



WISCONSIN BRANCH

Quarterly Newsletter

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I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you. - John 14:18

TO OUR OGT FAMILY, FROM MOLDOVA

Dear Katlyn Batenhorst and the entire Orphan Grain Train team,

We deeply appreciate the efforts and resources you have invested in bringing this humanitarian consignment to our community.

For so many families, the items sent are a real help, the elderly have received essential items for their daily life, and the children have received essential items for a healthy and safe upbringing.

Each crutch and medical equipment donated not only improved the lives of those who used them, but inspired a sense of hope and sketched a smile on faces aged by worry and need. Your generosity and support has enabled our elders to enjoy increased mobility and greater independence in their daily activities. The fact that you have chosen to contribute to their well-being demonstrates great compassion and dedication to our people. Many women will be glad to be able to go to the maternity ward with a set already so carefully prepared by someone overseas. Pastors and ministers who have benefited from these aids have in part expressed their gratitude for each item sent, because when they have to visit a family or an elderly person in need they will not go empty-handed.

Thank you once again for everything you have done for us. We greatly appreciate the help and support of each and every one of you. May God reward you for the generosity and kindness of heart you show each time to people in need. Thank you that in this great work we do we are not alone, you are with us and that means a lot to us.

May God bless you, may He reward you and may we work together to expand His Kingdom.

With sincerity and deep thanks,

Bible Mission International:
Director Melestean Ruslan

MOLDOVA

Dear brothers and sisters,

We thank you for the humanitarian aid in the form of clothes, which are necessary for our family and others. Under our care we have 13 children that we can guide and raise only with God's help. The children are very happy with the clothes they have received which are of great use to them. We have also helped other families such as a widow with 3 children and other elderly women who live alone and are helpless. All these people send you God's sincere thanks and blessings.

God is the one who works through people, so you are faithful servants of His, who will surely have a reward in heaven. *"For God is not unrighteous to forget your labors and the love which you have shown for His name's sake..."* Hebrews 6:10.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

With appreciation,
The Ciobanu Family
Chioselia, June 2024



My name is Tatiana Dobrovolschi. I have appealed to your mission to help me with diapers for my mother who is 90 years old and bedridden. Besides the other needs we are facing, the need for diapers, which we need every day and sometimes a few a day, remains the biggest one. Mother's pension is very low and we cannot cover the expenses for diapers so what we receive from you is of real use and saves us from many expenses. I thank you very much on behalf of my mother, because the help we get from you is very important for us.

Letter of thanks from the church "Maranata' S. Baimaclia R. Cantemir,
Thank you very much for your help, we appreciate your work to help socially vulnerable families. We as a church often do not have the possibility to provide all the material goods with which we go on visits to families in need, but with your help these needs are met. And together we and you are a living witness to the unbelievers.

Once again we thank you and enjoy the collaboration we have together.

God bless you!

Raicu Serjiu

The Ceban family currently consists of mother Ana and daughter Maria. The mother has 5 children but 4 of the eldest have already left and live apart. Maria is being raised by her mother only because her father is currently in prison. It is very difficult for the mother to support herself, she has a low salary, she works in a shop and arranges the goods on the shelves. They live with the host and it is very expensive for the rent and utilities, so Mrs. Ana together with Maria, are thankful to the Lord and the Bible Mission for the support and help they receive every month. Maria thanks you for the absorbing and wonderful gift- puzzle. May God bless and reward you!



“If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry.” Luke 3:11

CORNERSTONE CHILDREN'S RANCH

Feeding, ministering, and blessing the children and families with some needed items we sent to Quemado, Texas.



HYGIENE KITS

During June and July, the members of Calvary Lutheran Church in Waupaca and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wild Rose collected items for hygiene kits. On July 19, six women from the two congregations assembled 85 kits. After it was announced in church that Sunday, additional supplies were donated to make a total of 100 kits. What a blessing to work together to help meet the needs of others!



THE WAY COMMUNITY

Good morning!

Hope all is well with each of you! We are longing for Spring here in Kentucky! Snow days can be fun for a minute, but, there is no comparison to sunshine and green grass for me! God's renewal of the Earth each spring reminds me of the love and uplifting grace of God as we strive to walk closer to Him. Imperfect humans, loved by grace, renewed by His mercy and living Word, reaching out to share that same love of Jesus with others, who are struggling with their own journey. Prayers are continued for all of you and OGT as you continue to help so many! We follow you on Facebook and are delighted and amazed at all that you are able to bless!

I have included some pictures of one of our recent food pantry nights. We have many new believers that have originated through our food pantry. Some are now volunteers in our group!

We are very thankful for the many blessings we have received from OGT! We look forward to working with all of you this year as well!

Testimony from one of our youth leaders a few weeks ago: Last night, a young man that God has kept on my heart for the last couple of years finally came to Youth Night. He rode scooters, he bowled, shot pool, and played air hockey. He is also a young man who at one point took two lunch boxes to school to get extra food for his family. Malena and Lisa fixed him up with food. When I dropped him and his little brother off, he ran and got his dad. They came to my car, and the young man said "Dad look at all this food they gave us. We finally have milk for our cereal. Dad's reply was, "Wow." We may get a lot of things wrong, but this morning, a young man finally has milk with his cereal. God did that!

Please share this little snippet from one of our youth leaders and the enclosed pictures of food pantry with others.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Prayerfully grateful,

Jeff & Julie Painter
Enon at The Way
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LIBERIA

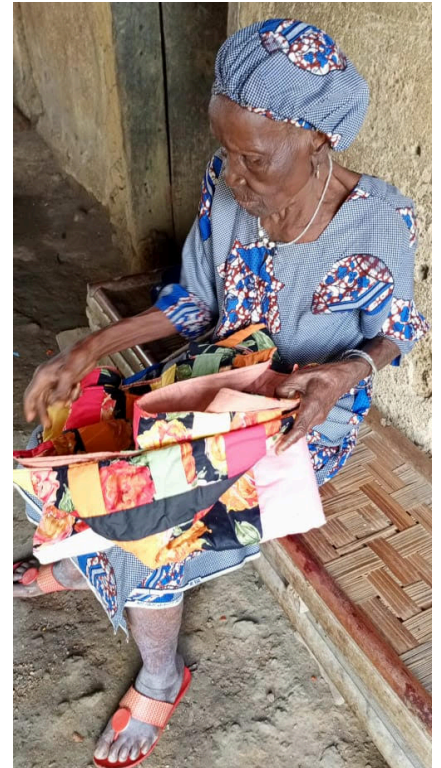
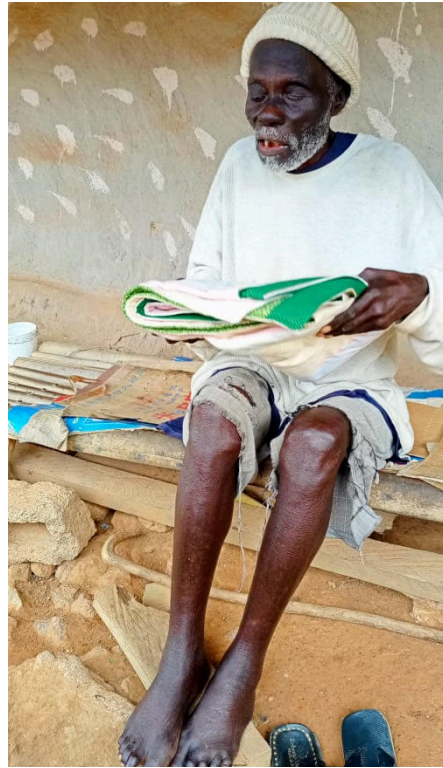
Pastor Kollie shares this picture from Lutherville -- graduation of the kindergarten session.



Old folks received blankets during these rainy and cold seasons.



More pictures from Pastor Kollie from Cotton Tree, Liberia. He has a large church and school and is planting more Christian schools. He is also helping his community by starting a Christian medical clinic after their hospital burnt down. More to come on the clinic, which is being built now.



DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTORS

*“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
John 16:33b*

These words of encouragement were spoken by Jesus to the disciples as He stood ready to face the cross and overcome our greatest enemies, sin, death and the power of the devil. Here, He forewarns them and us of the troubles we will face in this life; but we are not to lose hope because ultimately, He has overcome every possible trouble this world can throw at us.

When Sue visited her mom in the hospice house, these words (John 16:33b) were far away. She had left them in her mother’s kitchen on the shelf above the sink. It was an old plaque, stained from years of sitting above the sink. But the Bible verse was clear, and her mother had asked her to bring it along. When she apologized, her mother said, “Don’t worry about it Suzie. Those words are here. I carry them in my heart.

Reciting the words of Jesus, she gave her daughter’s hand a pat. Though death was near, her God was nearer. Trusting in Jesus, the one who overcame death, she would die in hope, and that gave her daughter hope as well.

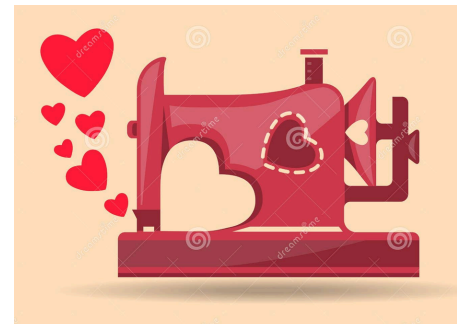
These words of our Savior also give us hope. We can carry them around in our hearts, so that when the troubles of life hit, and they will hit; we need not despair. Since our Lord has triumphed over death and the grave, our biggest problems; we know He has the power and ability to help us overcome whatever comes our way. He has also given us His Holy Spirit, so that we are not left alone to fight our battles. With His resurrection power living in us, we can have confidence in His ability to lead us to triumph over our enemies. He is our hope!

In our hurting world, where people are experiencing trouble, the likes of which we can only imagine; we need to point them to Jesus, their true and only hope. Only His words can give them comfort and encouragement now, and for all eternity. Through Orphan Grain Train, may God bless our efforts to touch people who are suffering with our humanitarian love, so that they can take heart in God, whatever their circumstances. May our heavenly Father grant it for Jesus’ sake, so that people are helped and led to Christ, and He is given the glory!

Pastor Bruce

So...What's Sewing?

by Rita Woller



Fleece pants are an easy sew and will be a great blessing to those without warm clothing. We are in need of infant and children's clothing. If you are a sewer, what do you have in your stash of fabric that you could use to make some children's clothes. Dresses, shorts, pants, pajamas, it does not matter, just pick a pattern and sew, sew, sew. Then, show me what you are sewing at rswoller@yahoo.com.

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ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN 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.

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