



Orphan Grain Train

Good Tidings

News *-for and about -*

OGT Maryland

October, 2024

Disaster Relief Efforts

OGT Maryland is currently in the midst of collecting items to benefit the victims of the recent flood in North Carolina. The members of our community have been quite generous in their response to our plea. We are collecting hygiene kits and cleaning buckets, in addition to tarps of any size, garbage bags, paper towels, toilet paper, children's diapers and feminine hygiene products. Deadline for dropping off supplies is Monday, October 21st. We anticipate loading a truck and sending to NC shortly after the deadline. Monetary donations are still being accepted by clicking on to our website or by sending a check to OGT Maryland, P.O. Box 1741, Millersville, MD 21108. Please indicate that your donation is to benefit disaster relief. Thanks to everyone who has already supported our relief efforts!

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Ukrainian Connection

Words From Ukraine

On Sunday, October 5th, Alla, a young woman from Ukraine, spoke to nearly 50 OGT supporters at the warehouse. She herself grew up in an orphanage in Ukraine and today, she and her team are caring for orphans in six different Ukrainian orphanages. The children's possessions are few and their needs are many. After hearing her speak, OGT Maryland pledged to help her by sending a 40 foot container to Ukraine, filled with much needed items for the children. Since we are currently busy



with disaster relief projects, we will launch this campaign after the first of the year. More details on how you can help Alla and the orphans in Ukraine will soon be forthcoming.

Distribution of Donated Items in South Sudan

Ever wonder what happens to all of the donated items that OGT Maryland sends overseas? Pastor Stephen, founder of the Mission Gardens of Christ in Bor, South Sudan writes

"Despite heavy rains in our area, since the arrival of the container on 27 July 2024 at the MGC we have been busy counting and distributing the donated items. So far, we have given out some items to 278 pastors, 256 needy people at Malek Leper Colony, and 336 prisoners, among others. The distribution is still ongoing. Below are some of the pictures we have taken".



The arrival of the container at the MGC, July 27 July, 2024



The unloading of the donated items before putting down the container



Pastors sharing the gospel and praying in the MGC Hall before the distribution of items



Pastors ready to depart MGC after receiving their donated items



Some women pastors at the MGC Monument after the distribution of items



Distribution of OGT donated items at Malek Leper colony



This little boy (an orphan) with his grandma at Malek Leper Colony



MGC delivers the donated items by its car to Bor Main Prison



Some donated items for 336 prisoners, Bor Main Prison



Pastor Stephen with his wife Elizabeth talks to prison inmates before the distribution of the items



Prisoners receive the donated items



Pastor Stephen with some prisoners after the distribution

Pastor Stephen concludes "Things are moving on very well, and the distribution will finish this month. People are happy and commending OGT for these humane donations. They wish you with your back donors all the best in the Lord. This comes with the best regards and well wishes from all of us to all of you."

What we do here in Maryland DOES make a difference!

Report from Liberia

In the latest edition of the Liberian Children's Ministry, Joe Boway, our contact in Liberia, reported that "in the 2024-2025 school year, a little over 6700 students in our 15 schools are learning about our Lord and Savior because of your prayers and support." In addition, over 40 school-age children and adults will be baptized at their Reformation Conference next month. It is obvious that both the children and adults are benefitting from the Bibles and Christian school books and literature that we send. Our collection of Bibles and Christian literature at the warehouse is ongoing.

Prayers for Cameroon



Just a few months ago, we sent a 40 foot container of humanitarian aid to Cameroon. Last month we received word from Pastor Sam that his village suffered severe damage from a flood. His people have nowhere to shelter. All their farms and livestock have been wiped out by waters. Right now the people of his village have been displaced and are living in very poor conditions with high risks of diseases like cholera and other water-related diseases. Please keep the people of Cameroon in your prayers.

The Goodness of God in Appalachia

Clothing GIVEAWAY!

- free clothing available for all ages
- There will also be free hotdogs

**SATURDAY | SEPT. 7
11AM - 2PM**

LOCATION:
WEST LIBERTY CHURCH OF GOD
568 GLENN AVE. - WEST LIBERTY, KY

2024



A recent shipment of clothing from our warehouse to Hazel Green Food Project (HGFP) in Hazel Green, Kentucky resulted in a large clothing drive at the West Liberty Church of God in West Liberty. HGFP sits in one of the poorest counties in all of Appalachia. While our name and brand were only apparent by the presence of our unique boxes, we know in our hearts that this outcome is a good work and pleasing to our God. Each one of us, while serving at OGT, is a very unique part of a greater common body called to serve the less fortunate of our world while extolling the Goodness of God!



In response to this event, Chris Carstens, Inventory Manager of OGT, Norfolk Nebraska wrote "Sitting here miles away from you and your continued outreach, I do not get to see first-hand the extent of your arms reaching across the US and the world. I do receive pictures from some of our recipients and it never ceases to amaze me at how one small gesture of packing a single box of clothing (or whatever the contents) can have such an impact on someone in need. Some of the smiles melt my heart."

Kudos to all OGT volunteers!

Life-Saving Shipment to Kyrgyzstan

OGT Maryland just received a letter of gratitude from the National Center of Maternity and Childhood Care in Kyrgyzstan for the recent shipment of \$32,500 worth of shunts donated to us by Integra Life Sciences for the Neurological Institute and Dr. Karachev, the neurosurgeon in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Each shunt saves a young life. So far, OGT Maryland in partnership with Integra Life Sciences, has shipped just under 4,000 shunts to Kyrgyzstan.

Donation from Harbor Hospital

Saving Young Lives

Harbor Hospital recently donated five infant isolettes and two spare hoods. These will make their way to African countries in the coming months. It is not possible to imagine how many infant lives might be saved as a direct result of this critical donation. Our sincere thanks go to Harbor Hospital for blessing us with their generosity.



Volunteer Octoberfest

For Our OGT Family

Volunteer Appreciation Octoberfest

Fellowship, Food, Games, Cars!

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Place: Wayne Gerst Home

622 Benfield Rd., Severna Park

What to bring: Dessert or side dish to share

Provided: Meats and drinks

Purpose: To have some fun, to get to know each other better,

and to say "Thank You" for all your hard work

You may choose to bring your own beverage, share a game or two, or enjoy Wayne's antique cars.

RSVP: Sign up sheet in the Sorting Room or respond on-line to Irene Giguere at irmiguere@gmail.com by October 19, please.

OGT Annual Coat Collection



November 1 – December 14

Orphan Grain Train will again be collecting **winter coats and jackets**. The garments will be distributed to those in need throughout inner city Baltimore and surrounding communities. We ask for new or gently used winter coats/jackets for men, women and children - **but this year especially, for jackets.**

Coats and jackets can be taken to the **Orphan Grain Train Warehouse**: 621 East-West Blvd., Millersville, MD 21108.

Drop off times: Mondays, Tuesdays : 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Evening hours (Nov. – Dec.): Tuesdays, 5 – 7 p.m.

Saturdays: Nov. 9 & 23, Dec. 14: 9 – 12 noon

Contact Irene Giguere, (410) 747-1619 or irmiguere@gmail.com for more information or to arrange larger pickup.

Thank you to the Grill at Quarterfield Station



OGT Maryland extends a huge THANK YOU to Bill Chalmers, owner of The Grill at Quarterfield Station in Glen Burnie. For years Bill has been so supportive of our mission by donating delicious food for various functions held at the warehouse. His generosity is so appreciated. We encourage all of you to support businesses that support us. Enjoy breakfast, lunch, or dinner at the Grill at Quarterfield Station. You will not be disappointed!

Bowling Fundraiser is Huge Success

A big THANK YOU goes to Linda and Steve Zahn for organizing our first bowling fundraiser. They spent countless hours finding sponsors and soliciting items for our silent auction. It was a huge success, raising over \$18,000 for OGT Maryland! Special thanks also to Bonnie Jordan for preparing items for the Silent Auction and to the rest of our fundraising team. We would also like to extend our appreciation to all of our sponsors, folks and businesses who donated items for our silent auction, and to all those who attended. Giving of your time and treasure enables us to keep our mission alive.



Winners of our Bowling Tournament

I-r back row

Men's Duck Pins - Kurt Dunn

Men's Ten Pins - Shawn Mooney

Women's Duck Pins - Marjorie Dean

Women's Ten Pins - Skylar Price

Boy's High Score (12 and under) - Dylan Gwaltney

Girls High Score (12 and under) - Laura Stiegler

Bowling Event Strike Sponsorship

We thank our sponsors for their support!

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Please support the businesses that support us!

Plastic Bag Ban

Some of the African countries to which we send humanitarian aid have issued a ban on plastic bags. Many of you have made special kits for us over the years and we are thankful for them. As you prepare for more, please check the OGT national website for kit instructions. With the plastic bag ban, there have been some changes in allowable materials.

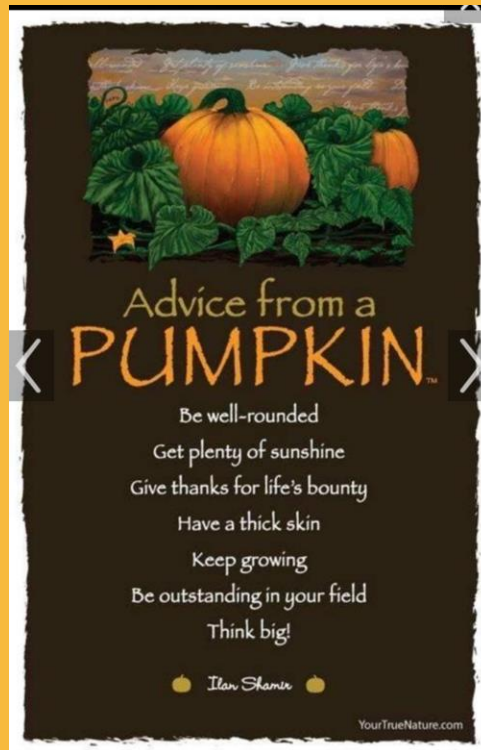
Closed for the Holidays

So that our volunteers can spend time with their families, the OGT Warehouse will be closed on the following days:

Thanksgiving: Nov. 27, 28, 29

Christmas: Dec.23 – Jan. 5

REFLECTION FOR TODAY



JOIN US IN PRAYER

Please remember our OGT community in your prayers!

- Our Volunteers
- Our Donors and Supporters
- Recipients of our humanitarian aid

Continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine and for an end to these wars.



USED PRINTER CARTRIDGE PROGRAM



Orphan Grain Train accepts your used printer cartridges as part of a recycling program that provides funding for OGT. Please continue to bring your depleted cartridges to the warehouse when you come to volunteer, donate, or visit.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Orphan Grain Train is always looking for new volunteers. Many opportunities, both large and small, are available. For more information, please call 410-417-9674 or stop by the warehouse any Monday or Tuesday morning (9:00 - noon), Tuesday evening (5:00 - 7:00 p.m.), or the second or fourth Saturday of each month (9:00 - noon).



Warehouse Location:
621 East-West Blvd.,
Millersville MD 21108

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 1741
Millersville MD 21108

Branch Manager: Bruce Coonradt
Email: bkcoonradt515@aol.com
Call us at: 410-417-9674

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including donations and availability.
410-417-9674**

