



Orphan Grain Train

Good Tidings

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For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

May the wonder of His birth fill you with peace, joy, and happiness!

OUR VERY OWN EVERYDAY HERO

Every month WMAR-TV, in conjunction with Chick-Fil-A, honors one senior adult who goes above and beyond to make a difference in her community. The winner of the November, 2021 Chick-fil-a Everyday Hero Award was Elfie Eberle, our founder and longtime manager of the Maryland Branch. She is currently our Solicitation Manager. Elfie has been the driving force behind our organization since its inception and continues to be an inspiration to everyone affiliated with the Orphan Grain Train. Everyone who knows Elfie knows how deserving she is of this award. Not only does she make a difference in her local



community, but she is committed to making a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world. Congratulations, Elfie!

Check out the story!

PRAYER GARDEN DEDICATION



After six months of planning, hard work and dedication by Joe Harvey, the Prayer Garden at the OGT warehouse has become a reality. It was dedicated on Wednesday, December 7th, with 30+ OGT volunteers in attendance. During the dedication, Joe read Psalm 46, highlighting Verse 10 - "Be still and know that I am God". It is our hope that the garden will provide a place where you can spend quiet time with God, praying, meditating, or just "being still" and enjoying God's natural beauty that's all around you. After the dedication everyone enjoyed fellowship and lunch catered by Chick-fil-A. Next time you visit the warehouse be sure to stop by and check out our new prayer garden!

An Ode to the Prayer Garden

Across the way lies a structure dedicated to God's glory.
How it came to be is really quite a story!
Where men and women work together without any pay.
Because of their faith, they wouldn't have it any other way.
From packing boxes to pulling tags, from loading a truck to washing clothes,
Their efforts are testimony that their faith in Jesus Christ glows.
So it is only fitting that the communion of believers over there,
Should have a place where they can have a space dedicated to prayer.
This is hallowed ground that was created with great love and dedication,
And we rejoice and give thanks as we celebrate this divine consecration.
Please use this serene space with humility, joy, and reverence,
And know that among these trees and flowers, you are in God's presence.

For his love for you is beyond human comprehension,
But is manifest by dying on the cross and His glorious resurrection!
Praise be to God. Amen
Written by Ron Phipps
Dedicated to Joe Harvey
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HELPING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED

Appalachian Project



Orphan Grain Train Maryland teamed with the Mid-Atlantic Branch for shipments to the Appalachian project. Five pallets containing winter clothing and toys were loaded on to the truck. It is anticipated that these items will be distributed in time for Christmas, bringing warmth and joy to families around the Appalachian mountainous region of the Eastern United States.

Assisting Afghan Refugees



Over 12,000 Afghan aliens are transitioning into our American society. Grant Schmidt from Orphan Grain Train Headquarters is continuing efforts to assist the government in providing them with needed supplies. The Maryland Branch of OGT has done its part by sending a shipment of winter coats to Afghans currently residing at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

HUMANITARIAN AID RECEIVED IN CAMEROON



Our shipment arrived in Cameroon on September 4th. Furniture, desks, school supplies medical supplies, and a sun oven were delivered to schools, orphanages, and health centers in different areas of Cameroon. The children were especially excited to receive individual bags of school supplies!

OGT Annual Winter Coat Collection



Our annual coat collection is currently underway. We have received over 600 coats thus far. We have distributed 350 to several Baltimore City churches to be given out within their communities, as well as to an organization in New Jersey that is assisting Afghan refugees. Donations of winter coats will continue to be accepted at the warehouse through December 15th.