

Branch News From SD Orphan Grain Train

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The South Dakota Branch of Orphan Grain Train, located in Milbank, SD, is one of 18 branches of the national headquarters located in Norfolk, NE. www.ogt.org

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South Dakota Orphan Grain Train

As in other years, in 2011 we were grateful to the ladies of the SD LWML for their assistance in this ministry.

Members of the Aberdeen zone had a huge ingathering of flood bucket supplies which were delivered to the Norfolk warehouse for use in the clean-up after the tornado which struck Joplin, MO. This clean-up will continue for years.

In the fall, the Milbank zone had an ingathering of 119 Mercy Kits. The ladies of Revillo/Bethlehem congregations assembled the most. Mercy Kits are always in demand.

MERCY KITS ITEMS

All items should be good and in new condition

1 bath towel, dark color recommended

1 washcloth, dark color recommended

1 bath-size bar (4-5 oz) soap in original wrapper

1 adult-size toothbrush in original packaging

1 Lg tube toothpaste 1 sturdy comb

6 Band-aids (or similar brand), preferably 1/2 to 3/4 in secured together. Wrap the smaller items in the washcloth.. Lay the towel flat and fold the long sides in about 5 in on a side. Place everything in the center between the folds then roll the towel up. To secure the towel, tie with ribbon or strong cord.

Relief For Human Need Worldwide

Contact us for

a complete list of relief items that we collect.

Most needed-Bibles, good clean gently worn clothing & shoes, quilts, personal hygiene items, school supplies, medical supplies, kitchen ware and **money for shipping them.**

Shipping cost are now averaging \$10.00 a box.

It takes approx 1127 apple boxes to fill a semi trailer.

In 2011 our SD branch shipped more than 2 containers.

Did You Know...only 4 cents of every dollar donated to Orphan Grain Train is used for administration and fund raising? The 18 branches are operated by unpaid volunteers.

Since their first shipment in March of 1993, Orphan Grain Train has shipped more than 1862 semi-loads to 49 different countries, also people in 24 states in the US have been beneficiaries. wherever Orphan Grain Train relief supplies are distributed, God's word of forgiveness and salvation is also shared with the recipients.

Our Mission

In loving response to Christ, the Servant, Orphan Grain Train movement enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes a bandage well applied, and some times as a child well fed.

Volunteers are our Life Line

The South Dakota Branch is very thankful for its great volunteers.

We can always use help with

Sorting & Packing clothing

Crocheting caps -Yarn & pattern available

Crocheting sleeping mats-patterns available

Sewing diapers from tee shirts- ” “

Sewing dolls clothes

Sewing pillow case dresses

Drivers and someone to service vehicles

People willing to serve on committees

Special Thanks to our warehouse workers and drivers, those who do mending, donors of money and goods, those who have made sleeping mats, for the used refrigerator, the used stove donated by Hanson Furniture, folks who have transported our trailer to the Norfolk warehouse and for your prayers to support this ministry!

Milbank Warehouse Hours

101 W. 12th Ave.

Milbank

We are open Wednesdays & Saturdays 10 to Noon

Tuesdays 4 to 6 PM

Deliveries can be made at other times but call first, please.

(See officers # page 1.)

Collection sites are also located at

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Huron and

St. John Lutheran Church at Wolsey

Special projects

In December the SD branch completed the installation of kitchen cabinets and sinks. Larger sinks were needed to accommodate the Kids Against Hunger requirements for cleaning their equipment.

Each Orphan Grain Train branch is encouraged to develop a disaster response program. A storage shed is being built by the Milbank High school shop class to store SD's disaster response items. More information will be included in our next newsletter.

Cook books-As a fund raising project, the ladies of SD Orphan Grain Train organized an attractive book that has delicious recipes as well as the history and mission of this branch.

The cost is \$10.00 and they are available at the warehouse as well as Emanuel Lutheran Church in Milbank. Or contact one of the officers listed on page 1.

Fish Boil- For the past few years the fall Fish Boil dinner has been a big success. Because the providers are no longer able to serve, we are looking for someone to take on this project. Equipment is available. Contact us if interested.

Orphan Grain Train ships to approved mission areas who supply hospitals, schools, orphanages & relief agencies with requested relief items.

"KIDS AGAINST HUNGER" SHARES OUR BRANCH WAREHOUSE AND WE HELP SHIP THE FOOD THEY PACK.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you to all the members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who took the opportunity to use the "Thrivent Choice" program to help the South Dakota Orphan Grain Train financially. This past year we received \$9,560 from the Thrivent Choice dollars to assist with Orphan Grain Train operations, especially shipping costs.

If you are a Thrivent member with "Choice Dollars", we would like you to consider our ministry as your choice by calling 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say "Choice Dollars" (have your Social Security number available) and press "1" or visit www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice online and click on "Direct Choice Dollars". Select **Orphan Grain Train-SD Branch** as your charitable organization.