

# Orphan Grain Train †

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Being the Hands & Feet of Jesus

*A Memorable Dedication & Convention*

**OGT's Dedication of the new Servant Center** was inspiring and heartfelt. It was attended by nearly 400 people excited to see the new facility and hear how more children and families in need will be served worldwide. We are grateful to our supporters, donors and everyone involved that helped make this vision a reality! The ceremony served as a tribute to Rev. Ray Wilke; President and the visionary of what has become a ministry serving thousands in need worldwide. To God be the Glory! Seated L-R: Rev. Richard Snow, President, LCMS Nebraska District; Rev. Ray Wilke, OGT President & Rev. Ralph Schmidt, OGT's Director of Donor Advising.



**OGT's Convention at Midtown Event Center** was enjoyed by 300 people eager to hear speakers from Ukraine, Russia, Republic of Georgia and about OGT's first mission trip in Oklahoma. The live & online quilt auction raised nearly \$13,000.00 to aid families in Iowa recovering from massive flooding. Thank you to everyone that donated exquisite quilts to be auctioned! Below speaker is Vitaliy Smolin with Public Organization 'Open Door Foundation' in Ukraine.



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### *Food & Aid Loaded*

Vitaliy Smolin with Public Organization "Open door Foundation" in Ukraine is anxiously waiting for 19,000 pounds of various canned foods, medical equipment & supplies, Bibles, & other needed aid from Wisconsin Branch donors & volunteers. Thanks be to God!



### *Needed Water Delivered*

[Wisconsin Branch](#) recently purchased 22 pallets of bottled water from Artesia Springs in San Antonio that was delivered to Lori Mercer with Cornerstone Children's Ranch in Quemado, TX. They are suffering from severe drought which has dried up their drinking water supply. Artesia Springs also put OGT labels on the water! Thank you for supplying much needed drinking water to many families in need!

Lori had this to say after OGT delivered a water tanker and now Wisconsin delivered pallets of water "We would like to thank you all for the kind donations. We have blessed the community by your kindness, thank you so much."



## ***Love Unloaded***

Distribution has begun from Iowa West Branch in Ida Grove shipment to Cesis, Latvia! Praise be to God!

[Iowa West Branch](#)



## ***Arrived to Bless Many***

Indiana Branch shipment to Latvian Red Cross in Riga, Latvia has arrived! Praise be to God! Thank you, volunteers and donors!

[Indiana Branch](#)



## ***Additional News***

[Highland Lakes Collection Center](#) volunteers in Buchanan Dam, TX delivered diapers, school kits, bikes, blankets and other goods to The Cove House in Copperas Cove, TX. They assist many families in need.

Cornerstone Children's Ranch in Quemado, TX was grateful to receive 5,400 pounds of various foods, 95,040 Food for Kidz meals and other needed goods from Wisconsin Branch volunteers & donors in Westfield. Many children & families will be served along the border.

### *Helping Orphans in Ukraine*

Thanks to the efforts of Kirk Rosin from North Dakota and Alla Vasylieva, Direct of Bible Orphan Ministry, OGT has expanded our Adopt-An-Orphanage ministry to include three orphanages in Ukraine. These orphanage are in dire need of help. Many of the orphans are severely disabled; many have lost parents because of the war with Russia. Meanwhile, our Adopt-An-Orphanage team in St. Petersburg, Russia, continues to work to establish relationships with institutions in Russia and Eastern Europe. These are orphans who were taken out of their homes because of parental neglect. They are released at age 18 and left to fend for themselves. Young men are drafted into the Russian army. Young women fall victim to the Russian mob, which leads to addiction, prostitution, and an early death. Our teams do Gospel outreach and provide humanitarian aid, which consists of clothing, food, medical supplies, and more. We ask sponsors to contribute \$3,400 to OGT annually to a specific institution, which is used to help cover shipping costs, expenses of our teams, and the cost of relief materials. We are grateful for many sponsors who are already supporting an orphanage. For more information, contact Paul Leckband, OGT Director of Spiritual Correspondence. His email is [pleckband@ogt.org](mailto:pleckband@ogt.org). His cell phone is 402-992-0578. He can answer your questions and suggest a specific orphanage for you to sponsor.

Families Working Together in Wanblee, NE picked up 480 pounds of various foods, diapers, hygiene supplies, children's items and other goods from the Norfolk warehouse. The food and goods will serve many families living in poverty. Praise be to God!

## Weekly Devotion

*Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. (Rom. 13:1-2)*

**Submission:** I don't think that I like this Scripture. I don't know about you, but I don't care much for submitting to authority. Here's an example. The lawfully posted speed limit on U.S. 81 between Norfolk and Columbus, NE, might be 70, but I'd much rather push it to 74 or more. And while I'm at it, St. Paul writes that *"there is no authority except that which God has established."* Seriously? Do you mean to tell me that God has established the authority of political leaders whose laws and policies I can't abide? [I'll leave it at that. I don't want to launch into a political discourse here.] Amazingly, the answer is, "Yes!" We are expected to *"submit (ourselves) to the governing authorities."* Furthermore, Paul writes, *"For there is no authority except that which God has established."* What's even more astounding is that the apostle wrote these words to Christians who were under severe persecution by the Roman Emperor Nero. How difficult that must have been! When we submit to the authorities, we give witness to our love for the Savior and His will for our lives. After all, He loves all humankind, including those

who govern us. But what happens when Christians are called upon to obey ungodly laws and policies? That's another story. We should remember the words of *Acts 5:29*. When the authorities commanded Peter and the other disciples to stop preaching and healing in the name of Jesus Christ, "*Peter and the other disciples replied, 'We must obey God rather than human beings.'*"

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, teach us to humble ourselves and submit to the authorities that You have established. Bless us with godly leaders who seek to please you. Help us to resist the authority of those who insist that we submit to laws and policies that contradict what You have commanded. Bless us with the leaders we need. Help us cope with the leaders we get. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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