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Orphan Grain Train Annual Report 2008

By God's grace and blessing, the many hands of Orphan Grain Train's volunteers from 18 regional divisions and Norfolk, Neb., continued to lift up the downhearted and downtrodden with humanitarian aid and disaster relief supplies in 2008. The numbers tell the story: 147 total semi-loads, including 63 sent overseas and 84 sent in response to domestic disasters. In addition, 52 smaller 14- or 16-ft. trailer-loads and van-loads were dispatched in response to floods and tornadoes here in America. "We thank the thousands of volunteers and contributors who supported Orphan Grain Train in 2008 with donations of time, talent, and treasure," said Richard Jostes, Director of Development. "They make this ministry possible as a faith response in the name of Jesus Christ, bringing relief for human need worldwide."

Disaster Response

Hurricane Katrina, Gustav, and Ike relief efforts continued during 2008 with nine semi-loads of aid delivered to relief camps and distribution centers on the Gulf Coast. More than 135 pieces of Orphan Grain Train-provided equipment are in use throughout the Gulf Coast area, from 14-foot-long tow trailers to semi-trailer sized bedroom units, storage units, and water tankers. The 45-ft. kitchen trailer, delivered to Camp Restore in New Orleans in September 2006, is still in daily use there. This equipment has been committed for an additional year as the clean up and

rebuilding efforts continue.

"The Lutheran volunteer camps in Louisiana and Mississippi continue to welcome clean up and construction volunteers year-round," said Jostes. After three years, over 2,000 homes have been restored. More than 2,000 are still on the list. More than 50,000 vacant properties remain in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina struck in August 2005.



Orphan Grain Train received a "Point of Light" award from Nebraska's governor with this proclamation: "Nebraska Governor's Points of Light Award is presented to Orphan Grain Train in Recognition of your Organization's Outstanding Community Service in Nebraska, Governor Dave Heineman, November 12, 2008."

Meanwhile, 16-ft. and 18-ft. trailer-loads carried a merciful outpouring to flood survivors in Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, and Ohio. Orphan Grain Train's Indiana and Ohio Regional Divisions sent four semi-loads and 45 small trailer-loads of relief supplies to flood recovery areas of Ohio for distribution by Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Ohio. LSS has been

in non-stop flood response since 2007. The Indiana Division also responded to a flood in its region by adding a distribution warehouse in Columbus, Indiana, which served more than 300 families before Christmas.

Other Domestic Relief Efforts

Other shipments in America included 45 semi-loads to Texas border missions such as Ysleta Mission and Cornerstone Children's Ranch. Another 13 semi-loads were sent to the aid of Native Americans through special ministries in South Dakota and New Mexico.

International Shipments

Thirty-five of the 63 foreign shipments in 2008 went to republics of the former Soviet Union. The total number of sponsored orphanages in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, and Russia rose to 53 last year. These orphanages are part of Orphan Grain Train's "Adopt an Orphanage" sponsorship program whereby donors give monthly gifts restricted to their Orphan Grain Train-sponsored orphanage.

After 17 years of ministry, the most requested items continue to be food, clothing, quilts, medical equipment, and Bibles. Details about Orphan Grain Train projects and outreach efforts can be found at www.ogt.org and in the organization's quarterly newsletter.

Our motto:

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." (John 14:18)

Thank You from Kyrgyzstan

By Sue Pfeil

We want to send a BIG thank you to all the “unsung missionaries” of Orphan Grain Train. If you don’t know about Orphan Grain Train, check their website www.ogt.org. It is an awesome organization that not only helps many areas overseas, but in America too. This past year we received 12 containers of humanitarian aid from Orphan Grain Train’s Wisconsin, Nebraska, Missouri-Illinois, and Maryland regional divisions. In the past ten years we have received 85 containers!

With all the hard work of those that collect and pack the clothing, medical and hospital supplies, a fully equipped dental office, yarn, shoes, material, New Mother’s Kits, toys and much more, we have been able to help all the Lutheran Church groups, many orphanages, Granny groups, villages that suffered catastrophic events, like earthquakes, mudslides and poverty, also as an outreach with the medical van program and working with the Minister of Emergency Care and Minister of Health of Kyrgyzstan.

Every Thursday is Humanitarian Day at the office and people from approved groups come with taxis, trucks, and cars and receive your boxes of love. Thank you again from those who benefit from all your hard work.



This mobile medical clinic serves several villages in Kyrgyzstan. Ten years ago Orphan Grain Train shipped the clinic and its semi-tractor to Kyrgyzstan.

To help flood survivors the Indiana Division partnered with San Souci Social Service to supply a distribution center in Columbus. In 2008 more than five semi-loads of furniture and household items were given to at least 300 pre-qualified families. (Please see #1505 on shipments poster.)



Children who live at the “Smokey Mountain” garbage dump in Manila, Philippines, enjoy Kids Against Hunger meals. Their normal diet had been boiled food scraps from restaurants.

Each “Kids Against Hunger™” food package provides six nutritious meals.



Smokey Mountain garbage dump in Manila is named for the haze of methane and other gases hovering over its mountain of garbage. A Catholic daycare provides “Kids Against Hunger” meals there, thanks to the combined efforts of Kids Against Hunger and Orphan Grain Train.

2008 Shipments that were Less Than a Semi-Load in Size

DATE	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	Size	INVENTORY
01/07	Norfolk, Neb.	Greensburg, Kansas	Dually pickup	Delivered a skid loader
01/08	Norfolk, Neb.	Camp Bethlehem	Dually pickup	Delivered a bobcat skid loader and returned a skid loader
01/14	Napoleon, Ohio	Caldwell, Ohio	16' trailer	Clothing
01/14	Napoleon, Ohio	Concordia Seminary Ft. Wayne	Suburban	Professional clothing
01/14	Napoleon, Ohio	Ottawa, Ohio	Pickup	Deep freezer, couches, beds, lamps, dryer
01/17	Azaela, Indiana	Caldwell, Ohio	16' trailer	Clothing, highchair, crutches, walker, umbrellas
02/22	Lancaster, Calif.	Lutheran Hour-Mexico	Van	Hygiene items, grooming, first aid and soap, Spanish booklets
02/22	Ontario/Lancaster, Calif.	Lutheran Hour-Mexico	Van	Clothing, shoes, fabric, Spanish booklets & videos, toiletries
04/09	Culver City, Calif.	Lutheran Hour-Mexico	Van	Ten boxes of quilts
04/09	Culver City, Calif.	Lutheran Hour-Mexico	Van	Three boxes of hats and 7 boxes quilts
04/14	Napoleon, Ohio	Concordia Seminary Ft. Wayne	Pickup	10 boxes of clothing
04/14	Napoleon, Ohio	Redbird Mission, Beverly, Ky.	Pickup	50 boxes clothing
04/22	Azaela, Indiana	Caldwell, Ohio	16' trailer	Clothing, household items
05/08	Napoleon, Ohio	Concordia Seminary Ft. Wayne	Pickup	48 boxes of miscellaneous children's clothing and supplies
05/08	Napoleon, Ohio	Redbird Mission, Beverly, Ky.	Truck & trailer	Children's clothing and household goods
05/28	Azaela, Indiana	Caldwell, Ohio	18' trailer	Clothing
05/28	Azaela, Indiana	Caldwell, Ohio	18' trailer	Clothing, misc. household items
06/23	Bottineau, N.D.	Spirit Lake Reservation	Bus & trailer	Sixty boxes of blankets, 13 toys, 263 clothing, 12 food
06/30	Wilmington, Del.	Caldwell, Ohio	12' trailer	Clothing, household supplies, toys, bicycles, puzzles, linens
07/22	Napoleon, Ohio	Brazil, South America	13 suitcases	One hundred t-shirts and Bible School supplies in 13 suitcases
07/22	Napoleon, Ohio	Caldwell & Ottawa, Ohio	16' trailer	Stove, beds, two dressers, 80 boxes clothing
07/22	Napoleon, Ohio	Columbus, Indiana	16' trailer	Religious mat'l. for India, furniture, blankets, clothing, personal hygiene
07/22	Arizona	Lutheran Hour-Mexico	Van	Sixteen boxes quilts, blankets, baby quilts, 4 boxes hats
07/22	Ontario, Calif.	Lutheran Hour-Mexico	Van	Quilts, school & health kits, 20 boxes clothing to San Diego Mission
07/22	Napoleon, Ohio	Redbird Mission, Beverly, Ky.	16' trailer	Clothing
08/01	Napoleon, Ohio	Caldwell, Ohio	24' box truck	Clothing, shoes, household, desk and sofa
08/12	Arizona	Lutheran Hour-Mexico	Van	Seventeen boxes of quilts and four boxes of hats
08/12	Los Angeles, Calif.	Lutheran Hour-Mexico	Van	Seventy-one boxes of underwear
08/12	Los Angeles, Calif.	Lutheran Hour-Mexico	Van	Eight boxes of underwear
08/19	Napoleon, Ohio	Cross borders, Ft. Wayne, Ind.	16' trailer	Blankets, Global Care Pkgs., professional clothing, household items
08/28	Azaela, Indiana	Redbird Mission, Beverly, Ky.	18' trailer	Clothing, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, curtains
08/28	Azaela, Indiana	Redbird Mission, Beverly, Ky.	18' trailer	Clothing, sheets, blankets, pillowcases, curtains and rods
09/08	Napoleon, Ohio	Finley, Ohio	Pickup	Furniture, appliances, TV, filing cabinet, dishes, chairs, crock pots
09/26	Wilmington, Del.	Caldwell, Ohio	26' truck	Household items, furniture, clothing
10/20	Wilmington, Del.	Caldwell, Ohio	Van	Strollers, infant swings, shoes, car seats, toys, sewing machine
10/22	Norfolk, Neb.	Greensburg, Kansas	26' trailer	Delivered a shower trailer from North Carolina
10/23	Napoleon, Ohio	Caldwell, Ohio	16' trailer	Furniture, 200 cleaning kits, clothes, garden tools, household items
10/23	Napoleon, Ohio	Cross borders, Ft. Wayne, Ind.	24' box truck	Furniture, blankets, appliances, garden tools, 100+ Global Care Pkgs., coats
10/27	Santa Monica/Cypress, Calif.	Crockett, Texas	Truck & trailer	Clothing, food, quilts, underwear
11/03	Bottineau, N.D.	Spirit Lake Reservation	Bus	Clothing (134 boxes), coats and jackets (23 boxes), quilts (30 boxes), dishes
12/02	Culver City, Calif.	Yorblinda, Calif.	Pickup	Twenty-four boxes clothing, 29 quilts
12/08	Azaela, Indiana	Caldwell, Ohio	18' trailer	Clothing, kitchen items, toys, electronic components
12/08	Columbus, Indiana	Columbus, Ind. (flood victims)	18' trailer	Christmas decorations, dishes, cards, cookie tins, misc.
12/08	Azaela, Indiana	Majestic, Kentucky	16' trailer	Toys, sport balls, dolls, clothing, shoes & boots, quilts, sheets & pillow cases
12/08	Azaela, Indiana	Majestic, Kentucky	18' trailer	Bikes, trikes, clothing, shoes, houseslippers, coats, sweaters, car seats, toys
12/10	Azaela, Indiana	Columbus, Indiana	18' trailer	Scrub buckets, clothes
12/10	Azaela, Indiana	Columbus, Indiana	18' trailer	Bicycles
12/11	Napoleon, Ohio	Concordia Seminary Ft. Wayne	Van	Professional clothing, blankets
12/11	Napoleon, Ohio	Concordia Seminary Ft. Wayne	Van	Professional clothing, baby formula
12/11	Napoleon, Ohio	Cross borders, Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Pickup	Household goods - 2000 lbs.
12/11	Napoleon, Ohio	Mercer County Ohio	16' trailer	Sofa, blankets, underwear and socks, toys, household, shoes, clothes, paint

Ohio Division Shipments in 2008--Small But Mighty

By Nancy Helmke, Ohio Division Chairman

We collected furniture, appliances, cleaning goods, clothing, and personal hygiene items. Many items were distributed in Southeastern Ohio in harmony with Lutheran Social Services and Lutheran Disaster Response as people rebuild after several years of floods.

We continued to send clothing and other items to the Ottawa and Findley, Ohio--still recovering from their floods. Cross Border Partners of Fort Wayne, Indiana is another one of our partner agencies.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Ohio District collected over 2000 pounds of new underwear, personal hygiene items and religious materials. The Indiana Division used some of these items to respond to floods and shipped the religious materials to India.

Our dedicated sorters and packers go through bag after bag of clothing that is brought to our warehouse. We offer assistance on an as-needed basis. We often receive phone calls asking for donations for homeless families and people who have suffered personal disasters.

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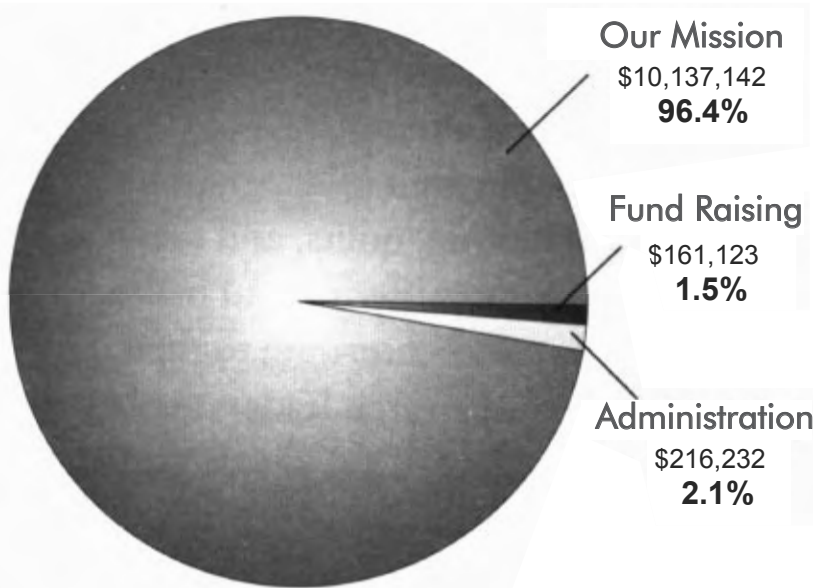
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Volunteers are the hands and feet of this ministry, and their gifts of time, talent, and treasure make Orphan Grain Train an efficient organization.

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Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended May 31, 2008.



Orphan Grain Train's Norfolk, Neb., office building was built through special gifts given for the "Building on Living Stones" capital campaign. The campaign was completed on December 31, 2008, and the building is debt-free.



Laborers for Christ volunteers came to Herington, Kansas, on a Sunday afternoon from a nearby construction project to help load the Orphan Grain Train semi-trailer (June 2008).