

NORTH DAKOTA ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN &amp; MERCY MEALS

# NEWSLETTER

To encourage & enable God's people to share personal & material resources in bringing Christ's name & character to needy people both far & near.



## SUPPLIES NEEDED

Items requested for upcoming shipments and also those in need locally.

- school supplies\*
- bath towels\*
- washcloths\*
- cloth diapers\*
- large safety pins
- baby sleeper (newborn - 12 mo)
- toothbrushes
- combs
- rubber or swimmer pants\*
- soap dishes\*
- travel size Kleenex
- nail clippers\*

\*Items in greatest need at this time.

We often get questions about what we can and cannot accept. Here are some of the most common:

### Can Accept

- furniture
- bed pillows
- pots & pans
- dishes
- beds (new or used)\*

### Cannot Accept

- knick knacks
- holiday decorations
- decorative pillows

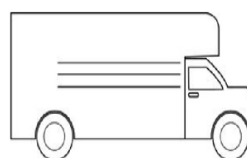
## FUNDRAISER FOR NEW TRUCK KICKS OFF

OGT North Dakota has recently begun a fundraiser for a new truck. Our old truck was under constant repairs and the bills were more than the value of the truck.

The amount of money needed to purchase the truck is \$30,000. Our organization uses the truck in a variety of ways, including picking up donations and supplies, transporting Mercy Meals to and from events around the state and hauling items to recycling.

This truck is an important piece to fulfil our mission. Being able to move items from place to place is essential in the operation of the warehouse and also gathering items for shipments. The purpose of OGT, which is to provide aid to those in need, depends on our ability to transport items. Currently we have volunteers using their own personal vehicles, which could be an insurance issue if anything would happen.

Please consider supporting our fundraising efforts at this time.



## Orphan Grain Train Truck Fund Raiser

Orphan Grain Train of North Dakota needs your help! Go to this web page link for information about Orphan Grain Train:  
<https://www.ogt.org/branches/nd/>

Orphan Grain Train needs to raise \$30,000 to purchase a truck for local (Jamestown) and out-of-town events – including *Mercy Meals*. We want to purchase a truck as soon as possible.

If you wish to donate, cut a check to *Orphan Grain Train* and put "truck" in the memo line, and mail to:

Orphan Grain Train, P. O. Box 1546  
Jamestown, ND, 58402

# KIWANIS AGAINST HUNGER PACKS 65,000 MEALS

Mercy Meals partnered with the Kiwanis Club of Jamestown for their annual Kiwanis Against Hunger event. We are thrilled to share that with the help of 200 volunteers, 65,000 meals were packaged at the Jamestown Rural Fire Department in October.

It's amazing to see everyone working together for a common cause of feeding hungry families. There were so many individuals, families and organizations that contributed, including University of Jamestown soccer and wrestling, Valley Sales Co, Walmart, Lifestyle Appliance, Bank Forward and many more.



The University of Jamestown Men's Basketball packed over 9,500 Mercy Meals in September.



Temple Baptist church packed over 7,000 Mercy Meals this fall.



# FUN FACTS FROM OGT HEADQUARTERS

Organized: April 1992 in Norfolk, NE  
First Shipment Overseas: March 1993  
Number of Semi-loads Worldwide: 4,504  
27 Regional Branches and Collection Centers  
Disaster Response or Aid Sent to 38 States  
International Humanitarian Aid Sent to 71 Countries



## VOLUNTEER LABOR

Orphan Grain Train volunteers across the country have given more than 4,317,805 hours of work since 1992, sorting, packing, and shipping items with love and care. Last year we had 140,817 volunteer hours valued at \$1,267,358, if paid \$9/hour.

## FREIGHT COST

One 40-ft.-long ocean-going freight container will cost between \$4,000 and \$19,000 to ship (an average of \$11 for each box of relief supplies shipped).

## TOTAL SHIPMENTS

A total of 274— 40 ft or larger containers were shipped in 2022-23; 119 international and 155 domestic.

## WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

98.2% of all donations go toward OGT mission, only 1.8% goes toward administrative/marketing costs.

>>>For more information, visit [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org) <<<

## PHOTOS FROM RECENT DELIVERY TO ROMANIA





North Dakota Branch  
PO Box 1546  
Jamestown, ND 58402-1546

## FUNDS NEEDED!



We're busy preparing for future shipments, including to Ukraine and Liberia. We can use your support to continue our mission.

To donate to the North Dakota Branch, send checks to:

North Dakota Orphan Grain Train  
PO Box 1546, Jamestown, ND 58402-1546

To contribute by credit card, visit [www.ogt.org/nd](http://www.ogt.org/nd) and click "Donate to North Dakota Branch."

**A sincere, thank you for your support. Your donation will help us change lives!**




## ND Branch Warehouse

103 4th Ave SE  
Jamestown, ND 58401

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[www.ogt.org/nd](http://www.ogt.org/nd)

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## Branch Hours & Volunteer Opportunities

We continue to be open  
Mondays and Saturdays  
from 9am to noon.

For additional drop-off  
and volunteer times, call  
Sue at 701-320-3259 or  
Andrea at 701-658-9057.