

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

Q & A ON UKRAINE WITH OGT BOARD MEMBER

Did you know OGT has ties to Ukraine and has helped support the country and its people over the last few years? Find out more in this Q & A session with OGT North Dakota board member, Kirk Rosin.

How has OGT ND supported Ukraine?

OGT of North Dakota has sent a container of humanitarian aid and other supplies to the Bible Orphan Ministry in Zhytomyr, Ukraine. They did not have any storage available at the time, so we purchased the container, so they could keep it for storage. It contained a couple of generators, winter clothes, diapers, humanitarian aid, stuffed animals, kitchen utensils, candles, flashlights, hygiene supplies, blankets, quilts, bedding, etc.

You've been to Ukraine twice now, ensuring OGT deliveries are executed properly. Briefly tell us about your time there.

On my first trip to Ukraine, I was checking on shipments from the home office in Norfolk arriving in Tiernopil. My main goal and purpose was to see that they were arriving and going into the hands of the needy. I found they were being dispersed quickly and getting to the people in need. My second trip was to Zhytomyr, following up on a shipment that North Dakota OGT had sent to the Bible Orphan Ministry. They had received it, and we processed supplies to go out to the very neediest in a radius of about 40 miles. Again, there was great need, and the supplies were going to the people they were meant for. On this trip I was able to go along when distributions were made to needy families and orphanages.

Below is a photo from the visit to an orphanage in Nova-Borova when Kirk and others brought the stuffed animals. Sharing their response, "You should have seen their shining eyes, excitement and incredible joy! There was so much happiness and warm hugs of gratitude! This small gift is such an important manifestation of love and attention to the disadvantaged. Unfortunately, none of the girls' relatives visit them, so each visit is a real holiday for them! We sincerely thank the Orphan Grain Train for making a real holiday in the lives of orphans and special needs kids and showing them God's love and care!



UKRAINE Q & A CONTINUED

What does this support mean to the people of Ukraine?

No matter how hard we try, we cannot put ourselves into the positions of these people and what they are going through. People crying, and thanking you for the items we are giving them, because they have lost everything. Words cannot express it.

Can you share a related personal story that resonates with you of how someone was helped through OGT?

Most of the people that we were assisting at this time, were living in rural areas and struggling, as it was toward the end of winter. One particular family we visited had two boys, about 6 and 10 years old. The mother told us they hadn't had any meat for two weeks. She was very happy, thankful, and so excited about the things we had brought her, some quilts and bedding, some used kitchen utensils, such as knives, potato peeler, etc., and some candles. Her husband had gone to the forest to work for a fellow for a month. He was suppose to receive \$60, but now the guy wouldn't pay him. He was trying to find him so he could collect some money for the family.

What's the most important thing you would like readers to know about the conflict in Ukraine?

The ordinary people in Ukraine are suffering greatly from this conflict. What they really want is peace. They just want to get back to their lives and go forward. They are sick of the constant air raids, shortages, power outages, etc. They just want to have peaceful, normal lives. It is very sad.

There was a flood that occurred; how did it happen and what was the impact? How did OGT help?

On June 6, Russia blew up the Kakhovka Dam on the Dniper River. Overnight, 20,000 unsuspecting Ukrainians were flooded out of their homes, losing basically everything. Within two days, the Bible Orphan Ministry responded, taking supplies that were on the ND Orphan Grain Train shipment to the flooded area. They took clothes, shoes, quilts, blankets, candles, flashlights, and kitchen utensils. The response was that the people cried when they passed out this humanitarian aid. It provided hope to people in a hopeless situation.

How is Christ's message being shared through OGT mission work in Ukraine. And beyond?

Alla, the director of the Bible Orphan Ministry, gives out Gospel tracts and shares the Gospel with every recipient. She ask and prays with those that are willing. It is truly an opportunity to share Christ. People know that these items are coming from Christians because of their Christian faith and love. I can't speak for all places that our shipments go to, but I certainly know in Ukraine where we are sending these shipments to, the message is getting out, and all the glory is being given to God.

Any final thoughts to share with readers?

I know that the Bible Orphan Ministry is planning another trip to the Kherson area the first part of August. We at the ND Orphan Grain Train are planning another shipment to Ukraine in October. It is expensive for us to ship things to Ukraine, but we feel this is one of the strongest callings from Christ we have at this time, to help our Christian brothers and sisters in their time of need. Your past and future support helps to make a difference in the lives of so many.



THANK YOU TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS!

We are so grateful for our volunteers who take the time to help at our warehouse in Jamestown. These volunteers help in a variety of ways, including assembling hygiene, layette, feminine and school kits. Here are a few of our volunteers from the last several months along with information about the kits.

4-H AMBASSADORS



GIRL SCOUT TROOP



FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD YOUTH



What goes into our kits we include with our OGT shipments?

Layette Kit

- 4 cloth diapers
- 4 diaper pins
- 2 rubber or swimmer pants
- 2 washcloths
- 1 sleeper
- 2 onesies
- 1 receiving blanket
- 1 blanket

Feminine Kit

- 1 drawstring bag
- 1 small water-resistant carrying bag
- 2 pairs panties (girls size 10-14)
- 2 panty shields
- 8 tri-fold panty liners
- 1 travel-size bar of soap
- 1 wash cloth

Hygiene Kit

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 bath-size bar of soap
- 1 plastic soap box holder
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 sturdy comb
- 6 band-aids (1/2" or 3/4")
- 1 small package facial tissues
- 1 nail clipper
- 1 piece of strong ribbon or cord

Did you know we accept many of these items in donations to be gathered and dispersed to those in need? See section in this newsletter with more details, including the items in most need at this time.



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

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

FUNDS NEEDED!



We're busy preparing for future shipments, including one to Ukraine this fall. 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 and click "Donate to North Dakota Branch."

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



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