



Orphan Grain Train

Good Tidings

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*"I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me shall
live, even though they die."*

- John 11:25



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



SWEETWINE - Christian Music Ministry Group

On Thursday, March 10th, we had a wonderful group of volunteers from Valparaiso University located in Valparaiso, Indiana. Their message is to spread the message of Jesus through music, fellowship, and service. They go on tour twice a year, during Thanksgiving

break and Spring break. They sing and engage at various schools, churches, homeless shelters, and nursing homes throughout the year. They were hosted by Our Savior Lutheran Church in Laurel. They performed at Our Savior Lutheran Church, visited Washington D.C. and Annapolis. They also volunteered at Meals on Wheels and Orphan Grain Train during their trip to Maryland. The group gladly sang a few songs for us and they sounded amazing. It was so great to work with a group of college students committed to grow together in Christ and spread His word. We loved having them at OGT and will pray for them and their ministry.

[Listen to Sweetwine](#)

OGT ROAD SHOW ... A SMASHING SUCCESS!

Thanks to a great group of OGT volunteers, our first Appraisal Road Show was a huge success. Todd Peenstra, a certified appraiser, came to our warehouse on Saturday, March 19th, and gave oral appraisals. Items ranged from jewelry, swords, paintings, vases, silverware, wedding dresses, and more. Todd was extremely knowledgeable and quite entertaining. In addition to having their items appraised, folks who attended enjoyed a vast array of delicious food and had the opportunity to participate in a silent auction. Everyone had a wonderful time! Special Kudos go to Glenda Paxton for organizing the event, Irene Giguere for lining up the volunteers, and Bonnie Jordan for organizing the food and silent auction items.



THE SUPPLY LINE CRISIS

As a follow-up to the March edition of Good Tidings, there is good news. As previously reported, the supply line crisis has had a profound effect on our ability to ship internationally. Since January, our warehouse was busting at the seams with sufficient inventory to ship to South Sudan, Liberia, and to the refugees in Moldova, but we were unable to obtain empty containers to load. It was difficult to navigate through the aisles and as one volunteer exclaimed, "There's mountains of stuff everywhere." We asked that folks pray that we get the containers, and their prayers were answered. Two containers showed up in late March!

An all-points bulletin went out and our dedicated volunteers sprang into action. In the span of three days, two containers were loaded and were off to the two African countries. It is not an exaggeration to say that the volunteers huffed and puffed to get the containers out and on their way. The humanitarian aid included 564 tables (no typo) 286 boxes of clothes, 60 boxes of medical supplies, 157 pieces of medical equipment, 54 boxes of linens, 100 bolts of fabric, and 60 boxes of prepackaged food. Whew! It may be of interest to know that the age range of the volunteers that loaded the container was more than a half-century wide. The youngest is 32 and the oldest is 83. God bless the volunteers!

Our shipment to Moldova is scheduled for early May. Please pray that we get the container on time.



WORKING HAND IN HAND

For many years the Maryland branch of OGT has partnered with the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew in Silver Spring by giving and receiving medical equipment and supplies. St. Andrews has its own medical supply ministry. Equipment and supplies that have been used, but no longer needed, are donated to the church. The church, in turn, offers them free of charge to anyone in the surrounding area who may have a need for anything medical. Because the church's storage space is limited, a team of St. Andrews volunteers comes once a week to the warehouse bringing with them items the church can no longer store. Likewise, OGT sends medical supplies back to St. Andrew's.

Since the war in Ukraine began, this partnership has grown to include the St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral located just a few doors down from the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew. Each week, OGT volunteers sort through medical supplies that have been donated and set aside items that have been requested by the Ukrainian church. Once the items are delivered to the church, volunteers re-sort and re-box them making them ready for shipping (by plane or ship) to doctors and hospitals and other contacts they have in Ukraine. This three-way partnership will continue as long as there is a need. It exemplifies OGT's commitment to helping our brothers and sisters wherever they may be and whatever the circumstance.

UKRAINIAN RELIEF EFFORTS

OGT would like to increase our support to the relief efforts of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral by collecting medical supplies for Ukraine. The church is in the process of generating a list of specific supplies that have been requested by the hospitals and doctors in Ukraine. As soon as we have the list, a notice will be distributed to our entire OGT community. In addition to collecting medical supplies, arrangements are being made to ship a forty foot container filled with clothing, shoes, linens, medical equipment, etc. to assist the Ukrainian refugees in Moldova. As you can imagine, the cost of shipping is high. If you would like to help our ongoing relief efforts financially, please click the button below or send a check to Orphan Grain Train - Maryland Branch, P.O. Box 1741, Millersville MD 21108.

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LITTLE THINGS *DO* ADD UP



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