



Orphan Grain Train

Relief for Human Need Worldwide

Orphan Grain Train Convention 2026

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Medical Pack Day / OGT Norfolk



MEDICAL PACK DAY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026

NORFOLK SERVANT CENTER

There will be another medical packing day at the Orphan Grain Train Servant Center in Norfolk, Nebraska. On Thursday, August 13, from 1-4 p.m. Orphan Grain Train receives a lot of medical supplies and equipment that need to be sorted and boxed. Some of the items can be sent internationally and some items can be sent only domestically. There will be a short training by one of our experienced medical equipment volunteers. We welcome

volunteers!

For more information call 402-371-7393 and ask for Netti.

OGT Adopt-an-Orphanage / Ukraine



Orphan Grain Train's Adopt-an-Orphanage program is working with Alla Vasylieva of Bible Orphan Ministry in Ukraine. A note from Alla said,

"We purchased food for the Teterivka orphanage. The facility is so poor that the boys were delighted with things like vegetables and cooking oil! We bought flour, oil, sugar, cabbage, cucumbers, and tomatoes. We spent 10372 uah. Renovations on the building's entrance are still underway. Progress is slow because there aren't enough workers—the war has taken many men away, and there's no one left to do the work. That's why the director is doing whatever he can on his own. Please, pray for this orphanage.

-Alla"





OGT Adopt-an-Orphanage

OGT is supporting 10 orphanages & other institutions in Ukraine, via Bible Orphan Ministry. One of those institutions is the Pugachivka Mental Institution, which houses 90 ladies with special needs, ages 35 till death. Another is the Teterivka Orphanage, which houses boys with disabilities.

Are you interested in supporting one of these institutions?
Your gift will help our ministry team do 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.

Volunteers + Thrivent / OGT Lincoln



Nila and Del Koenke wrote a Thrivent action team grant and purchased supplies for 38 school kits which youth assembled at the Orphan Grain Train Lincoln warehouse on

July 31. They also celebrated Nila's 87th Birthday. Thank you, Thrivent for your continued support of action team grants. Thank you, Nila and Del for this wonderful contribution of kits that you gave to OGT Lincoln. Happy birthday!

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

Proverbs 3:1-2 NIV

OGT Norfolk / Philippines





On Tuesday, July 28, Orphan Grain Train's container to the Philippines was loaded with 40 folding tables, 44 waiting room chairs, 75 student chairs, and one church lectern. In addition, pallets of school and hygiene kits, Christmas boxes, peanut butter, and shoes and bags were included. Thirty bicycles, sleeping bags and sleeping mats were squeezed into this load. These kinds of loads are not the easiest to fit together, but the crew of nine men persevered through the heat of the morning. Thank you, to all the men who showed up to fill up this container and send it on its way.

If you have faith as small as a mustard

seed, you can say to this mountain, "Move from here to there" and it will move.

Nothing will be impossible for you.

Matthew 17:20 NIV

OGT Castle Rock / Lithuania



Three months ago, Orphan Grain Train Castle Rock loaded this container and sent it on its way to Lithuania with God's blessing. It has arrived and its distribution of the items within

will begin. The distribution of this shipment will take place at the center established by the diaconie “Jurbarko sandora”. Support will be provided to the Jurbarkas Women’s Crisis Center, aiming to assist women who are facing difficult life circumstances, as well as to children’s day care centers in Skirsnemunė, Smalininkai, Vilkyškiai, and Garliava, where care is provided for children’s engagement, social skills development, and emotional well-being. Support will also be provided to parishioners experiencing social exclusion or temporary hardships who are in need of material assistance. Thank you, OGT Castle Rock volunteers for time you spent putting together the more than 100 boxes of linens and blankets, the clothing for men, women and children and the 15 bicycles. Thank you also for including the eight boxes of school supplies and backpacks, just in time for another school year.

The whole earth is filled with awe at Your wonders; where morning dawns, where

evening fades, You call forth songs of joy.

Psalms 65:8 NIV

Mercy Meals / Guatemala



On July 15, an empty container was quickly filled at Orphan Grain Train Norfolk with 36 pallets of Mercy Meals from Siouxland and Norfolk. These fortified rice meals are on their way to Guatemala in a sealed container. Each box contains 216 Mercy Meals. Thank you, to all the volunteers who faithfully put these meals together.

**Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a
harvest if we do not give up.**

Galatians 6:9 NIV

Martin Luther Church - Johnson / OGT Lincoln





Thirty people from Martin Luther Church in Johnson, Nebraska and six Orphan Grain Train Lincoln volunteers packed 12,096 Mercy Meals on Monday, August 3, for two hours. The group also toured the warehouse. Thank you, volunteers from Martin Luther Church and the Lincoln branch for spending your evening preparing meals that can be shared with people in need.

**But thanks be to God, who always leads us
as captives in Christ's triumphal
procession and uses us to spread the
aroma of the knowledge of him
everywhere.**

2 Corinthians 2:14 NIV

Grace Baptist Church - Oklahoma / OGT Lincoln



Twenty youth and their youth Pastor Joe Schmidt from Grace Baptist Church in Tulhahquah, Oklahoma spent the week in Lincoln, Nebraska serving as missionaries. They visited Orphan Grain Train Lincoln and packed **9,504** Mercy Meals in two hours on July 28. They will return on Friday, July 31 to put together school kits, hygiene kits, and veterans' food bags. They also taught VBS to Yazidi children. What a great group of young people. Thank you, Pastor Schmidt for

leading this mission trip and for not only sharing the love of Christ, but also showing the love of Christ.

OGT Lincoln



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

REGISTER NOW!

GOLF FOR A CAUSE!

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, 2026 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 a golf tournament with a worthy mission!

**Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church - Dryden / OGT
Michigan**



On July 28, a wonderful group of members from Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, Dryden, none of whom had previously visited Orphan Grain Train Michigan, arrived with an extraordinary supply of quilts. Shown here is only a sample from the many yet unopened behind Diana and Jim Coomer, Linda Ewald, Gayle and Doug Desmet, Kathy Clauw, and Charlotte Matthews. We thoroughly enjoyed the hour

they spent with us sharing the story of Orphan Grain Train's mercy work.

Grace Lutheran Church - Burton / OGT Norfolk





On Tuesday, August 4th, this group of students and their Pastor Bill Serr from Grace Lutheran Church in Burton, Nebraska came to Orphan Grain Train Servant Center in Norfolk. They brought with them several quilts, two of which they helped make and tie. The six students packed quilts, blankets, stuffed animals and school supplies. Your energy and enthusiasm were delightful, and we are so glad you came! The two quilts that the students are standing underneath will be taken down and used in our layette kits. A popsicle break was a great way to end the day.

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Matthew 17:20 NIV



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.

2026 National Convention

OGT Norfolk

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



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

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\$149.00
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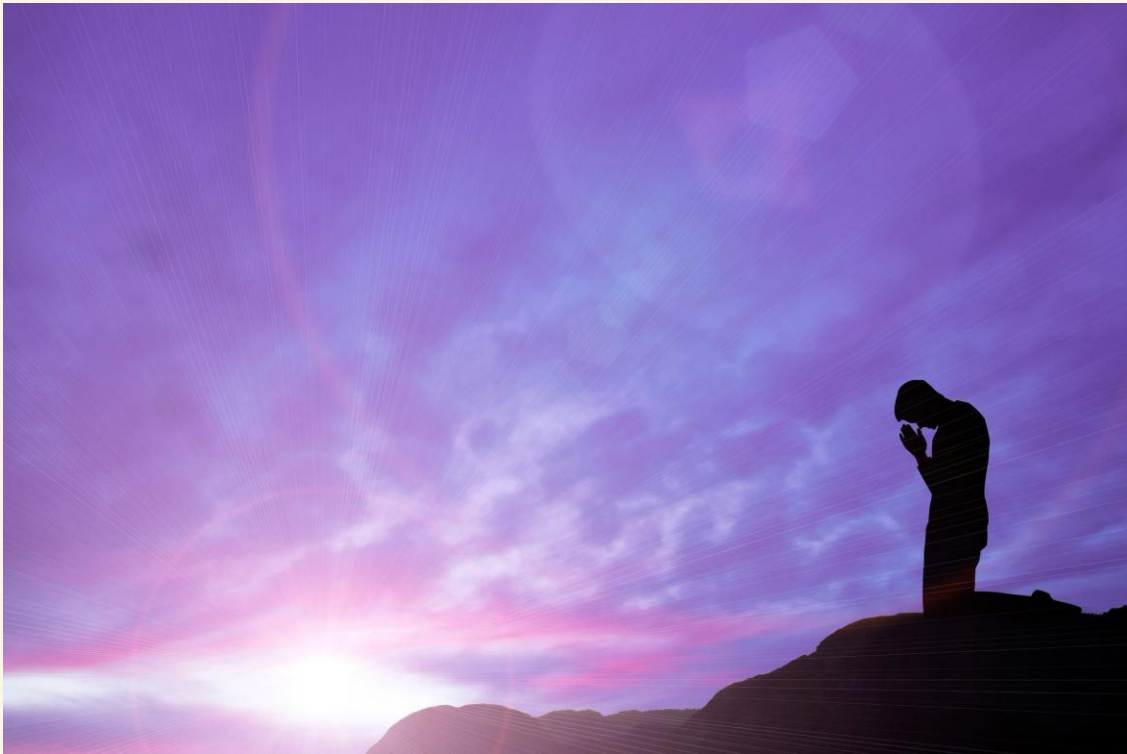


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Weekly Devotion



By Paul Leckband

OGT Spiritual Correspondent

Then the Lord said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the

outcry that has reached Me. If not, I will know.” The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham approached Him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from You to do such a thing—to kill the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from You! Will not the Judge of the earth do right?” The Lord said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake . . . “ Then (Abraham) said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?” He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.” (Genesis 18:20-26, 32)

Persistence: The story of Sodom and Gomorrah is found in Genesis 18:16-19:29. The Lord announces to Abraham His intention to destroy these cities, if their wickedness turns out

to be “so grievous . . . as the outcry that has reached Him.”

Abraham has a personal stake in God’s decision. His nephew Lot and Lot’s family live in this city. And so, he begins to pray earnestly to the Lord. He asks if God will destroy this city “if there are fifty righteous people in the city.” God answers, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

Abraham persists. He is not about to give up. He prays the number of the righteous down to 45, then 40, then 30, and finally to 10. The Lord’s final answer? “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.” This story ends tragically. Not even ten righteous people can be found in Sodom. While Lot and his family are rescued, all others are destroyed in a rain of fire and brimstone.

Did Abraham really change God’s mind? That’s a debate for another time. I think the key is to see that Abraham is persistent in his prayers. Have you ever prayed persistently

for an outcome, but you don't seem to get the answer you wanted? Don't give up! Perhaps the Lord is teaching you through the gift of prayer to seek to know and accept His will. He may answer you with "Yes." He may answer you with "No" or "Not yet." Be persistent! God answers prayers! He answers them in His own time, according to His gracious will.

O Lord, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.



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