

Orphan Grain Train †

Relief for Human Need Worldwide



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Helping Our Neighbors

[New England Branch donors & volunteers](#) are assisting victims of Hurricane Helene in NC, TN & VA. Volunteers loaded 1,800 pounds for various foods, boxes of Hygiene supplies, medical supplies, blankets, layette kits, tools, disaster cleaning buckets, beds, refrigerators and other needed items for Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) in Kentucky. CAP is assisting several areas in need of disaster relief supplies and will distribute the items to where needed most. The Branch also donated \$5,000 for National OGT's disaster relief efforts through Thrivent's 50% match. Thank you, New England Branch donors & volunteers! To God be the glory!



More Water Delivered!

OGT's 2nd 5,300-gallon water tanker left Monday for Calvary Church in Asheville, N. Carolina to assist with no running water due to damaged water pipes. We are working with Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders (whom we've worked with in the past) and they will set up the tanker for showers and flushing toilets for volunteers & local families. The tanker will stay and be taken nearby to be refilled for continuous use. Thank you, OGT supporters for making these needed shipments for disaster relief possible!

Relief to Asheville, NC

[Houston Branch](#) has connected with Emmanuel Lutheran in Asheville, NC who are set up to receive aid and distribute to the community. The first delivery from Houston has been completed and a second delivery is in the works. Houston Board member and distribution coordinator, Erika, set up the trip as a family service this time around. Husband Ben was supported by their son, Joshua, to make the 30 hour round trip. Blessings were delivered and blessings were received by Ben and Josh. We thank God for safe travels to help those in need.



Purchase Bucket for Relief Aid

OGT's [South Dakota Collection Center](#) is grateful for the support from their local Whetstone Home Center in Milbank. Whetstone Lumber also brings their forklift to load OGT semi trailer whenever it comes from Norfolk, NE to load their pallets of boxed donations. Thank you for your support of SD Collection Center and for helping with disaster relief efforts!

Help Needed for Disaster Relief Efforts

We are planning more shipments of food & aid for victims of Hurricane Helene which will be costly with purchasing needed supplies and costs for transportation. If you find it in your heart to help with these shipments of needed aid, please considering donating to OGT at www.ogt.org or to have your donation increased, Thrivent is offering a Match for OGT, for more information or to donate go to Thrivent.com.

Thank you for your support with helping
so many that have lost everything!

[OGT's Hurricane Relief Efforts](#)

[Thrivent Match for OGT](#)

Lincoln Collection Center Open House this Saturday

OGT Volunteers on the News

Check out this video of 10/11 News interviewing Kathy & Jim Carter from Lincoln Collection Center. Learn more about OGT's Lincoln Collection Center this Saturday from 11-2 at 1901 SW 6th Street in Lincoln, NE. We

hope to see you at the Open House with lunch being served.

[10/11 News OGT Interview](#)

You are invited!

Enjoy lunch, tours & hear about serving those in need worldwide!

Meet Lincoln officers & OGT leaders from Norfolk.



Lincoln Collection Center

**Open
House**

Oct 19 | Saturday
11 AM - 2PM

NEW Location!
1901 Southwest 6th St.
Lincoln, NE

Bundles of Blessings

A huge blessing for the Lincoln collection center. Bargain Box, a thrift store in Beatrice, NE donates clothing to us every 2 weeks. We take our truck & trailer to exchange 12 empty laundry carts for 12 full ones. Most of the clothing, quilts and sleeping mats are sorted and placed in the totes for us to box and send to Norfolk

warehouse. There are several ladies and men that have been doing this for many years and before us, Central NE Branch was handling the pickups. Thank you for the many, many donations throughout the years!



Bowling FUNdraiser

[Maryland Branch](#) recently held their first Bowling Fundraiser which was a success! They had many teams bowling Ten pins & Duck pins along with sponsors for the event. Our Presenting Sponsor was Thrivent Liberty Team. Our Strike Sponsors were Chick-fil-A & Mid-Atlantic Deck & Fence Co. and we had a Memorial Sponsor by Gail Kolos in memory of her husband, and an Honorarium also



by Gail Kolos for her children and grandchildren.

The winners with trophies include: L-R back row: Men's Duck Pins - Kurt Dunn, Men's Ten Pins - Shawn Mooney, Women's Duck Pins - Marjorie Dean, Women's Ten Pins - Skylar Price, Boy's High Score (12 and under) - Dylan Gwaltney & Girls High Score (12 and under) - Laura Stiegler. Thank you to everyone that came to enjoy the Bowling event and Congratulations to the winners!

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Servant Smiles

Christina Steffan and her 9-year-old daughter Clara put together 29 Hygiene kits to be shared with people in N. Carolina. They put these together every year for OGT and are grateful these will comfort families devastated from the horrific floods. Thank you for your servant hearts!

Loaded with Love

Iowa West Branch volunteers were busy loading teacher & school kits, hygiene supplies, medical equipment and other aid headed for Republic of Georgia. Thank you for sharing Christ's love to many in need!

Iowa West Branch



New Mercy Meals Room in Servant Center

OGT's semi-automated Mercy Meals room in the new Servant Center is up and running in Norfolk, Nebraska! This group, with a couple of different volunteers, have been doing this since September of 2020 (in old warehouse) and are reaching their 3 million meals! This got started because of shut downs with Covid but Mercy Meals had to be produced to feed the increased number of hungry, malnourished people. As you can see, they are producing a new Mercy Meals mixture with beans & rice also containing soy, vitamins, minerals, dehydrated vegetables and flavoring. Mercy Meal volunteers L-R: Nancy Dolesh, Pat Levell, Phil Zastrow & Liz Hagmann. Not shown is Bill Meyer.



Would You Like to Help Feed The Hungry?

This room can accommodate 2 lines of 6 people each line. Would you and some friends, co-workers or church group like to help feed the hungry? For more information call Nettie at the Norfolk warehouse 402-371-7393 X 148.

Additional News

[Norfolk warehouse](#) shared various vegetables & food with local food pantries and homeless shelter.

Houston Branch volunteers shared several boxes of various clothing locally with Pasadena Community Ministries.

Weekly Devotion

(Joshua said), "Now fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshipped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it for us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! It was the Lord our God Himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because He is our God." (Josh. 24:14-18)

A Challenge: Sometimes we enjoy a challenge; sometimes not. Someone may challenge us to a fight. Not a good challenge to accept. In several ministries where I've served, someone made a challenge grant available to help us raise money, and people generally responded enthusiastically. During their 40-year stint in the Sinai wilderness, the people of Israel's commitment to the God who led them out of Egypt was often less than stellar. There was that whole golden calf incident. They constantly grumbled and whined, which reached a head when they heard the dire warnings from 10 of the men who scouted ahead of them about the dangers they would face. The people refused to proceed. As a consequence, none of that original generation was allowed to enter Canaan, except for Joshua and Caleb.

Now the next generation is on the cusp of entering the Promised Land again. Serious challenges remain, and apparently some of the people were still clinging to the *"gods (their) forefathers worshipped beyond the River and in Egypt."* So, here's Joshua's challenge: *"Throw away (those gods) .*

. . . *then choose for yourselves this day whom you will choose.*” Joshua, Moses’ hand-picked successor, makes it clear. *“But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”*

The people accept the challenge. Sadly, they will often falter. What about us? What has God challenged us to do with our lives? What has He challenged us to do through the mission and ministry of Orphan Grain Train? His challenges are certainly worthy of our prayers and efforts.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, may we cast away the idols in our own lives and seek to meet Your challenges to serve only You and the people whom You’ve called us to serve. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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