Container arrives in SAKIAI, LITHUANIA
LIBERIA

Update from Pastor Kollie: Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Cotton Tree, Liberia

Good Shepherd Sunday School Students (right)

Good Shepherd Worship Service (left)

Good Shepherd Feeding Program: Five Times Weekly (below)
Dear Orphan Grain Train,
Many thanks for the supports for the regional textbooks for our high school session. We got 167 textbooks this time for the school (photos of the books and students below).
Serving Our Lord Together, Pastor Kollie
Hi Orphan Grain Train,

The potatoes were awesome! And having them in bags worked out perfect! The people were so grateful to receive them. Over 2000 people in 9 different communities received a bag of potatoes and an uplifting word of spiritual comfort of Jesus' love for them. It really made a difference in people's lives to see God's love in action through your generous spirits. One man made sure I knew that he loved the chicken that he received back in June. Many others have commented that it was the best tasting chicken that they ever had.

Tomorrow's epistle reading from Romans 12 describes your loving hearts for others with the distribution to the needs of the saints, and we thank God for you!

"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints," (Romans 12:10-13).

Thank you so much for your offer of assistance to those who were affected by the storm. I'll look forward to talking with you next week.

I keep Wisconsin in my prayers with all that's going on in Kenosha. I know God will help His people overcome this and work good for those who trust Him!

God's blessings,

Pastor Weber
Hi OGT WI,

In these photos we were preparing to give the gifts. This is just some of the Christmas that you made possible! God bless all the givers and those that will be the receivers of these gifts!

Love, Lori Mercer
Our God is Faithful to His Covenant

The fourteen chapters of the Book of Zechariah pack a wallop. They were written at the end of the exile of the surviving tribes of Israel when they were allowed (and even directed by the Persian king, Darius) to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple, just before the 400 years of silence that are broken by the New Testament fulfilment of God's promise. (The apocryphal books fall in that time between the Testaments, but they didn't measure up to the standards required to be canonical books of the Bible.) Zechariah foretells the fall of Tyre and Sidon, the coming of the domination by the Greeks, which Alexander the Great accomplished, and, of course, the coming of our Messiah, His suffering, rejection, death, and the establishment of the eternal Kingdom of our Lord. Zechariah is not easy to read, but it is rewarding.

Zechariah makes a distinction between the temple building and repentant living. It seems there have always been people who come and go from the building of God's house without confessing their sins and receiving the benefit of the forgiveness God has provided. In Zechariah God calls His people to return to Him and others to return to them. That is the important thing. We return with repentance, and God comes to us with righteousness and humility so that we can be reconciled and coexist in His kingdom. That is where abundant life is.

As children of God, cleansed by the water flowing from the temple of the body of Jesus Christ, we live that abundant life in His kingdom already today. From that abundance in us flows the good works that God has prepared for us to do. Thank God for the opportunities He provides for us to prove our love for Him working together with the fellow-redeemed in building inroads for the Gospel of Jesus Christ with OGT! When we gather together, please keep the most important Thing first. Begin with repentance and returning to the foot of the cross so that we flow out in the unity of the Holy Spirit of our God to His glory and for the good of our neighbors.

We all need Him, and we need one another. They all need Him, and we get to deliver Him in His power together.

SDG

Rev. Mark R. Meier, Sr. Lent 2021
Dear Orphan Grain Train,

We are also sending you pictures of children who received your Christmas Gift Boxes today. They were beyond excited and happy with their gifts!

Many Blessings,

Turpa and Nato
Dear Orphan Grain Train,

I thought you might like to see what's going on in Wausau today. First, we had a great packing day. We started off packing 50 boxes of quilts that the St. Mark's quilters made, and then we were able to pack 40 boxes of other items. This was not a bad day for 9 people!

Most of the items in those pictures were $1.00 each. I was inspired by my neighbor who has been bringing me children's clothes that she has been picking up while out shopping. When you are out shopping, if you are able, why not pick up a couple items for Orphan Grain Train! They are in need of children's clothes. These items will help brighten the day of a child in need!

God's Blessings,
Rita Woller
Many hours were spent making these beautiful rugs. The Wausau WI packing station has a great friend of Orphan Grain Train, Karen Krombholz, who took some of these items we could not send and turned them into 84 rag rugs for sleeping mats. They were packed into 14 banana boxes and are now ready for the next semi to pick-up from St. Mark’s Lutheran Church and take them to Westfield where they can be distributed to those in need. Many hours were spent making these beautiful rugs. Thank you Karen for all you hard work!

Camp LuWiSoMo

Upcoming Events

April 23-25 - Spring Work Weekend
May 18 - Tee Up For LuWiSoMo
May 28 - Campground Opens
Summer Camps - see website www.luwisomo.org

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In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan GrainTrain movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed.

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