

Orphan Grain Train

Relief for Human Need Worldwide



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Being the Hands & Feet of Jesus



Feeding The Hungry

Norfolk warehouse had 253,584 Many Hands Many Meals distributed in Malawi by Action for Progress. These pictures show the need and gratitude for the life-changing food. Thank you, OGT donors, supporters and volunteers!

[Norfolk Warehouse](#)



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**Thrivent Choice Dollars
Expire Monday, March
31**

Attention Thrivent Members –

Please direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Orphan Grain Train before they expire on **Monday, March 31, 2025**. Please keep in mind that the phones will be very busy on that Monday so why not designate your Choice Dollars Today. It is simple and doesn't cost you anything but your time. YOU MUST RENEW THE DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR CHOICE DOLLARS EVERY YEAR. YOUR CHOICE OF A PRIOR YEAR DOES NOT CARRY OVER. There are two ways to direct your Choice Dollars. Go to www.thriventchoice.com or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars" at automation.

Thank you for considering OGT when making your Choice Dollars donation.

Dedication This Sunday!

Dedication of the new [OGT Houston Branch](#) Servant Center is Sunday, March 23 at 3:00pm.



Join us for the Dedication and Open House at 5040 E Sam Houston Pkwy S,
Pasadena, TX 77505.

The service will be led by Rev. Ralph Schmidt with Rev. Dr. Jerry Kieschnick as guest speaker. Nice, casual attire is appropriate. After the service, take time to look around the facility...pick up a plate of finger food along the way. Forged by Fire Ministries, based in Louisiana, will provide hot bowls of shrimp pasta and chicken/sausage Jambalaya prepared and served by Pastor Paul & Peggy Ernewein. We are excited for this day. To God be All the Glory!

Blessed with Comfort

We received this photo from Church of God of Prophecy in Panama of distributed aid from [OGT's Central Nebraska Branch in Grand Island](#). The elderly gentleman in the bed is able to rest comfortably with a donated bed, bedding and blankets as before he slept on a plastic mat on the cold, hard floor. God has blessed us to be a blessing.



[Iowa West Branch volunteers in Ida Grove](#) had a beautiful day loading school kits, feminine kits, medical equipment and other aid for Fonds Saules kalns in Latvia. Thank you, donors and volunteers, for sharing the love of Christ to many in need.



OGT's MN N Blessed

Many churches in Wadena County, MN support their local MN North Collection Center! OGT received onesies, 50+ quilts, and 180 backpacks from Redeemer Lutheran in Menahga, Grace Lutheran in Sebeka, Zion Lutheran in Bluegrass, Nimrod Lutheran and Grace



Lutheran Church in Hibbing. Thank you ALL for your time and servant hearts with helping many in need worldwide. The first photo is of MN North's former coordinator Eugene Pasche with his wife Darlene.

[*Minnesota NorthCollection
Center*](#)



Food & Aid Loaded

Norfolk warehouse volunteers loaded 6,534 Mercy Meals, 18,513 Rice and Bean Mercy Meals, sleeping mats, bikes, books, teacher desks, student chairs, desks, school supplies, and classroom tables for Action for Progress in Malawi.





Many More to Make

Ann Strange from Lincoln, NE made her 300th pillowcase dress for OGT Lincoln! She wants every little girl to have a pretty dress and know how much God loves them.

Click the link for the pattern:

[Peasant Pillowcase Pattern](#)

The Pavilion Mission in San Benito, TX was grateful to receive 52,704 Food for Kidz meals, 10,000 pounds of various foods, Bibles, medical equipment, hygiene supplies, furnishings and other goods from volunteers and donors at the [Wisconsin Branch in Westfield](#).

[Central Iowa Branch volunteers](#) recently delivered household items, clothing, furniture, sleeping mats and other goods to several local organizations that help families in need. Thank you, donors and volunteers!

LALM in Laredo, TX was grateful to receive 17,395 pounds of cracker sticks, dried edible beans and baked beans, 11,880 Food for Kidz meals, school furnishings & supplies, medical equipment and other aid from Wisconsin Branch volunteers and donors in Westfield.

Native American Heritage Association in Black Hawk, SD received 34 pallets of various food from Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska.

[Ohio Collection Center volunteers in Napoleon](#) delivered blankets, clothing, household items, hygiene supplies, medical equipment, and bicycles to North American Lutheran Disaster Response Team in Caldwell, OH. Thank you for helping many families in need.

Weekly Devotion

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts He found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So He made a whip out of cords and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves He said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn My Father's house into a market!" (John 2:13-16)

Jesus Clears the Temple: In Jesus' day the temple in Jerusalem had become a cash cow. Thousands of observant Jews visited the temple each year, especially at the time of Passover. Those who traveled couldn't easily transport animals for sacrifice, so merchants "thoughtfully" made sheep, cattle, and doves available for purchase in the actual temple courtyard. They charged exorbitant prices. And Jews were expected to pay a "temple tax" each year, but they could only do so with temple currency. Money-changers "thoughtfully" provided a means for pilgrims to exchange their currencies for temple currency, also for an exorbitant fee. And can you imagine the smell?

Jesus will have nothing to do with this nonsense. He angrily—and it's a righteous anger—clears His *"Father's house"* of these unscrupulous merchants, their animals, their coins. Later in this chapter we read, *"The Jews demanded of Him, 'What miraculous sign can You show us to prove Your authority to do all this?'"* Jesus' answer? *"Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."* (John 2:18-19) He is mocked for this, as they replied, *"It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and You are going to raise it in three days?"* (v. 20) In their foolishness and unbelief they fail to grasp that Jesus is talking about His own body, which will be raised from the dead on the third day. Worldly goods and practices had become a major distraction in the worship lives of God's people. What about us? Do we need Jesus to clear our lives of those temporal things that may clutter our relationship with Him? Do our lives need cleansing, as the temple needed cleansing? Jesus, who was raised from the dead, is the right Person to do this cleansing.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, we pray that we would not allow earthly concerns become distractions and stumbling blocks for us. Amen.

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