

SD District LWML Mission Grant Mite Box Devotion

January 2011

South Dakota Division of Orphan Grain Train

\$5000 (Paid in Full)

- Leader:** We open in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- All:** *I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you.* (John 14:18)
- Reader 1:** The mission of the Orphan Grain Train is: In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people, both far and near.
- Reader 2:** Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed.
- Reader 1:** The South Dakota Division of Orphan Grain Train is one of 19 divisions supporting the work of Orphan Grain Train International, a recognized service organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
- Reader 2:** The South Dakota Division is located in Milbank, SD and managed by volunteers. One of the biggest expenses they have had in the past has been for shipping needed humanitarian goods such as donated food, clothing, quilts, medical and school supplies, personal hygiene items and Bibles in the United States and abroad.
- Reader 1:** In 2009 the South Dakota Division of the Orphan Grain Train was gifted with a new facility that will serve as a permanent collection and packing site for the donations.
- Reader 2:** Our Mission Grant will help complete the building and enable them to share the facility with "Kids Against Hunger."
- Prayer:** Gracious and loving heavenly Father, as we bring our Mite offerings before You today, we remember the Orphan Grain Train and their work to the needy throughout the world. We thank you for the volunteers who willingly "climb aboard" the Orphan Grain Train to share the Gospel and necessities where most needed. We thank You, too, that through our mite giving, You make it possible for us, the members of the South Dakota District LWML, to reach out to these people in faith, love, and compassion, as You have done for us through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In His dear name we pray. Amen.