



Orphan Grain Train

Relief for Human Need Worldwide

Orphan Grain Train Convention 2026

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OGT Norfolk / Liberia





On Thursday, August 6th, a crew of men and women loaded a container of heavy church pews and church furniture to be sent to Liberia. Seventeen pews, an altar, a baptismal font and pulpits were carefully placed in the container along with 80 stackable chairs. Ten bikes, school kits, blankets and

linens and women's and children's clothing completed the beautiful load. Thank you, to all the volunteers who showed up that day to load Norfolk to Liberia #2702. Thank you, to the donors who continually help fill each and every container of usable items.

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”[a] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6 NIV

OGT Phoenix + Church on the Street - Phoenix



Orphan Grain Train Phoenix partners with Church on the Street in Phoenix, a nonprofit Christian mission with a heart to win and build people for Christ. It has a special focus on the homeless and incarcerated. Church on the Street requested a supply of Bibles and tracts from the OGT branch. On August 8th, Church on the Street was thrilled to pick up

seven boxes of Bibles and tracts from OGT Phoenix. Thank you, to everyone who was a part of this sharing of the Gospel.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:14-15 NIV

Harvest Call + OGT MN North + OGT WI / West

Africa





This is an example of people coming together as a group and each contributing what they can to accomplish good. Davis Wulf of Harvest Call out of Morris, MN provided the beans, Orphan Grain Train Minnesota North loaded the container and Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin paid for the shipment of 39, 720 pounds of black beans that were shipped to Cotonou, Benin on Monday, August 10. Five totes of 25 lbs. bags and thirteen totes of 2 lbs. bags of beans will help feed people in West Africa. Thank you, to all the people involved in putting this shipment together.

For we are the temple of the living God.

As God has said:

**“I will live with them
and walk among them,
and I will be their God,
and they will be my people.”**

2 Corinthians 6:16 NIV

Volunteers + OGT Milbank / Milbank Area

Hospital Avera, Avera Medical Group Milbank



Thank you, Orphan Grain Train Milbank volunteers! Thank you to all the quilters who contributed to this delivery of care. Thank you, to the staff at Milbank Area Hospital Avera and Avera Medical Group Milbank for the compassion you share with each of your patients in your care.

"A heartfelt thank you to Orphan Grain Train for their generous donation of beautiful handmade baby quilts, along with the many other community organizations and volunteers who generously provide items to support our patients and their families. These thoughtful gifts bring comfort, warmth, and a reminder that our community cares. The families who receive them are truly grateful, and your kindness makes a meaningful difference.

Thank you for helping us wrap our newest arrivals in love and for your continued generosity and support of Milbank Area Hospital Avera." 

- Milbank Area Hospital Avera and Avera Medical Group Milbank

OGT Norfolk / Zambia



On Tuesday, August 11, 2026, Orphan Grain Train loaded a container with 16 pallets of Mercy Meals, medical equipment and a generator for Zambia. In addition, there were 49 student chairs, 10 bicycles and diapers for adults and youth. This container will be received by Gospelink of Refunsa, Zambia. Thank you, to the men who volunteered to load this shipment. Thank you, to the many donors who supplied the medical equipment that can continue to be used for the people of Zambia.

**In the morning, O Lord, You hear my
voice; in the morning I lay my requests
before You and wait in expectation.**

Psalms 5:3 NIV

OGT Central Iowa / Ukraine





On Tuesday, August 4, 2026 Orphan Grain Train Central Iowa in Clemons loaded a container for Ukraine. The container was packed with a variety of OGT kits. There are 67 boxes of hygiene kits, 24 boxes of teacher kits, 89 boxes of school kit and 29 boxes of layette kits on this load. These kits are easy to distribute and easily fill an immediate need for the recipient. There are over 700 boxes of bedding and linens as well as clothing for men, women, children and infants packed within this container. Thank you, OGT Central Iowa

volunteers for putting together this shipment of wonderful items.

But “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.” For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.

2 Corinthians 10:17-18 NIV

OGT Mid-Atlantic / Liberia







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Mid-Atlantic loads for Liberia

On Wednesday, August 5, 2026, Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic Branch filled one container to benefit three distinct ministries working together in Liberia: Lutheran AID

Ministries serving families through church-based outreach, Good Shepherd Church & School providing education and community care, and BEE Liberia expanding educational access and building schools. To aid this effort, 26 volunteers loaded a unique assortment of furniture, tools, appliances, cookware, rugs, schoolbooks, sewing machines, fabrics and supplies, plus fortified meals, bedding, clothing – and one electric organ! These donor-provided items will strengthen classrooms, support families, and help build long-term stability for children in Margibi County. We were blessed by the many workers who turned out to help their brothers and sisters in Liberia!

The Zone Volunteers / OGT Norfolk



A group of 7th -12th graders from the Zone in Norfolk, Nebraska visited Orphan Grain Train Norfolk on Tuesday, July 21, 2026. The Zone is an afterschool and summer program that provides adult mentoring, homework helps and a safe environment that offers enriching activities. The group toured the warehouse and sorted through bales of clothing. The sorting of baled clothing is not an easy task. but this group turned a tough job into a good event. **Thank you,**

**Zone students for your great attitude and
for spending time at OGT!**

OGT Norfolk / Western Nebraska







The Orphan Grain Train fencing crew left this Monday morning, August 10 for their sixth trip out to western

Nebraska. Mick Onnen, Dave Meyer, Mike Jundt and Tom Rudloff will be joining DeWayne Erickson as they put in a few more miles of new fencing. Last spring, the Minor and Morrill fires burned more than 600,000 acres of ranch land along with miles of fencing. Thank you, men for offering your time and energy to take this trip and carry out this mission in Christ's name.

OGT Lincoln



2026 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Charity Event
Save the Date

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

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6000 WOODLAND HILLS DR. EAGLE, NE**

Lunch provided by Amigo's

Schedule of Events

7:30AM Registration
8:00AM Shotgun Start
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Cost to Participate

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Deadline to Register: August 1, 2026**

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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!



OF THE WEEK



Quilt #39

**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

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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
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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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Weekly Devotion



FEAR GOD & KEEP HIS

COMMANDMENTS

ECCLESIASTES 12:13

By Paul Leckband

OGT Spiritual Correspondent

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless . .

. For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.”

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 18

Ecclesiastes: Not too long ago I finished reading the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes. Have you ever read it? It can be downright depressing. It was probably written by Solomon, most likely near the end of his reign. You remember him, right? God had promised to give Solomon whatever he desired. Instead of asking for wealth and power, Solomon asked for wisdom. God was so pleased with this request that He not only made Solomon one of the wisest men on earth, He also blessed him with great wealth and great power.

Things didn't go well for Solomon. Although he ended up with vast riches, power, and hundreds of wives and concubines, it's not altogether certain that he continued to be faithful to the Lord. Much of Ecclesiastes, which means “Preacher,” is about the

“meaningless” or vanity of life. Much of it reads like today’s passage. By the end of his life, Solomon seems to have lost all pleasure and hope. Is that our destiny, too?

It is not! God generously provides us with many earthly blessings, which can easily become stumbling blocks. Solomon’s life is a cautionary tale. And maybe Solomon didn’t ultimately end his life in despair. Yes, much of life is vanity, which dictionary.com defines as “lack of real value; hollowness; worthlessness,” if we put our trust in the vain things of this world. Solomon ends this book by writing, “Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.” (Eccl. 11:12)

Heavenly Father, preserve us from the vain things of life. In Jesus’ name. Amen.



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