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## Christmas for Orphans – All year through!

*By Rev. John Reehl - Director of Prison and Orphanage Ministries*

Orphan Grain Train's "Adopt An Orphanage" program continues to grow under our Lord's gracious care and guidance. In 2009 the Russian government closed three orphanages on our list but all sponsors shifted their support to other orphanages. There is no shortage of orphanages in Russia. We are currently seeking sponsors for an orphanage in Latvia and another orphanage in Kyrgyzstan.

Our really joyous news is concerning this past Christmas. Generous sponsors provided over \$6,000.00 for warm boots and shoes for our orphanages and other needy children in the three Baltic countries (Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania). Our co-workers purchased the boots and winter clothing items and distributed them to the children. Our Latvian co-worker, Ruuta, writes about the visit that she and her sister, Laura, made to a very poor family in Latvia:

"Laura and I bought eight pair of boots for children who really need them. I have to admit that I was a bit shocked at their living conditions, poor children. As you can see by the pictures-a new pair of boots was a real Christmas miracle for them! We prepared also small bags of sweets for younger ones! They were very happy about boots and our visit! Big thanks to you!"

In addition to the warm boots funds over \$10,000.00 was given for Christmas gifts for the children. Our co-workers were encouraged to purchase winter

clothing along with some candy and fruit for the children. One sponsor also provided funds to purchase an industrial size washing machine for their orphanage in Russia.

Our sincere thanks to all who shared our blessed Savior's love this past year with all of His children with their special needs. Children grow year round-so we use "Warm Boots" gifts whenever contributors generously choose to send them.



Our co-worker, Ruuta, with the family she helped through the "Warm Boots" program.



New boots for Christmas!



Children at the orphanage in the town of Kant, Kyrgyzstan, are very happy with their new boots. Some of them could not go outside for lack of footwear.

# Haiti Shipments Sent in 40 ft. long Shipping Containers

DATE	ORIGIN	SENT TO	RELIEF INVENTORY
01/29/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	270,864 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals
02/12/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	256,608 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals
02/17/10	Indiana Division	Haiti	27,864 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals, appliances, hospital equipment & supplies, shoes, cleaners, clothing, antenna
02/19/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	256,608 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals, generators, tents
02/25/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	128,304 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals, 150 50-lb. bags of black beans, 200 50-lb. bags of pinto beans, all-terrain wheelchairs, cups, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs
03/02/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	128,304 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals, 200 50-lb. bags of black beans, 160 50-lb. bags of pinto beans, 4 all-terrain wheelchairs, 90 boxes of clothing
03/04/10	Indiana	Haiti	91,152 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals, hospital equipment & medical supplies, clothing, tent, bedding & linens, cleaning supplies, adult diapers, water
03/05/10	New York	Haiti	Food, water, medical, hygiene supplies, wheelchairs, canes, walkers, bedding, tents, tools
03/25/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	14,256 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals, 6 pallets of black beans, 6 pallets of pinto beans, tents, Mercy Kits, protecticide, medical prescription
03/29/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	57,024 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals, 250 50-lb. bags of black beans, 345 50-lb. bags of pinto beans, crutches, orthopedic supplies, all-terrain wheelchair
03/30/10	Indiana	Haiti	18 pallets of bottled water
04/06/10	Indiana	Haiti	1050 cases of water
04/06/10	Indiana	Haiti	18 pallets of bottled water
04/21/10	Wisconsin	Haiti	Clothing, blankets & quilts, canned peas and corn
04/22/10	Indiana	Haiti	33,696 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals, bicycle, Mercy Kits (Towels of Grace), cleaning supplies, clothing, blankets & quilts, personal hygiene supplies
04/29/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	57,024 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals, 250 50-lb. bags of black beans, 320 50-lb. bags of pinto beans
05/07/10	Baltimore	Haiti	Adult diapers, medical equipment & supplies, blankets, linens, sheets, protein drink, health kits, shoes, toys, men's, women's and children's clothing.
05/17/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	71,280 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals, 200 50-lb. bags of black beans, 300 50-lb. bags of medley beans, quilts, mercy kits
05/18/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	71,280 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals, 200 50-lb. bags of black beans, 300 50-lb. bags of medley beans, quilts, mercy kits, ball caps
05/19/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	40-ft. mobile medical clinic, medical equipment, supplies & medicine, appliances, adult diapers, cots, bedside bath tubs, liquid formula, wheelchairs, stuffed animals
05/19/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	40-ft. mobile medical clinic, medical equipment & supplies, appliances, generator, A/C, wheelchairs, stuffed animals, water, MREs, windows, baby scale
05/19/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	40-ft. mobile medical clinic, medical equipment & supplies, appliances, generator, A/C, wheelchairs, stuffed animals, water, MREs, windows
05/19/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	40-ft. mobile medical clinic, medical equipment & supplies, A/C unit, generator, water, wheelchairs, stuffed animals
05/19/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	20-ft. container full of carpenter tools, generator, bottled water, building supplies
05/19/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	100 prefabricated home kits
05/20/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	32,400 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals, clothing, shoes, furniture, bikes, quilts, cleaning equipment & material, hygiene, school & sports equipment, Sunday school material, sick room items, misc.
05/25/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	57,024 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals, 250 bags black beans, 300 bags medley, quilts, all-terrain wheelchairs
06/03/10	Norfolk, Neb.	Haiti	28,512 servings of "Kids Against Hunger" meals, 400 bags medley beans, all-terrain wheelchairs, clothing, shoes, water, blankets/quilts, bicycles, bedding linens, mercy kits

## Nashville Flood Relief

In May, Orphan Grain Train delivered six semi-loads of flood relief supplies and equipment for volunteer camps at Lebanon and Nashville, Tennessee. Three 48-foot bedroom units, two 20-foot storage units, and two utility trailers were included. Volunteers from these camps will clean and restore more than 150 homes. Volunteer semi-drivers Lloyd Dennert of Aberdeen, S.D., Ed and Pat Olson of Kansas City, Mo., and Ed Lewis of Norfolk delivered these shipments.



Pat Olson hauled one of the bedroom units to Nashville.



Orphan Grain Train's Hammar trailer unloads a bedroom unit at a flood relief volunteer camp in Lebanon, Tennessee.



Volunteer camp begins to take shape.

## 2009 Shipments that were Less Than a Semi-Load in Size

DATE	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	SIZE	RELIEF INVENTORY
01/10	Arizona	Tijuana, Mexico	Van	44 quilts (11 boxes), 3 boxes crocheted hats, 1 box personal items
01/10	Lake Forest, Calif.	Tijuana, Mexico	Van	5 boxes clothes and shoes, 1 box of sweaters, 1 box of undies
01/22	Arizona	Tijuana, Mexico	Van	8 boxes quilts & blankets, 2 boxes afghans & shawls, 2 boxes crocheted hats
01/23	Wilmington, Del.	Caldwell, Ohio	24' truck	Clothing, shoes, linens & bedding, household, purses, furniture
01/26	Napoleon, Ohio	Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne	Suburban	5 boxes of blankets, 20 boxes of professional clothing
02/05	Napoleon, Ohio	Caldwell, Ohio	Truck & 16' trailer	Electric dryer, furniture, blankets, winter clothes, shoes, household
03/13	Azalia, Ind.	Columbus, Ind.	Pickup	Clothing, bedding, shoes
03/17	Azalia, Ind.	Mercerville, Ohio	Pickup & 18' trailer	Clothing, bedding, shoes, cleaning materials, toys, small appliances
03/25	Baltimore, Md.	Cumberland, Md.	Truck	Clothing and crutches, shoes
03/27	Wilmington, Del.	Caldwell, Ohio	26' truck	Household goods, clothing, bikes, toys, tools
04/30	Napoleon, Ohio	Cross Borders, Ft. Wayne, Ind.	16' trailer	Recliners, table & 6 chairs, mattress, sofas, stove, blankets, clothes
05/01	Menahga, Minn.	Moorhead, Minn.	Pickup	Bedding, blankets, children clothing, adult clothing
05/18	Menahga, Minn.	Moorhead, Minn.	Pickup	Shoes, quilts, clothing
05/27	Napoleon, Ohio	Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne	Suburban	13 boxes of professional clothing
06/10	Menahga, Minn.	Moorhead, Minn.	Pickup	Bedding, towels, shoes, clothing
06/12	Bottineau, N.D.	Spirit Lake Reservation	Bus & trailer	Clothes and quilts
06/12	Napoleon, Ohio	Vinton County, Ohio	Pickup & 16' trailer	Electric dryer, furniture, hygiene kits, blankets, clothing, household items
07/10	Napoleon, Ohio	Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne	Suburban	23 Boxes of clothing
07/19	Azalia, Ind.	Caldwell, Ohio	16' trailer	Wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches
07/23	Azalia, Ind.	Columbus, Ind.	Pickup	Clothing
07/24	Saint Louis, Mo.	El Paso, Texas	15' truck	Kids Against Hunger™ food, trays, baby food bowls, sandals, medicines
07/25	Menahga, Minn.	Moorhead, Minn.	Pickup	Dishes, shoes, bedding, towels, clothing
07/31	Grand Island, Neb.	El Paso, Texas	Pickup & 10' trailer	Health & hygiene, school supplies, layettes, clothing, toys, quilts, bedding
08/14	Wilmington, Del.	Caldwell, Ohio	26' truck	Clothing, furniture, household, blankets, bicycles, school supplies, toys
08/15	Lancaster, Calif.	Tijuana, Mexico	Van	3 boxes new bibles, 7 boxes new undies, toiletries, clothing & shoes
08/15	Napoleon, Ohio	Vinton County, Ohio	28' truck	Shoes, clothes, blankets, bikes, sewing machine, tables, bookcases, fans
08/17	Azalia, Ind.	Columbus, Ind.	16' trailer	Clothing, shoes, blankets, sheets & pillowcases
08/19	Azalia, Ind.	Caldwell, Ohio	Pickup & 16' trailer	School supplies, clothing, children's books, cleaning supplies
08/19	Bottineau, N.D.	Spirit Lake Reservation	Bus & trailer	Clothing, quilts, food, ice skates & roller blades, garment bags
08/19	Napoleon, Ohio	Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne	Yukon	18 boxes professional clothing
08/22	Napoleon, Ohio	Caldwell, Ohio	16' trailer	Household items, furniture, blankets and bedding, shoes, books, clothes
08/31	Azalia, Ind.	Columbus, Ind.	16' trailer	Clothing, shoes, curtains & drapes, boots
09/01	Menahga, Minn.	Moorhead, Minn.	Pickup	Linens, clothing, shoes, quilts
09/11	Azalia, Ind.	Columbus, Ind.	Pickup	Clothing, shoes
09/16	Saint Louis, Mo.	Pine Ridge Indian Res.	Box truck	Clothing, medical supplies, Kids Against Hunger™, Gatorade™, blankets
09/19	Menahga, Minn.	Moorhead, Minn.	Pickup	Blankets, shoes, dishes, clothes
09/26	Menahga, Minn.	Moorhead, Minn.	Pickup	Blankets, shoes, clothes
10/21	Bottineau, N.D.	Spirit Lake Reservation	Bus	185 boxes of clothing
10/21	Ontario, Calif.	Tijuana, Mexico	Van	2 bags of clothing, 9 boxes of quilts
10/23	Menahga, Minn.	Moorhead, Minn.	Pickup	Coats, shoes, clothing
12/01	Rochester, Minn.	Rochester, Minn.	Van	Blankets, crib sheets, caps
12/08	Grand Island, Neb.	El Paso, Texas	Pickup & 10' trailer	School supplies, Christmas, layettes, health & hygiene, clothing, microwave
12/15	Albany, N.Y.	Ambler, Pa.	26' truck	Furniture, desks, stuffed chairs, lamps, end tables, coffee tables

### Coming soon: A new way for Thrivent members to help Orphan Grain Train

As you may know, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is launching a new charitable grant program and benefit of membership called Thrivent Choice<sup>SM</sup>. Choice Dollars<sup>SM</sup> will be designated to some Thrivent Financial members when that portion of the program launches this summer. (Thrivent Financial member eligibility will be based on fraternal benefit society product ownership and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership, and helping direct Choice Dollars<sup>SM</sup> will be subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Thrivent Choice<sup>SM</sup> program.)

As always, Orphan Grain Train is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member who learns you will be eligible to direct Choice Dollars<sup>SM</sup> (watch your mail for details from Thrivent Financial this summer), we ask you to consider our ministry as you help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable funds.

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## Earthquake Relief Delivered by Every Means Possible

Orphan Grain Train relief supplies are distributed throughout Haiti by trucks and vans but in the mountains on foot and by mules and by boat along the coast. We are supplying many orphanages in Haiti with food and other relief supplies. (Earthquake relief sent thus far--on page 2.)



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