



## Orphan Grain Train

### Good Tidings

News *-for and about -*

OGT Maryland

January, 2026



### Weather Alert!



If Anne Arundel County Public Schools are closed due to bad weather, our warehouse will also be closed.

### Annual Shipping Report 2025

ANNUAL  
SHIPPING  
REPORT

## Orphan Grain Train MARYLAND BRANCH

CALENDAR  
YEAR  
2025

### INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENTS

CAMEROON  
UKRAINE  
SOUTH SUDAN  
LIBERIA

### DOMESTIC SHIPMENTS

BALTIMORE LUTHERAN MISSIONS (MD)  
CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT (KY)  
HAZEL GREEN FOOD PROJECT (KY)  
LOCAL PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS (MD)  
ALS ASSOCIATION (MD)  
LINDA'S LEGACY (MD)

### DOMESTIC / FOREIGN TRANSFERS

UKRAINE  
GHANA

### BY THE NUMBERS

CONTAINERS	VOLUME	PALLETS	WEIGHT	PIECE COUNT	VALUE
8.3 Equivalent	21,400 Cubic Feet	291 Equivalent	384,200 Pounds	10,892	\$1,590,000 USD

Our cadence for CY2025 was to ship every 37 days. These figures do not include what articles left the warehouse via the Medical Walkout program. Praise God for all these donations which flowed into the warehouse for our purpose - to serve as the Hands and Feet of our Savior locally, domestically, and on foreign soil...

## Assistance to Ghana, Africa

The Maryland Branch relies on the blessings and good graces of donors – individuals to corporate, as well as the tireless work of in-country partners for the receipt and distribution of international shipments. In addition to the thousands of personal donations of material goods in 2025, a donation from Samaritan's Feet International enabled the Maryland Branch to ship over 4,800 pairs of new footwear to Africa. In 2025, the Maryland Branch continued to partner with the Ebenezer Akwanga Human Rights and Humanitarian Institute (EAHRHI) for humanitarian assistance to the people of Ghana, Africa and the distribution of clothes, food, hygiene and medical supplies, medical durable goods, hospital equipment, bicycles, school supplies, and much more. We, at the Maryland Branch, cannot adequately express the gratitude we feel for all our wonderful donors and volunteers. You are such a vital part of the Maryland

Branch Orphan Grain Train community, thank you! May the Lord continue to bless this operation as we all start the 2026 new year together.

- Submitted by Anthony Rodriguez, Assistant Manager, Shipping and Operations



## Wanted ... Fabric for our Feminine Hygiene Project

We have a dedicated group of volunteers who are sewing Feminine Hygiene Kits which are being sent to several of the African countries we serve. The need for these hygiene products is great. We are currently in need of cotton and flannel fabric. If you have fabric that you no longer need, please consider donating it to OGT for this very worthy cause. If you have a friend who sews, you might want to ask them as well. Please mark the bag or box for "Feminine Hygiene Project" and drop it off at the warehouse. If anyone is interested in sewing for this project, please contact Wendy Preslan ([wendy@goodneighborsgroup.org](mailto:wendy@goodneighborsgroup.org)). Thank you, in advance, for your support!



## Upcoming Restaurant Fundraisers



**The following restaurant fundraisers have been planned. Please plan to join us!**

**Ledos - Veteran's Highway, Millersville**

**February 17th - All day, including on-line orders & takeout**

**Carmine's NY Pizza Kitchen - Benfield Rd., Severna Park**

**March 26th - All day, including takeout**

**Cafe Mezzanotte - Ritchie Highway, Severna Park**

**May 27th - 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm**

**A percentage of the proceeds from each restaurant will be donated to OGT. This is such a fun way for you to support our ministry. Gather your friends and family and join us for some fun, food and fellowship!**

## **Attention All Volunteers!**



**A Volunteer Appreciation Picnic is being planned for Saturday, April 18th. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!**

**Details to follow.**

## **2025 Cartridge Recycle Report**

**Again this year, we thank everyone who dropped off their used printer cartridges to the warehouse. It appears that our recycling efforts continue to be worth the time and trouble. In 2025, we received the following for our recycling efforts:**

- **From Toner Buyer - \$33.50**
- **From Planet Green Recycle - \$702.75**
- **From Office Supply - \$270.00 in merchandise**

**A Grand Total of \$1,006.25 in cash and merchandise**

**A huge "THANK YOU" goes to Frank and Maurine Anchondo who continue to manage our cartridge recycling program each year!**

**Thrivent Choice Dollars Benefit OGT**

**Deadline for designating Choice Dollars - March 31st**



## Thrivent Choice®—Generosity strengthens communities

Thanks to Thrivent and its clients with membership,

### **Orphan Grain Train - Maryland Branch**

has received **\$53,218** Choice Dollars® grant funds since **4/8/2011**.

### **Grant funds distributed nationally**

The Thrivent Choice program has helped support churches  
and other nonprofit organizations since 2010:



**More than \$619 million  
in Choice Dollars grant  
funds distributed**



**Over 670,000  
clients participated**



**Over 49,500  
organizations received  
outreach funding**

### **Help strengthen communities and change lives**

Eligible Thrivent clients with membership can recommend where Thrivent  
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### **You can have an even bigger impact**

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to enrolled organizations. Thrivent will cover all the processing fees, so 100% of  
your donation goes to help.\*

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# REFLECTION FOR TODAY





## JOIN US IN PRAYER

**Please remember our OGT community in your prayers!**

- **Our Volunteers**
- **Our Donors and Supporters**
- **Recipients of our humanitarian aid**

**Continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine and for an end to these wars.**



## USED PRINTER CARTRIDGE PROGRAM



**Orphan Grain Train accepts your used printer cartridges as part of a recycling program that provides funding for OGT. Please continue to bring your depleted cartridges to the warehouse when you come to volunteer, donate, or visit.**

## VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Orphan Grain Train is always looking for new volunteers. Many opportunities, both large and small, are available. For more information, please call 410-417-9674 or stop by the warehouse any Monday or Tuesday morning (9:00 - noon), Tuesday evening (5:00 - 7:00 p.m.), or the second Saturday of each month (9:00 - noon).



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