



## Orphan Grain Train

### Good Tidings

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OGT Maryland

October-November 2020

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Orphan Grain Train is powered by its volunteers, and **Wayne Warren** has been one of the reasons for our success!

Wayne, a resident of Pasadena, has maintained the landscaping at the Maryland warehouse for about five years. He is known for his love of gardening, and his gardening knowledge. Wayne has also embraced the art of bonsai and is presently president of the Maryland Bonsai Association.



Wayne has served as an usher at Bay Area Community Church, but wanted to find something that he enjoyed that would make an impact by helping others. OGT seemed like a great fit for him! In addition to gardening, Wayne loves nature and fishing the Chesapeake whenever he can.

In Wayne's words "The work that OGT does to help those less fortunate truly follows what Jesus taught, to love your neighbor as yourself." We thank Wayne for the time and talent he gave to OGT over the years, and know he plans to continue to lend a hand when he can. We are grateful!

### HUMANITARIAN AID FOR FLOODING VICTIMS

*"Bor township has been experiencing huge flooding both from heavy rains and the Nile River. Water has covered over 90% of the whole town. Three persons have drowned and though people escaped with their lives, they lost their belongings."* These are the words of Pastor Stephen from South Sudan.

As a result, Orphan Grain Train responded with a shipment of humanitarian aid on October 6. A good portion of the container included clothes and shoes for men, women, and children. In addition, the load contained furniture, bedding, blankets, school supplies, medical equipment and over 400 solar lights. Our thanks go to Bay Area Christian Church for their help with funding this shipment.

Knowing that one 40-foot container is not sufficient to address the devastation, we planned another container but did not have the funds. The Maryland Branch of OGT has been blessed with many miracles and yet another occurred. After hearing about

the plight of those residents in Bor, a generous anonymous donor offered to pay for the shipment. God is good!



## COAT & BELT COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS AND THOSE IN NEED



Orphan Grain Train is once again collecting winter coats and jackets to be distributed to those in need throughout inner city Baltimore and surrounding communities. Also, this year, we are adding belts/suspenders to our "wish list." Homeless people are often wearing clothing that doesn't fit them properly and a belt can help.

We are asking for new or gently used winter coats/jackets, and belts for men, women and children. Please share this with your churches, workplaces and neighbors.

Donations can be taken to the Orphan Grain Train warehouse, located at 621 East-West Blvd., in Millersville. Donations hours are Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and again from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that same day. Also, the warehouse is open to accept donations on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Contact Irene Giguere (410-747-1619) or [irmigiguere@gmail.com](mailto:irmigiguere@gmail.com) for more information or to arrange pickup. Items will be collected from November 1 to December 15.

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## FUNDRAISING FOR ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Kudos to everyone who supported the Brian Boru Irish Restaurant Fundraiser on October 15th. As a result of your support we made \$1,190.00.

We have another great restaurant fundraiser coming up **November 15-19** at another local, independent restaurant. **Hella's Restaurant and Lounge**, located at 8498 Veterans

Highway in Millersville, is offering us a donation for both lunches and dinners from Nov. 15-19 from a special menu prepared for this event. [CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer!

Also, please mark your calendars for **GIVING TUESDAY on December 1st**. Your support enables us to continue our mission of humanitarian aid here and around the world. Consider making a donation to OGT as a Christmas gift in honor of a loved one, or simply in celebration of the real reason for Christmas, the gift of Jesus, our Savior.



**GIVING TUESDAY 2020  
IS DECEMBER 1ST**

**DONATE TO OGT**



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## CAR LOADS OF BLESSINGS



The crew from Concordia Lutheran Church in Hagerstown visited the OGT warehouse on September 29th along with 3 carloads of blessings! The Mission Stitchers outdid themselves and it felt like Christmas, with bags of gifts filling the receiving dock. What a bounty! 850 pillowcase dresses, 146 quilts, 24 receiving blankets, along with bags and boxes of shoes, sewing notions, clothing,

## "PASSPORT TO SERVE"

In November, Orphan Grain Train will be participating in Chick-fil-A's "Passport to Serve" community outreach project. We are one of a number of Anne Arundel County organizations involved in this effort to provide in-person volunteer hours, at-home-projects, or drop-off needs, to benefit the community.

## TENTATIVE DATE FOR VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER NEXT YEAR

Watch for details for a 2021 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in the spring. Tentatively scheduled for April, there are plans for a great, fun event to thank

school supplies, and new underwear. Many of these items were destined for South Sudan, where the need is great due to the latest flooding. Thank you Mission Stitchers!

everyone for their many wonderful contributions to OGT!

It would be held outdoors, and we're excited and hopeful to be able to get together for this long-awaited event.

## **COLBURN BROTHERS LUCI LIGHT PROJECT SHINES AROUND THE WORLD WITH THIS BRIGHT IDEA!**

Even though we are in the midst of a pandemic, two local teen aged brothers have found a way to help others. Trey and Travis Colburn were raised with OGT as a part of their lives. They know our mission is to provide humanitarian aid for those who are less fortunate, both domestically and internationally.

Just recently, Trey and Travis learned that there are children who live in villages where there is no electricity. Once the sun sets there is no light for homework, reading or playing. The brothers decided to raise funds to send **Luci Lights** to those kids. Luci Lights are solar powered lights, having 4 settings, and can be recharged daily. Each charge provides about 12 hours of light. OGT has already shipped over 5,000 lights to underdeveloped areas and the goal is to send 5,000 more. OGT buys Luci Lights in bulk and the price for each light is just \$10.00. Each \$10.00 donation will send a Luci Light that will brighten the life of a child and their family.

A local merchant, Steve Connolly, owner and operator of Environmental Auto Service and Severna Park Auto Body, has partnered with the Colburn boys to promote the cause. When Jim Colburn, father of Trey and Travis, told his boss about Luci Lights and what the boys were doing, Steve wanted to help. What he came up with is phenomenal: donate \$10.00 for a Luci Light and Steve will provide a Vehicle Cabin Sterilization Service free of charge; that's a \$50.00 value! Please call 410-987-5546 for an appointment. Environmental Auto is located at 402 Headquarters Drive, Suite D in Millersville.

If you would like to learn more about OGT or donate to this life changing project, [CLICK HERE](#). Be sure to click the "DONATE TO MARYLAND" button and include "Luci Light Project-Colburn" in the comments section. A receipt for your donation will be emailed to you. Check us out! OGT has a four-star [charity navigator](#) rating!



Children are able to study at night with the aid of Luci Lights



Safe, Clean, Solar Power



Travis and Trey Colburn pictured with Steve Connolly of



## DID YOU KNOW?

Orphan Grain Train can accept your used printer cartridges as a part of a recycling program that provides a certain amount of funding for OGT.

You can bring your depleted cartridges to the warehouse when you come to volunteer, donate, or visit.

We are always open to new ways to raise funds, and truly appreciate your support for OGT.

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