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Nuba Mountains, Sudan, South Sudan



This is an email that was recently received by Orphan Grain Train Norfolk from Rev. Peter Anibati Abia from Sudan. OGT is sending financial support to Bishop Peter as he helps the people in the Nuba Mountains, South Sudan and Sudan. OGT is also supporting Bishop Peter as he begins building four

classrooms in Saura, Sudan.

Thank you, to all OGT donors who support the mission to help the desperate and displaced people of Sudan.

"Yambio in Jesus.
I am writing to share with you some pictures of the relief distribution and to inform you that we did the groundbreaking for Saura school last week. Some materials have been delivered to the site as you will see from the pictures. More pictures of the construction will be coming soon to you. We are so grateful for your partnership and support. You are a special blessing to us. The people who have been feed are from Kauda Twon in the Nuba mountains. This is one of the towns which was burnt down by the rebels by Muslim rebels who are targeting Christians. One of our vicars by the name Ibrahim Jally was wounded in the war. He is standing in the middle of one of the pictures with a bandage on his

arm. He also got the support. The items distributed include sorghum and beans. There are now more than 500 people taking refuge at our church in Karindi, a village west of Kauda town where the bishop of the diocese is residing. Thank you again for helping this people and for praying for them too."

Blessings+++

The Rev. Peter Anibati Abia

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He Who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

Isaiah 46:4 NIV




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OGT Latvia / OGT North Dakota

https://www.ogt.org/branches/nd/



The Orphan Grain Train North Dakota shipment to Latvia arrived safely with its recipient, Lubova of Fonds Saules kalns, in Smiltene, Latvia. Some of the items in the container were 150 boxes of men's, women's and children's coats, 30 boxes of hygiene kits and 100 boxes of infant and toddler's clothing. Thank you, North Dakota volunteers for putting together this timely shipment of winter clothing and hygiene supplies.

So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17 ESV

OGT Norfolk / Venezuela

https://www.ogt.org/branches/norfolk-warehouse/


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The Orphan Grain Train Norfolk container of canned pears, beans and fortified rice meals arrived safely in Venezuela. Venezuela Now, the recipient of this load, is a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation registered in Georgia that supports the work and ministry of the Methodist Church in Venezuela. Northern Venezuela experienced two strong 7.2 and 7.5 magnitude earthquakes in June of 2026. Another smaller 4.8 magnitude earthquake was felt on Tuesday, October 13, 2026

So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV

OGT Central Iowa / Malawi

https://www.ogt.org/branches/central-iowa/



On Saturday, October 17, 2026, Central Iowa packed a container to be shipped to Malawi Prison's Service in Zomba, Malawi. Volunteers loaded more than 240 boxes of blankets and linens, 50 boxes of layette kits, eight boxes of teacher kits, 35 school kits and over 100 boxes of either hygiene kits or supplies. In addition, ten bikes and 40 school desks and chairs were part of this shipment. As in many shipments,

clothing for men, women and children along with medical equipment filled out this load. Thank you, to all the Central Iowa volunteers who showed up on that brisk Saturday morning to complete this load. The recipient, Malawi Prison Service, overseas 30 prisons with more than 15,000 inmates.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

I Timothy 1:15 NIV

Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. Charles, MO /

OGT Missouri-Illinois

https://www.ogt.org/branches/missouri-illinois/



Members of the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) and Ladies Bible Study groups from Our Savior Lutheran Church in St. Charles, MO volunteered at Orphan Grain Train

Missouri-Illinois branch on Tuesday, October 13. They helped assemble and pack over 110 school kits and sorted and packed more than 20 boxes of quilts and clothes! Thank you, Our Savior LWML and Ladies Bible Study women for spending part of your day assembling those "much needed" school kits. Sorting and packing are an important task at any OGT location. We thank all the volunteers who share their time to accomplish this job so that boxes can be filled for shipments.

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.

Psalm 91: 1-2 NIV

Domestic Disaster Update / Western Nebraska











The Orphan Grain Train fencing crew just returned from another trip out to western Nebraska to put in new fence posts where the old posts had been burned off during the intense fires in March. Walt Rosenbaum, Dale Martin, Dave Meyer and DeWayne Erickson spent four days in a different area and on a new ranch in western Nebraska finishing about three acres of fencing. They will return in late October to continue with more miles of fencing. The crew has been staying in the home of the Connell family each time they make these trips. On one of the nights while they were there, Dr. Bill Baker invited them to join in on their youth Bible study at the Lutheran Church.

In the photos: Keiko, who is the cook who makes their many meals.

Bible study group photo: Helena Vinton, Paige Vinton, Tripp Dreiling, Tom Connell, Alex Adam, DeWayne Erickson, Dave Meyer, Bill Baker, Dale Martin, Pastor Jon Oetting, and Susan Connell, (Second group photo: Walt Rosenbaum on the far right)

OGT Iowa West / Republic of Georgia

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











This is the Orphan Grain Train Iowa West team that came to pack the container for Republic of Georgia. On Tuesday,

October 13, 2026 all of these people played a part in completing the load and sending the truck on its way. Thank you, Iowa West volunteers for your strong presence last Tuesday at OGT Iowa West.

OGT Wisconsin / New Orleans

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

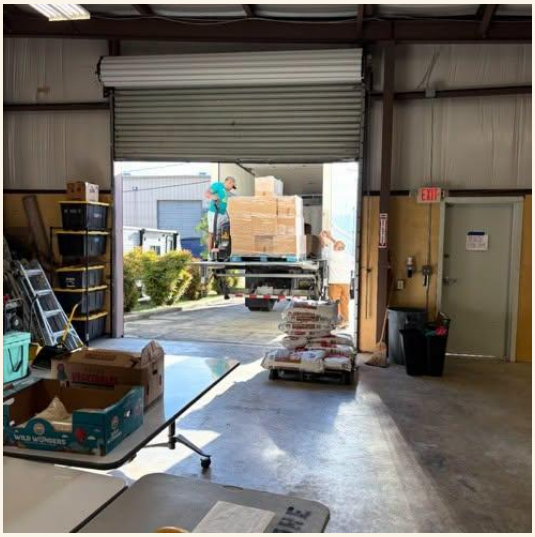














It has been a busy two weeks in many of the parishes of New Orleans as community groups gathered to put food boxes together and then distributed the boxes to people in need. Full distributions of boxes containing rice, beans, canned tuna, onions, cucumbers, apples, cabbage and potatoes were shared with individuals, pantries and faith-based groups. Refined Community Empowerment distributed at 5th African Baptist Church, while Geraldine Watkins distributed out of her home in LaPlace. Orphan Grain Train has been helping to support the relief of food insecurity in the area. OGT Wisconsin recently delivered 38,000 pounds of potatoes to Toi Carter and Louisiana Just Recovery. The Episcopal Food Pantry in St. Francisville, Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants, Youth Ministry Explosion for Christ International and Common Ground Relief helped distribute the many pounds of potatoes. Thank you, to the many volunteers who came out to pack boxes, load trucks, knock on doors and hand out boxes.

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Luke 6:38

UNL Innocents Society Volunteers / OGT Norfolk



The Innocents Society of the University of Nebraska- Lincoln came to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk on Saturday, Oct. 17th. They came "Game Day" ready! They toured the Servant Center and then sorted three bunkers of blankets, quilts, bedding, and linens. They were an awesome group!

The Innocents Society is the chancellor’s senior honorary society at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), founded

on April 24, 1903. Its purpose is to recognize and promote academic achievement, leadership, and selfless service to the university and the state of Nebraska.

Thank you, members of the Innocents Society for making the trek to Norfolk and sharing your energy.

Behold! I give you power. Not weakness and fear and timidity and cowardice, not inability, but ability.

Luke 10:19 NIV

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Atkinson, NE / OGT Norfolk



These girls are from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Atkinson, Nebraska. This is the second year that this youth group, led by Kathy, raised money to purchase items to assemble two dozen hygiene kits and two dozen school kits. This is a group of eight students who chose to work on a service project. Each year they host the Easter breakfast at their church and raise money for this mission. In addition, they donated $100 to help with the shipping of these items. They helped load the kits into Kathy's vehicle, and she delivered them to Orphan Grain Train Norfolk. Thank you, Immanuel Lutheran youth and Kathy for your leadership and servant hearts.

Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:4 NIV

Faith Community Women's Group - Laurel, NE / OGT Norfolk



Faith Community Women's Group from Laurel, Nebraska toured, sorted, and packed clothes at Orphan Grain Train Norfolk on Thursday, October 15. Thank you, ladies for the fun energy you brought to the Servant Center. We are always grateful to the many groups who volunteer at the 26 OGT locations.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:5 NIV

Seniors for the Lord Volunteers / OGT Lincoln

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



A group from Seniors for the Lord from Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church from Omaha, led by Lyle Kruse, made 6,912 Mercy Meals on Wednesday, October 7, 2026. The group toured the Orphan Grain Train Lincoln warehouse and learned about the ministry. Thank you, Seniors for the Lord for taking the time to travel to Lincoln to make fortified meals and learn about OGT.

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be

added to you.

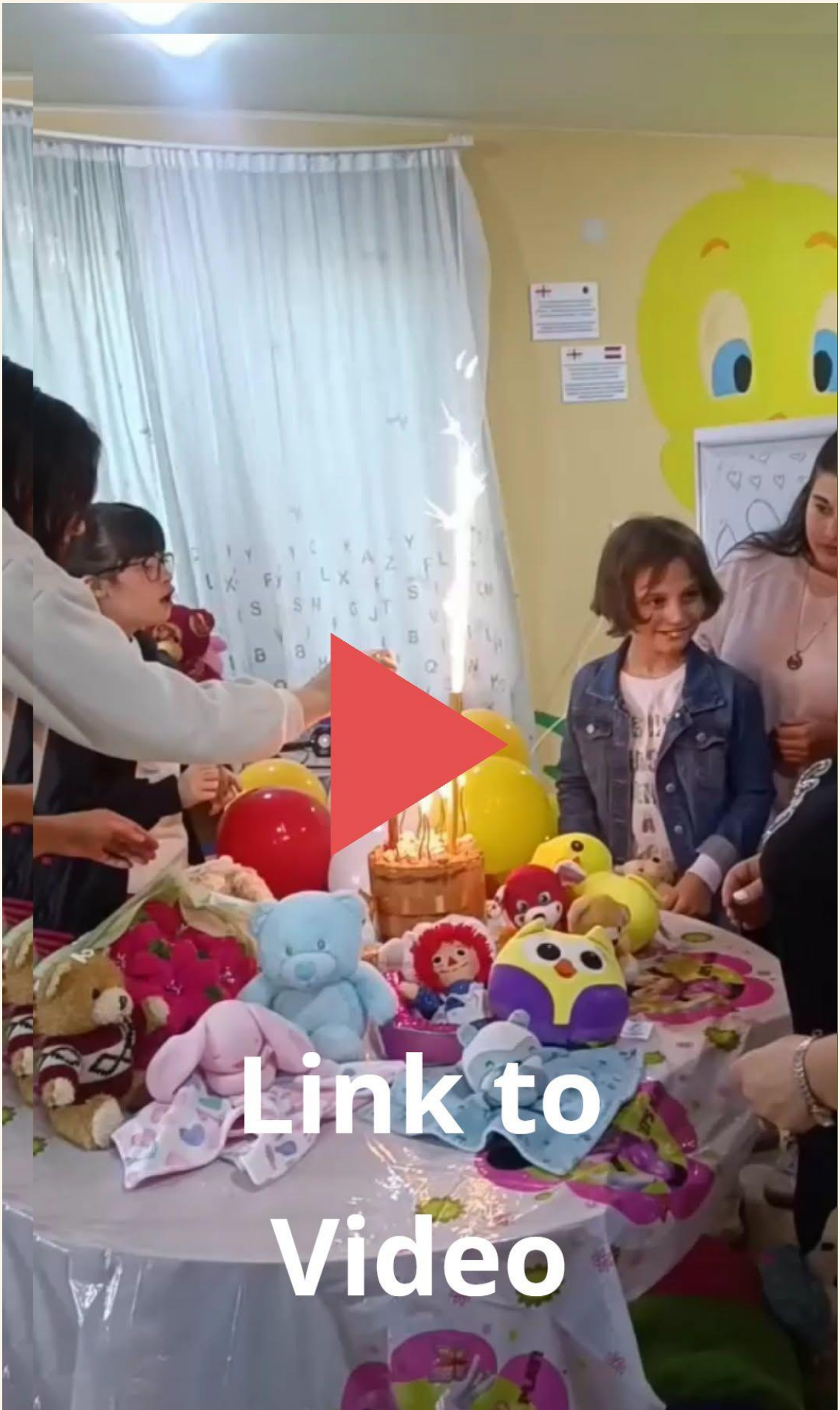
Matthew 6:33

OGT Norfolk / Republic of Georgia








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The Orphan Grain Train Norfolk load to Republic of Georgia arrived with its many gifts of blankets, clothing and toys for the recipients of International Charity Fund. Charity Fund's partner organization, the Education and Development Center "Toliskuri", distributed toys to a daycare center for children with disabilities.

"Also, it happened to be a young girl, Anamaria's birthday, and kids were overjoyed to receive gifts."

- Turpa Gugunava, of International Charity Fund.

Thank you, to OGT Norfolk's volunteers who diligently packed and sorted the donated items. Thank you, to the Norfolk volunteers who loaded the container and sent it safely on its way.

OGT Missouri - Illinois / Lithuania





The summer shipment from Orphan Grain Train Missouri Illinois to Lithuania arrived at its destination and photos of the distribution at the nursing home were shared. The shipment contained 15 boxes of pillowcase dresses, 275 boxes of blankets and linens and 12 boxes of new underwear.

In addition, there were many boxes of clothing for men, women, children and infants. Thank you, OGT MO-IL volunteers for putting together this bountiful load. Thank you for the extra note of care and personalization that you shared with the recipients.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6 NIV

St. Mark's Methodist Church Volunteers / OGT Lincoln



St. Mark’s Methodist Church “Walk and Talk” group of Lincoln, Nebraska volunteered September 24 to pack 3,888 Mercy Meals and learn about Orphan Grain Train. Thank you, St. Mark's walkers and talkers for also being doers. There are 36 fortified meals in each Mercy Meals box. That means this group packed 108 boxes or three pallets! Very nice!

If we love one another, God lives in us.

I John 4:12 NIV

OGT Lincoln - Common Threads / LWML

Nebraska South District





Kathy Carter hosted two tables at the Sept. 18th & 19th LWML NEBRASKA South District for Orphan Grain Train Lincoln and Common Threads. She also was invited to be the Mites in Action speaker on the partnership between the two ministries. Thank you, Kathy for sharing the mission of OGT and Common Threads. Thank you, women of LWML for your

unwavering commitment to being the hands and feet of Christ.

Be joyful in hope, patent in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12 NIV

Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, AZ / OGT Phoenix

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



Karin Patterson, Director of Ministry Programming at Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, AZ stands beside the collected back backs and school supplies that the church collected. Patterson brought more than 25 assembled backpacks kits to the OGT-Phoenix warehouse.

The extra school supplies were given to OGT Phoenix for future kits. Thank you, Shepherd of the Desert for this wonderful collection of backpacks and supplies!

Christ Lutheran Church, Pickrell NE / OGT Lincoln











What a beautiful display of color! Quilters of Christ Lutheran Church at Pickrell, NE completed these beautiful quilts and put them on display on Sunday morning. There are 68 of them that will be shared with Orphan Grain Train Lincoln. Thank you, Christ Lutheran for sharing these treasures.

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Psalm 8:1 ESV

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.

OGT Rocky Mountain

https://www.ogt.org/branches/rocky-mountain/



Orphan Grain Train Rocky Mountain in Julesburg, Colorado drives this little yellow golf cart in local parades to share the mission of Orphan Grain Train and Mercy Meals. Thank you, Rocky Mountain volunteers for putting together this great little buggy and sharing Christ's mission with others: redemption for mankind and sharing the redemption story as we care for God's people.

Weekly Devotion



By Paul Leckband
Orphan Grain Train
Director of Spiritual Correspondence

I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded,

now lives in you also. For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God . . . This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. (2 Timothy 1:1-5a, 9b-10)

Parents & Grandparents—Children & Grandchildren: Is there anyone who plays a greater role in faith formation in our children and grandchildren than parents and grandparents? Timothy was a young man whose mother was Jewish, while his father was Greek. St. Paul seems to have adopted him as a surrogate son, and Timothy went on to become a pastor. He was apparently nurtured in the faith by "(his) grandmother Lois and in (his) Mother Eunice."

Don’t underestimate the influence you have on your children and grandchildren! As the product of an education in Lutheran schools, I am more convinced than ever in the worthiness of a Christian education. I am also thoroughly convinced that Christian education begins in the home.

We role model our faith. We talk about Jesus. We pray together. We ensure that our children and grandchildren attend church and Sunday School. If we are able, we enroll them in Lutheran schools. We work together to teach “this grace . . . given us in Christ Jesus.”

Heavenly Father, bless us to be godly parents and grandparents, good role models for our children and grandchildren, teaching them about Jesus. Bless the ministry of our Lutheran daycares, preschools, grade schools,

and high schools. We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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