickly in and out of the warehouse. Thank you, for being a part of OGT's mission of helping others in the name of Christ.

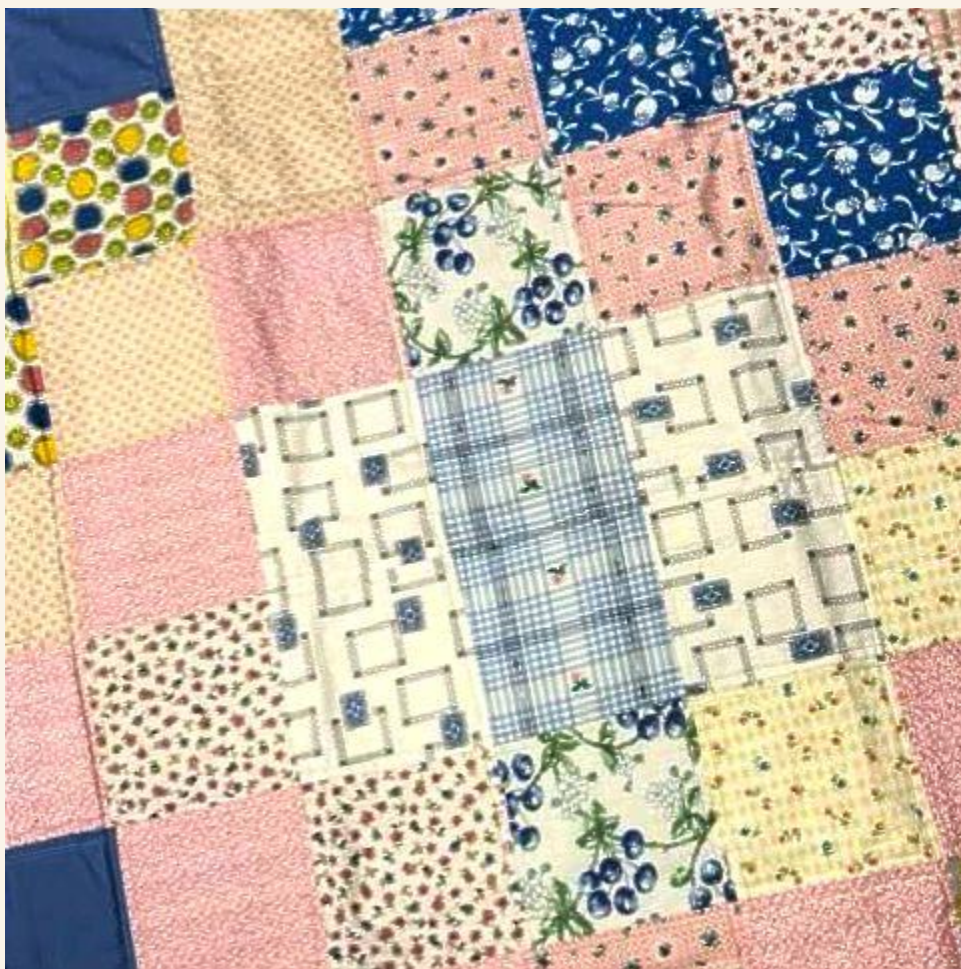
By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me— a prayer to the God of my life.

Psalm 42:8 NIV



This group of students, ages 5 through 16, are members of the Happy Helpers 4-H Club in Olathe, Kansas. The group sewed together the brightly colored quilt and then sent it to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk. What a wonderful way to bring joy to someone else. Thank you, students for this gift. Thank you, also to Beth Matthews of Beautiful Saviour Lutheran Church in Olathe. Beth's pastel quilt that she created was included in the box. Both quilts can be used as either lap quilts or baby blankets.





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

OGT's Adopt-an-Orphanage ministry is now working to support 10 orphanages & other institutions in Ukraine.

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

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:

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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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904 S. 20 St.

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Weekly Devotion



**By Paul Leckband
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Director of Spiritual Correspondence**

[Jesus said], “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks, they can immediately open the door for him . . . It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.”

Luke 12:35-36- 38-40

Preparation: When we visited family in California a few years ago, we traveled to several national parks that were in the vicinity. On our visit to Yosemite

National Park, we saw stark evidence of the Creek fire, one of the most widespread and destructive wildfires in California history. There were countless scorched trees and devastated landscapes; many homes and other buildings that were severely damaged or burned to the ground. As the fire raged, those who were in the path were warned to have their bags packed, ready to flee at a moment's notice. Preparation was the key, often making the difference between life or death.

Jesus warns us, "Be dressed and ready for service . . . "To "keep (our) lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet." He's speaking of the End Times, when He will return, suddenly and unannounced, to judge the living and the dead. Our "lamp" is our faith. We must not be found without faith in Jesus at that time, especially since "the Son of Man will come at an hour when (we) do not expect Him."

Given the condition of this sinful world, it would be easy to lose faith. And it's been over 2,000 years since Jesus made this prophecy! Yet Jesus' promises are always sure and always to be trusted. His promises will come true! He will return on the Last Day, and for those who believe, "It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready" . . . ready by virtue of their faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Holy Jesus, keep us in the true faith unto life everlasting. Amen.



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