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A Child Saved

I do not know the name of this child but I can tell you her story.

My name is Sandra Koch with Help For Haiti and last May 2015, we were checking on our water projects and school in La Coupe, Haiti. We provide donated food from Orphan Grain Train each month to the school. They asked if we could attend a meeting with the community and the head of the school committee.

We met with them under a little thatched roof area where they told us about their concern for the children in La Coupe.

Every few months the head of the committee is GIVEN--GIVEN 15-20 children by various La Coupe parents and the parents want him to send their children into the city to live with any family that can FEED them and maybe send them to school. They call them RESTAVIC CHILDREN and this is common throughout Haiti. Parents give up their children for the simple reason--they cannot feed them. It is also common to give children mud cookies to eat. They make the cookies out of mud because of the nutrients in the soil and the cookie fills the child's belly so they stop crying from being hungry.

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Photo courtesy of Sandra Koch

The committee said they believed if Help For Haiti could give them food monthly to be shared with families, they would have less parents giving up their children.

We committed to send them at least 15 boxes of food each month to start and see how the program would progress.

When we were in Haiti this past October, we again met with the Restavic Committee. They showed us their logbook of the 40 children who got food each month.

I asked, "Do you think the program is working?" The reply was simple, "No parents

gave away any children since we began the program."

This little girl could have been a RESTAVIC CHILD in a few years, if she did not die before that time from malnutrition. You can see her red hair, which is the sign their body is undernourished. Therefore, by starting this RESTAVIC FEEDING PROGRAM we have stopped or slowed the need for parents to give away their children to work for food with a strange family. We plan to increase the amount of food we give them each month to 25 or 30 boxes.

We need to make sure children, such as this little darling, have a meal to eat and do not have to eat mud cookies or go to bed crying from hunger.....or fear their parents will have to send them away.

Thank you to Orphan Grain

Train for your food donations for this feeding program.

Sandra Koch
Help For Haiti

Last Fiscal Year, Orphan Grain Train shipped nearly 3.5 million meals worldwide. These meals have helped to feed children and families in the US, Moldova, Haiti, Philippines, Nicaragua, Liberia and several other countries. In 3rd world countries, rice fortified meals are shipped by OGT and used in feeding programs, orphanages and schools which may be the only meal many children and families eat all day. Orphan Grain Train pays for the shipping of the meals from monetary donations, which cost approximately \$15 to ship 500 meals, \$150 ships 5,000 meals. Orphan Grain Train saves lives by feeding the very poor and hungry. Your donations help to support feeding programs worldwide.



OGT donates meals for a feeding program to help these children.

"Mud Cookies" for Haitian children to eat.

Photos courtesy of Sandra Koch



Thanks be to God for the delivery of Mercy Meals to feed the children.



These Children say "Thank You" from the projects of India.

Orphan Grain Train has been in a great partnership with United Evangelical Mission (UEM) in Bangalore, India over the past few years. United Evangelical Missions conducts Christian charitable and evangelistic work, such as church planting, operation of orphanages, disaster and humanitarian relief programs, and other similar activities. OGT has supplied containers of goods and food that they distribute to the poor and needy. Bangalore has 1.4 million people living in slums that are located in garbage fields, shacks with no running water or electricity and a breeding ground for illness. John Peter Kirubakaran, Executive Director of UEM India shared praise and gratitude for the recent supply of fortified rice packets - 110,880 Mercy Meals from OGT, which they distributed to children in 12 different locations of New Life Children's projects.

Photos courtesy of John Peter Kirubakaran



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Look at the beautiful smile looking at beans for food.

Orphan Grain Train has been shipping food and humanitarian aid to Kids International Ministries (KIM) in the Philippines for several years. The ministry has several different programs that cater to those most in need of food, shelter, education, and medical attention. OGT ships fortified rice meals to help support their feeding programs, orphanages and schools. Madi Bennett with KIM recently went on a mission trip to some of the farm villages a little ways out from Malaybalay, Philippines. It was during a very hard time of year for the families in the communities because it was not yet harvest and they had very little to eat and no money coming in from their crops yet. KIM was able to distribute Mercy Meals, beans, and soap that came on an OGT shipment! The families were so grateful and relieved to receive this food to help them out until harvest starts. Some of these families had been rationing their food and only eating one meal a day.



These precious children hold soap and a bag of beans donated by OGT.

Photos courtesy of Madi Bennett



His expression says more than just "Thank you".

When dropping off donations, sending in money or volunteering time to sort, pack and load a shipment, you do not know the impact of your "service work". Last September, OGT's Wisconsin Branch volunteers loaded a shipment for Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. I am sure the volunteers did not realize that their hard work would help so many destitute people. Here are just two of the different organizations that received some of the humanitarian aid from this one shipment:



Public Charity Fund "Jologon" works in the Issyk-Kul oblast of Kyrgyzstan. This Fund supports 76 destitute families, 22 disabled children and 38 orphans living in the region. From this shipment, the Fund received 60 boxes of men's, women's and children's clothing and 2 boxes of hats and caps.

Psych neurological Social-Medical Establishment has 201 disabled people of different ages reside there, 64 of them are bed-ridden. From this shipment, OGT provided them with 50 boxes clothes and shoes, 15 boxes of blankets and quilts and 3 shower chairs.



So many blessings packed in one shipment for desperate people. Thank you to our donors and volunteers! Glory be to God.

Help OGT reach "One Million Thrivent Choice Dollars"

In September of 2017, Orphan Grain Train will be celebrating 25 years of serving those in need worldwide. Our goal is to reach One Million Thrivent Choice Dollars and we need your help to do this. You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Orphan Grain Train before they expire on March 31, 2016. Only about 1/3 of Thrivent members take advantage of this, which means charities lose 2/3 of the Thrivent Choice Dollars. 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.



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These wonderful wooden animals are created and made by retired Rev. Leonard Aurich in Dubuque, IA and he donates them to OGT for orphaned children. He is 85 years old and works out of his garage making wooden crosses, toy cars and these precious animals. These children attend the Kids International Ministry (KIM) preschool in the Philippines. Madi Bennett with KIM shared "that the children were having so much fun making up games and imitating what their animal would sound like. Thank you for giving these precious children of God inspiration and hope." OGT would like to thank Rev. Aurich for making these wonderful gifts for so many children in need.



These special handcrafted animals bring such joy and hope to these orphaned children.



Inmates do God's handy work by helping to feed the hungry.

Orphan Grain Train and Mercy Meals of Yankton recently hosted a meal-packing event at Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, South Dakota. More than 200 men participated and packed 60,000 meals! Orphan Grain Train placed the meals in inventory and they will ship to either Haiti or the Philippines for feeding children and families in poverty. What a wonderful service these men are doing for so many families and children in need – Thank you!

Last November, Norfolk warehouse shipped a container that arrived in Tajikistan. If you are wondering, "Where is Tajikistan?" It is a Central Asian country bordering Afghanistan, China, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. Our new recipient in Dushanbe, Tajikistan was able to unload 26,856 Kids Against Hunger meals, corn, wheat, diapers, toys, walkers, toilet risers, wheelchairs, bedside table, and first aid kits all in one day and distribute 90% of it. The people were so happy and grateful for the food and supplies. The other 10% of the shipment will ship to Pamir to help families affected by an earthquake last December.



With economic uncertainties, families are grateful for the help from OGT.



This Tajikistan single parent family is grateful for food and supplies donated by OGT.

Save the Date!

Orphan Grain Train is celebrating "25 Years of Serving Those in Need" at the next convention, September 15 & 16, 2017 in Norfolk, NE. Mark your calendar and enjoy speakers from around the world, entertainment, food and fellowship. More details will be coming soon.





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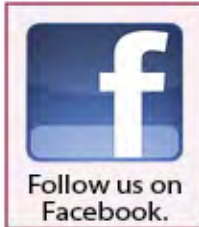
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*Children at an orphanage in India are in line for donated fortified rice meal donated by OGT.
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