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Apr/May/June 2018 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

*You are invited to join us in celebrating all that God has done!*

Open House and Dedication  
*of the North Dakota Orphan Grain Train Branch*

Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 from 1-4p  
Dedication program 2pm

*Tours to be given before and after the program.*

#### **Dedication**

So much has happened at the Jamestown location in 4 short years. We've gone from the basement of Concordia Lutheran Church to a huge warehouse of our own. We've shipped worldwide and made connections close to home. We've gotten to see the community come along side and partner with us in this mission. We've seen God open doors and make a way in so many situations... We thank and praise God for all that He has done! And we thank God for you who've come along side us! Come see and hear all that has happened!

#### **Shipment Updates**

##### **LIBERIA**

The last shipment to Liberia has been received and dispersed throughout the Liberian Children's Ministry Schools. They are continually grateful for our support in their ministry. Did you know that they have over 5000 students and 14 schools spread out among the rural areas of Liberia now? Did you know that because of our help they have grown? These are little beacons of hope- that shine with God's love and truth! The children that attend are receiving a quality education and that is spreading by word of mouth. Guess what else is spreading? The Word! Each student is hearing about the love of Jesus throughout their day. Here is a quote from Joe Boway (founder) from his last newsletter:

"Parents, including many Muslim parents, are happy to send their children to our schools, because they know the children will get a good education there. Thank God for the opportunity we have to share the love of Jesus with these children and their families."

Many MANY thanks for all that you do to make this possible! We are making an eternal difference. Learn more at [www.NL4U.org](http://www.NL4U.org) and click on Liberian Mission.

##### **UKRAINE**

We are preparing now for the next shipment which will go to Kiev, Ukraine. We all know of the turmoil that they have endured over the past few years especially. We are thankful that we get to bless them with a container load of clothing and accessories. July 11<sup>th</sup> is the tentative loading day. We will need helpers once again to get it loaded in a timely fashion. Contact Andrea at 701-658-9057 if you are able and willing!

##### **LAREDO**

Another shipment to Latin American Lutheran Mission in Laredo, TX is in the works. They have many contacts that can use used medical equipment. Milbank, SD has a clinic that shut down with lots of equipment still in there. Hospital beds, x-ray machines and more to take down. We are looking at half a semi-load.

#### **THANK YOU LWML!!**

A huge thank you to the North Dakota Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) ladies for choosing both the North Dakota OGT Branch and North Dakota Mercy Meals as missions to support this upcoming year. We are grateful for your support both financially and for how so many of you find ways to volunteer both here at the warehouse and through special projects at your home congregation!

## Vacation Bible School Love

Wow! We are so grateful to the VBS's that chose to make OGT and Mercy Meals their projects this summer! We have been blessed with school kits, hygiene kits and money for meals! North Marion Church, Concordia Lutheran Church and Victory Lutheran Church have all given this summer! We can't wait to pass on those blessings! If you are ever interested in having your VBS take on either Mercy Meals or OGT as their mission project contact us and we can help you make that happen!



*During the week of May 28th the North Dakota branch in Jamestown received an awesome donation from the Vacation Bible School - VBS kids at North Marion church in Marion, ND. They brought in \$1,220 to purchase supplies and they packed 27 school kits and 40 hygiene kits!*

## NEW! Christmas Gift Boxes

The newest way that you can share the love of Christ with children and their families around the world! Check out: <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects/christmas-gift-box-project.html> to find the details on this project. If you are interested in doing a Christmas Gift Box project please call OGT toll free at 877-371-7393. The Christmas Gift Boxes also include the story of Jesus' birth to be shared with children around the world that may not have the ability to celebrate Christmas. The boxes need to be completed and delivered to an OGT location by September 1 for a Christmas delivery. Thank you for sharing the gift of Jesus with others.

## PRAYERS

Of thanksgiving for the new people that have become regular volunteers!!! For those in our communities that have needs. For God to show us how to show His love by using what he has given us. For churches in our community to partner with to meet those needs. For the other 24 branches/collection centers throughout the United States- for all the volunteer leadership in those places- that they may not be discouraged but have hope through all the trials that come in serving as a volunteer.

## Mercy Meals of North Dakota



Mercy Meals of North Dakota has now passed the 300,000 meals mark for meals packed!!! And what an impact those meals have made! Several groups are gearing up for packing events in the Fall. Thank you to all the friends that helped us pack meals at the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) convention in Minot. The total was 5,400 meals for the day.

Mercy Meals of North Dakota

For more information visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/MercyMealsofNorthDakota/>

## Special Project Kits

Kits are such an easy way to get a crew together and bless others! There are Hygiene Kits (Mercy Kits), Layette Kits, School Kits, and Feminine Kits. If you would like to make any of them you **MUST** follow the lists that are found on the main website. They continue to be updated as customs puts out new regulations. So always double check with the website to make sure your kit matches exactly what is on the list.

Our crew has had to un-pack and check some kits and have found that they don't always match. Please be mindful of that.

As far as **Layette Kits** - our branch is currently asking to put **wash cloths in instead of wipes**. Wipes have an expiration date and can cause problems with customs and inspections.

**Cloth diapers** are preferred and we are looking for more. These are sent overseas in the layette kits. Also **Hygiene Kits DO NOT HAVE deodorant** any more.

Go to the website: <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects/> to find the kit you hope to make and print off the list. Thank you!

## CONTACTS

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## NEW VEHICLE NEED

We recently have had transmission issues with the OGT bus and we are currently exploring options for a new vehicle that suits our needs. Mercy Meals has mainly been using it for transporting supplies to and from packing events. We need something that can haul 1-2 tons and can easily be loaded and unloaded with a forklift. If you have any leads on a vehicle that might meet that need please contact Kirk Rosin at the information above.

## North Dakota Branch Wish List

### 1. Prayers

- For God's blessings and wisdom to be bestowed upon this ministry.

### 2. Volunteers

- Mondays and Saturdays 9am-12noon. Call Carmen McBride 269-6555 (warehouse manager) to schedule your group to volunteer. If it is just you - come!

### 3. Cash donations to pay for shipping, because:

- The avg cost to ship a box of donated goods is \$11 and the avg cost to sponsor a full shipping container overseas is \$9000.

### 4. Infant supplies

- **Cloth** and Disposable diapers. The cloth goes overseas and the disposable are used stateside. Cloth is preferred.
- Layettes (instructions on website: <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects/>) Please substitute 2 wash cloths instead of wipes.
- Clean toys

### 5. Medical Equipment and Supplies

- Bandages and tapes
- Bed & Bath Linens, sheets (adult and crib sizes)
- Disposable gowns and gloves
- Hospitable beds (hand crank with vinyl mattresses)
- Prosthetic limbs
- Walkers, wheel chairs, crutches and canes
- Stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, and otoscopes
- Call the main office in NE (402-371-7393)

### 6. Drug Store Items - almost any non-prescription item you can buy in a drug store- for example:

- Hygiene Kits also called Mercy Kits (instructions on website: <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects/>)
- Shampoo
- Sanitary products for women
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Diapers for adults and babies
- Feminine Kits: <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects/>

### 7. School Supplies

- Backpacks (student sizes)
- New coloring books, crayons, glue, scissors, rulers, tape, new ballpoint pens & pencils
- Writing paper & notebooks
- Children's Library Books and Encyclopedias
- School Kit (instructions on website: <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects/>)
- Sports equipment such as soccer balls
- Desks, chairs
- Chalkboards
- **Construction Paper**

### 8. Non-breakable kitchen accessories

- Pots and Pans

- Plastic plates, plastic cups
- Knives, forks, and spoons

### 9. Clothing (CLEAN good condition, used or new)

- Infant and children's clothes
- Children's shoes clean and wearable
- New underwear (only) all ages and sizes (*customs officials will levy fines if used underwear is sent in our shipments*)
- Socks (clean good condition used or new)

***PLEASE BRING CLOTHING TO THE WAREHOUSE IN BOXES if possible***

### 10. Quilts, comforters, blankets, towels, washcloths, sheets

- All sizes are needed
- We ship quilts, blankets, & comforters year-round

**Bring or send clothing and other in-kind donations to the closest regional branch to you which is:**

The NORTH DAKOTA BRANCH

103 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Jamestown, ND 58401

ph: 701-361-6441 (branch manager personal #)

ph: 701-269-6555 (warehouse manager personal #)

Warehouse open: Mondays 9am - 12noon

Saturdays 9am - 12noon

email: [ndogt9@gmail.com](mailto:ndogt9@gmail.com)

**The main office/warehouse is in Norfolk, NE:**

606 W Phillip Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701.

ph: 402-371-7393

email: [email@ogt.org](mailto:email@ogt.org)

Fax: 402-371-7350

Warehouse/Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4p CST

**To support the ND Branch send checks or money orders payable to**

North Dakota Branch Orphan Grain Train

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To contribute by credit card, Click "DONATE NOW" at: [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org). GO to \*FUND and select North Dakota.

For more info about Orphan Grain Train visit the Facebook page : Orphan Grain Train, Inc.

For more info about the North Dakota Branch: send an email to [ndogt9@gmail.com](mailto:ndogt9@gmail.com) to get a newsletter.



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### **Mission Statement**

In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train 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.

### **What is Orphan Grain Train?**

Orphan Grain Train is a 501c3 Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and in 68 countries around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us.

Mark Your Calendar and plan to join us!

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