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OGT Milbank / Fundraiser

<https://www.ogt.org/branches/south-dakota/>



The annual German Sausage Dinner provided and hosted by Orphan Grain Train Milbank volunteers will take place at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Milbank, South Dakota on Sunday, October 18, 2026. The free will offering will support the mission of OGT Milbank. There will be a silent auction of homemade items.

OGT New England / Ghana

<https://www.ogt.org/branches/new-england/>



This is part of a letter from Dr. Akwanga and Ebenezer Akwanga Human Rights and Humanitarian Institute in Ghana. Dr. Akwanga helped distribute this container of items from Orphan Grain Train New England:

Accept greetings from Accra, Ghana. Enclosed are raw

images from two of our humanitarian outreach donations following our Easter stretch. These two donations of medical beds and mattresses (courtesy of Orphan Grain Train New England), microscopes, Hoyer lifts, bone scanner or Bone X-Ray machine, lots of clothes, geriatric chairs, food, lots of Bibles and Christian literature, school supplies and medical supplies, mobility scooters from Mobility Worldwide, etc. were donated to Catholic Diocese of Ketu-Akatsi Health Service Directorate in the Volta Region, and to the people of Wenchi municipality in the Bono Region.

After recovering from my serious health scare and the armed robbery, I led our team to Wenchi with the support of the Member of Parliament from the constituency, Hon. Seidou Haruna to hand over the medical beds, mattresses and other items. Wenchi is a predominantly Methodist community when it comes to issues of faith, however there are other religious

affiliations in the area including Islam and other independent Christian denominations. It is cosmopolitan in nature and located somewhere around the middle of the Republic of Ghana. The roads from Accra to Wenchi are not the best which makes the journey tricky and treacherous with almost 10 hours of sitting in a bus.

Today is a public holiday in Ghana - Founder's Day - honoring the vision of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah and celebrating the country Ghana. We want to heartily thank all of you at OGT Headquarters, OGT Maryland and New England, Mobility Worldwide, NBUMC and all your supporters and donors for partnering with EAHRHI so that collectively we can continue to put into action the very teachings of Jesus Christ, Our personal Lord and Savior as in the synoptic gospel of Matthew Chapter 25: 35-40.

Remain blessed,

Dr. Akwanga

**Ebenezer Akwanga Human Rights and Humanitarian
Institute**

OGT Wisconsin / Ghana

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



After loading the container, Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin volunteers gathered behind the trailer to ask for the Lords's blessing on the journey of the goods and the people who will receive them. So many wonderful items will be shared with people in Ghana in the continent of Africa. Nine Personal

Energy Transportation (PETS) mobility trikes for adults and children are part of this load. There are also 70 boxes of either hygiene, feminine hygiene, school, or layette kits included. Fifteen bicycles and more than 125 boxes of bedding, linens and sleeping mats and bags along with children's and adult clothing and diapers are packed in the container.

Church Without Walls (C-WOW Ghana) is the recipient of this container. It is a registered Christian nonprofit based in Accra–North, Ghana, dedicated to serving vulnerable communities in Accra and surrounding regions. Their incoming shipments arrive at Tema Port and are housed at their distribution hub at All Saints Lutheran Church Ghana in Anyaa Awoshie to support families displaced by flooding, under-resourced clinics and schools, churches in crisis, and youth and villages facing economic hardship. The region faces severe local challenges, including seasonal floods that destroy homes, clinics operating with minimal medical

equipment, schools lacking basic learning materials, and families struggling to afford hygiene items, clothing, and bedding.

To combat these hardships, C-WOW relies on vital shipments that provide school supplies, medical durable equipment, hygiene kits, clothing, shoes, bedding, food, Christian resources like Bibles, and practical tools such as sewing machines. To ensure these donations make a meaningful impact, a dedicated distribution committee oversees the entire process, guaranteeing fair and transparent distribution, providing photo documentation, and maintaining strict monitoring and accountability for every item.

We praise God for all the volunteers who helped prepare and make this shipment ready to be sent.

OGT Mid-Atlantic / Romania

<https://www.ogt.org/branches/mid-atlantic/>







On September 16, 2026, Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic Branch sent its first-ever container to Romania! A dedicated team of nine people, neatly packed 1,230 boxes, 990 of which were clothing, plus additional boxes of bedding, hygiene items, medical equipment and school supplies and toys for children. The container's contents will go to Charity Foundation for the Blind in Suceava and Bucharest, serving the visually impaired and vulnerable families. Each distribution includes prayer and community outreach, a beautiful testimony to OGT's faith-centered partnership with Romania. We are so glad to be part of this mission!

**"The Lord bless you and keep you; the
Lord make his face shine on you and be
gracious to you; the Lord turn his face
toward you and give you peace."**

Numbers 6:24–26 NIV

The Epiphany Quilters & Saving Grace Quilt

Mission / OGT Phoenix

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



On Monday, September 21, sixteen ladies, from two churches came together to finish six quilts for Orphan Grain Train-Phoenix. These talented ladies were The Epiphany Quilters, from Epiphany Lutheran Church-Chandler, AZ and The Saving Grace Quilt Mission, from Saving Grace Lutheran Church Queen Creek, AZ. A potluck lunch was served before an afternoon of fellowship and quilting and lots of sharing! The Chandler ladies demonstrated a new rotary blade sharpener and fabric cutting techniques that they use. The Saving Grace Quilt Mission donates quilts to the Phoenix Branch on a regular basis. OGT-Phoenix will include these

quilts in a December shipment to the Navajo Nation in Rock Point, AZ. The event was held at Epiphany Lutheran, which is the home church of Jean Weber, the Volunteer Coordinator for the Phoenix Branch. God blessed our hands today!

Thank you! To the sixteen ladies who gathered to finish the six quilts so that they can be shared with people who can enjoy them.

OGT New England / Multiple States

<https://www.ogt.org/branches/new-england/>



Volunteers for the Orphan Grain Train's (OGT) New England Branch, located at 33 South Main St. in Terryville, Ct. loaded a 53-foot container of needed items on Sept. 21 to help with poverty and storm damage recovery in a multi-state area including North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, West Virginia and Virginia. 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 shipment was sent to the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), one of our mission partners, which aids those less fortunate over this multi-state area and is headquartered in Kentucky. They will forward the items sent to the affected state organizations for distribution. This shipment included an estimated 30,000 pounds of supplies including Blankets, Bedding, Linens, Clothing, Shoes, Coats, 40 Walkers, 34 crutches, Hygiene Diapers, seven sewing machines and supplies, three chain saws, Household and medical items, about 100 layette kits for newborns, three bed sets and a cot. Also on the load were supplies to help with recovery from flood damage which the people there have repeatedly experienced. These items included about 90 – five-gallon buckets, 20 plastic totes, about 4,000 pounds of cleaners mostly supplied by the Phoenix Products Company of Terryville and numerous hygiene kits, towels and supplies to help with cleanup efforts. The shipment is scheduled to arrive on September 22 for offloading at the CAP warehouse

for distribution.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Henning, MN / Christmas Boxes

<https://www.ogt.org/special-projects/christmas-gift-box-project/>



Women from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Henning Minnesota recently assembled 50 children's Christmas boxes. These boxes are shared with children around the world. Thank you, St. Paul ladies for organizing this Christmas box packing event. Thank you also for sharing your completed boxes with children around the world. If you and your family or a group of your friends would like to pack Christmas boxes, please contact the Orphan Grain Train International Office in Norfolk, Nebraska (402)371-7393 or info@ogt.org and we will send you the packing information along with the boxes.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

Psalms 100:4 NIV

Epiphany Lutheran Middle School Houston / OGT Houston

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



On September 27, Christ Lutheran Church of Phoenix held a Mission and Ministry Fair. Jim and Cheryl Clough, who are volunteers at Orphan Grain Train Phoenix and members at

CCL, volunteered to set up the OGT display, answer questions and recruit volunteers. Thank you, Jim and Cheryl for your willingness to volunteer and share the mission of OGT.

OGT Iowa West / Ukraine

<https://www.ogt.org/branches/iowa-west/>





This is a photo of a shipment loaded by Justice for All, Rock Valley, IA. The banana boxes are packed with quilts from Orphan Grain Train Iowa West. Many of the boxed items will be going to Gordie Siebring in Ukraine. Siebring is originally from Iowa but has been living and working in Ukraine for

years. Thank you, OGT Iowa West volunteers for helping to fill another container for war-torn Ukraine. Thank you, for your involvement with Justice for All as we serve Christ together.

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles.

Psalm 34:17 NIV

Martin Luther Church - Johnson, NE / OGT

Lincoln

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



Amber from Martin Luther Church in rural Johnson, NE delivered 262 school kits that their small congregation had assembled for Orphan Grain Train Lincoln! This church has long supported OGT and has a big heart for serving the Lord! Thank you, Amber and members of Martin Luther Church for your long-time support in bringing relief and the love of Christ to people around the world.

**And this is my prayer: that your love may
abound more and more in knowledge and
depth of insight, so that you may be able to
discern what is best and may be pure and
blameless until the day of Christ.**

Philippians 1:9 NIV

OGT Maryland / Ukraine

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





Alla of Bible Orphan Ministry in Ukraine sent back photos of her volunteers receiving a container from Orphan Grain Train Maryland's summer shipment. The shipment contained almost 200 boxes of medical supplies, including orthopedic pieces. There were boxes of clothing, blankets and linens,

hygiene supplies and diapers and toys and bicycles included on this load. In addition, many pieces of medical equipment and solar lights were packed in to the container. Thank you, Bible Orphan Ministry for sharing the love of Christ as you share many of these items with people in your country. Thank you to the OGT Maryland volunteers who pour their care into every single donation, transforming them into meaningful gifts for others.

So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.

Nehemiah 4:6 NIV

Ponca Public Schools / OGT

<https://www.ogt.org/the-need/>











Our students are absolute ROCKSTARS. 💙

Today, they put leadership through service into action in a BIG way, packing meals for Orphan Grain Train—and we could not be more proud of them!

Last year, our students helped package 79,902 meals. This year, the goal was set even higher: 80,000 meals. After an incredible community effort Wednesday night that packaged 34,560 meals, our students came in today with a challenge in front of them: pack the remaining 45,440 meal needed to reach the goal.

They didn't just meet it.

They blew right past it.

Our students packaged ✨52,056✨ meals TODAY, bringing the grand total to an incredible...

🎉86,616 MEALS!🎉

That's 86,616 meals that will make their way to people who need them—and our students got to be part of making that happen. We talk a lot about leadership, character, and making an impact. Today, our kids didn't just talk about it. They lived it. We love when our kids show up in a big way—and today, they absolutely did. 💙

So incredibly proud of our students and the way they represented The Ponca Way!

Weekly Devotion



By Paul Leckband

Orphan Grain Train, Director of Spiritual Correspondence

Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep Your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of Your commands, for there I find delight. Turn my heart toward Your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to Your word. Fulfill Your promise to your servant, so that You may be feared. Take away the disgrace I dread, for Your laws are good. How I long for Your precepts. Preserve my life in Your righteousness.

(Psalm 119:33-40)

**And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles,
second prophets, third teachers . . .**

(1 Corinthians 12:28a)

Teachers: Do you have a favorite teacher? I have several. They were my favorites, because they taught me important life lessons. They served as role models and mentors. I think of my 7th grade teacher; my own dad and mom, who were my 8th grade teachers; and my high school P.E. teacher, coach, and guidance counselor. It was through these teachers that I was influenced to become a teacher myself.

In 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, St. Paul enumerates a list of spiritual gifts, and teacher is among them. Our most important teacher, of course, is God Himself. The psalmist asks the Lord to “teach (him).” And what does the Lord have to “teach” us? “Understanding . . . (His) law . . . (His) path . . . (His) statutes . . . (His) righteousness.” Perhaps the most important lesson taught by God is that Jesus His Son is our Lord and Savior.

The role of teacher is a blessed profession—one that is not to be taken lightly. St. James writes, “Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.” (James 3:1) I have a suggestion for your today. Think of a teacher who was very special to you. List the attributes that made

this teacher special. Consider, if possible, sending this teacher a thank-you note.

Thank You, Jesus, for calling godly men and women who serve as teachers, mentors, and role models. Keep them faithful to their calling. Thank You for providing us with the apostles and evangelists who continue to teach us from Holy Scripture. And most of all, thank You for teaching us the way of salvation. Amen.



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