



## *Central Nebraska Division of Orphan Grain Train August 2009 Newsletter*

### **Warehouse Update**

A lot has happened since we took possession of the Orphan Grain Train Warehouse at 427 Shady Bend Rd. For those of you who have seen the location, you would be amazed.

A big thank you goes out to those of you who came out for our official cleanup days July 11 and August 15. There were about 15 people who showed up each day and a tremendous amount of work was accomplished. Each of you were a blessing. Thank you so much!

Since the first cleanup day, work has continued. The old "cooler" or small building to the east of the warehouse and sorting room, has been completely demolished and removed from the premises. Only a cement foundation remains. The interior of what will be the sorting room has been completely gutted and old insulation and debris from the ceiling has been removed in preparation for new insulation and sheetrock. The floor in that room will be power washed on August 17. The original plan was to pour 4" of cement over the old floor, but this has proved to be cost prohibitive. The floor will not be raised 4".

Really good news came when Gary did some thorough research and found that we do have access to city sewer. Previously it was thought that we would have to either put in a septic tank or go to a great deal of expense to locate the city sewer and get connected. It has been located and is connected to the building. The next really significant expense was going to be to hook up to city water, which would have included nearly

600 ft. of copper tubing. Do the math, that would have been a huge expense. Gary talked to City Hall and has gotten permission for us to dig a well. This will be done at little or no expense.

Wiring has been done in both the upper and lower level, and pallet racks have been ordered. Dock plates and a forklift have been purchased and are in use.

One item still remains on the wish list, and that is a refrigerator.



### **Mission Opportunities**

Ysleta Mission in El Paso, TX has been an active recipient of Orphan Grain Train support for some time. This year the mission is giving out school supplies at Christmas. In Mexico the children must provide all their own supplies or they cannot attend school. Bob and Beth Stark will be the contact point for anyone who would like to participate in this project. The following are items that are on the "most wanted" list:

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| <b>Spiral Notebooks</b>    | <b>Rulers</b>            |
| <b>Pencils</b>             | <b>Pencil Sharpeners</b> |
| <b>Crayons</b>             | <b>Erasers</b>           |
| <b>Glue or glue sticks</b> |                          |

Please contact Beth Stark at 402-463-8263 if you wish to participate.

## Dry Spell

God is faithful and has provided the resources to purchase the warehouse on Shady Bend Road for His service by our deadline of June 30. Since that date, financial support has ceased to come in, and we still have remodeling expenses to contend with. If you know of anyone who indicated they were willing to help us financially but has not yet done so, please give them a friendly reminder.



Work will be going on every day until we are operational. We pray God will open hearts to support this ongoing purposeful effort.

## Donation Hints

As clothing donations continue to come in we would like to let you know what we have the most need for. Summer clothing is always much in demand as many of the countries we send to are warm weather countries. There is also a shortage of men's clothing, so these could be areas of concentration. Good used toys, stuffed or hard, that would fit in an apple box are always welcome as well as non-breakable household items, linens of any kind, sheets, pillow cases, bedspreads, etc.

We would like to stress that all items be in good condition, without stains or holes. Sheets, however do not necessarily have to be in perfect condition as they can be used as batting in making quilts. Everything should, however, be clean.



**2009  
Orphan  
Grain Train  
Convention  
September 18 & 19  
Norfolk, NE**

**See your Orphan Grain Train Quarterly Newsletter or go to [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org) for registration, schedule and motel information.**

## Health/Hygiene Kits

Although Grand Island will not be ready to accept donations until approximately early November, it's not too early to be thinking about some needs to fulfill. There is always a need for Health/Hygiene Kits. Suggested items for these kits are:

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| <b>Soap</b>       | <b>Shampoo</b>           |
| <b>Washcloth</b>  | <b>Towel</b>             |
| <b>Deodorant</b>  | <b>Disposable razors</b> |
| <b>Toothpaste</b> | <b>Toothbrush</b>        |
| <b>Comb</b>       |                          |

They can be packaged in a zip lock bag to be handed out to people in need. These are always needed for disaster relief.