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Dear Friend of OGT MAB,

While this *is* the March News Flash, I'm sending it to you on Leap Day, that wonderful once-every-four-years occurrence when we all get an extra 24 hours in February. However you spend your bonus day, we hope you will consider making time for Orphan Grain Train in the months to come, starting with helping us send off our first container of 2024.

**We Load a Shipment for Republic of Georgia on March 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am.** Our recipient is 'Women for Justice,' that focuses on increasing women's participation in local communities, and assisting socially vulnerable families by providing food, clothing, and education. Through partnerships they distribute humanitarian aid to about 3,700 families in Georgia. Come and help us load the container for this very worthy organization!

**Norfolk Honors Cliff Kraft** – You've probably seen the article about Cliff's retirement in our recent winter newsletter, but did you know the OGT national newsletter also published a wonderful tribute to his 21 years of service? Read it [HERE](#).

**We Need Clothing and Shoes** – Thanks to our new open-every-Saturday policy, volunteers are sorting and packing donations more often – and emptying the collection bins more rapidly! All the more reason to clean out your closets and give those items you no longer use or wear to OGT, especially men's and boy's clothing. Remember to...

**... Look Before You Donate** – While you are bagging up your things, make sure all items are appropriate by checking our [Items Accepted for Donation](#) list. Clothing must be gently used, clean (no stains), no rips or tears, and with a full complement of buttons and/or working zippers. Please, no hangers! Our goal is always to convey Jesus' perfect love through your gifts of *good* quality.

**One Month is Left** to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Mid-Atlantic Branch before they expire on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Remember, the Easter holiday is likely to create a rush at the end of the month so take action early. Thank you in advance for choosing OGT MAB.

**Still Getting Hard Copies of MAB News?** Choose 'email only' so we can use your funding as much as possible to help those in need. Contact [carlaniesen@verizon.net](mailto:carlaniesen@verizon.net).

As the season of Lent continues, we keep our focus on Christ's great sacrifice for us. In loving response, please consider giving your time to serve Him through Orphan Grain Train. Consider how beautifully God adds each day to your life – be it a Leap Day or any other – not because you need it, but because someone else needs you.

*"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."  
1 John 4:10*

*See you at the warehouse, hopefully on March 13<sup>th</sup>!*

*Carla*