

Orphan Grain Train



Good Tidings News *-for and about -* OGT Maryland

September, 2026

Greetings!

Vote For Orphan Grain Train - Maryland!



We recently applied for a Community Grant through Thrivent's Big Give Back event. 153 non-profit organizations applied for these grants and five were selected to receive them. OGT Maryland is one of them. The grants total \$25,000. The winner of the top prize of \$10,000 will be determined through an on-line voting process. Voting will take place from October 11 through October 17th. You do NOT need to be a Thrivent member to vote. EVERYONE can vote (one vote per e-mail address). Information on how to vote will be forthcoming. Such a simple way to support our ministry! Can we count on you?

Strengthening Communities in Tioga Co. PA

WELLSBORO, PA — On August 6, the Maryland Branch of Orphan Grain Train (OGT) completed a 525-mile round trip to deliver a much-needed resupply of durable medical equipment to the First Baptist Church of Wellsboro, PA. The delivery included essential mobility aids designed to enhance the independence and quality of life of local residents, featuring a small supply of wheel chairs, transit chairs, Rollators, and knee rollers. In Tioga County, PA, the First Baptist Church of Wellsboro and a partner Catholic church of Tioga operate critical medical durable equipment loaner programs. These grassroots initiatives serve as a vital lifeline for the region by stepping-in to offset the local needs with the endorsement from the PA Department of Aging. Because

of demand, both church inventories frequently face shortages, making OGT Maryland's recent delivery a timely blessing to help replenish their aging stocks. With God's blessing, the MD Branch of OGT looks forward to helping resupply these and similar communities in the years to come.

Submitted by Tony Rodriguez
Orphan Grain Train, Maryland Branch
Assistant Branch Manager, Operations



Shipment to South Sudan



“For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” - Ephesians 2:10

With this Bible verse in mind, once again, on August 14th, the Lord blessed the Maryland Branch as we loaded a 18,800 pound shipment to Mission Gardens of Christ in South Sudan. This container will deliver much needed clothing for men, women, and children, shoes, specialty orthopedic shoes, medical durable equipment, hygiene and

school supplies, sewing machines and supplies, fabric, feminine hygiene kits, paraments, linens, medical supplies, and much more. This shipment also included 1,000 pairs of new orthopedic and diabetic-orthopedic shoes donated by OrthoFeet,

International. Indeed, today's load will be a blessing to the people of South Sudan which we serve via the ministry of the Mission Gardens in Christ.

I would like to personally thank today's warehouse and loading teams who made this gift to the people of South Sudan a reality - you guys really knocked it out of the park today! Furthermore, a huge thank-you goes to all those volunteers who tirelessly picked up, boxed, washed, repaired, sorted, packed, stored, and inventoried all that was shipped. It really does take a village!!!! Also, many thanks to our Nebraska agents who tirelessly make all the necessary connections and follow-through for our international shipments and to our freight-forwarders who play such a critical role! May the Lord continue to bless us ALL with the people, materials, and will to do what is right and just in His Eyes...

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Orphan Grain Train, Maryland Branch
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SPECIAL DELIVERY ... Several boxes of beautiful pillowcase dresses were included in this shipment to South Sudan. The 132 dresses were sewn by members of the Outreach Program of the Lighthouse Church in Glen Burnie and members of the Pasadena Methodist Church. Many thanks to the members of these two churches who took the time to sew these dresses that will undoubtedly bring big smiles to the little girls who are lucky enough to receive them!

Shipment Arrives in Ethiopia

On August 31st, our load to Ethiopia arrived at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Hiwot Membere was there to meet it and is quite ecstatic about its arrival. The culmination of God's Grace and Providence channeled through dedicated people who embody joy, patience, and endurance has paid off... Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!!!

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We Love Our Teen Volunteers!

U16 Armour Girls Soccer Team

On August 23rd, the U16 Armour Girls Soccer Team returned to volunteer at the warehouse. They repacked almost 7,000 pairs of Bombas socks and loaded the truck for delivery. Thanks to the 14 team members, their parents and coach for their time and service.



Severn School

On September 9th, students from the Severn School in Severna Park volunteered at the warehouse for Severn's Service Day. The students arrived and were eager to get to work. They watched two short videos about Orphan Grain Train and an instructional video about how to sort and pack the donations. They were also given a tour of the warehouse. Lots of donations were brought into the sorting room from the warehouse and everyone went right to work. After their lunch break, they sorted, counted, and bagged winter coats to go to Baltimore City for the needy and the homeless. It was a very productive day with a lot of hard work done by the students.

Helping the Needy in Baltimore

On August 26th, OGT volunteers delivered 61 boxes of Bombas socks to St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Baltimore. This inner-city church is the longest standing Lutheran Church on the East Coast. The socks will be distributed to the homeless throughout the city.



A Very Special Person



Alla Vasylieva
Bible Orphan Ministry - Ukraine

Alla Vasylieva spent her childhood growing up in an orphanage with her sister, Oksana. In 2002 she started serving in Ukrainian orphanages conducting Bible studies and camps for children's institutions. Today she is the head of a charitable Christian organization, Bible Orphan Ministry. They visit orphanages, nursing homes, assist elderly, the down-trodden, and those people living on the front lines and areas ravaged by the war. They share the Gospel and the love of Christ along with humanitarian aid. They are a recipient of Orphan Grain Train. Alla is the mother of five adopted children and also supervises the House of Joy, a home for orphans.

A Letter from the Heart

This letter that was sent to Orphan Grain Train Maryland Branch by Alla of Bible Orphan Ministry in Ukraine. We had sent a container of goods to Ukraine in the summer of 2025. We are most grateful for the people of Bible Orphan Ministry who share the love of Christ as they look out for the orphan, widow and wounded.

"There is pain that does not need loud words. There is gratitude that cannot be measured in numbers.

This week, we were able to be close to those who paid too high a price for our freedom. In two locations, we delivered aid to our wounded defenders: almost 50 boxes of orthopedic supplies, 82 boxes of medical supplies, 66 pairs of crutches, hygiene products, wheelchairs, walkers, and much more.

But behind every number is a person. Hands learning to regain their balance. Eyes that show both pain and hope. Hearts that continue to love Ukraine, even when it hurts.

We bow low to our defenders. For the peace in our homes. For the mornings we wake up to. For the freedom that comes at the price of your health and life!!!

To our sponsors and benefactors — our deepest gratitude. You are the ones who do not pass by. The ones who take on some of the pain. The ones who turn compassion into real help and faith into action.

This is only a fraction of our gratitude. But it comes from the bottom of our hearts and is born of prayer, faith, and love. We are here. We remember. We will be here as long as there is a need. "- Alla

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends". (John 15:13)

Please keep Alla in your prayers! If you would like to financially support Alla and the Bible Orphan Ministry, you can do so through our national website by clicking the button below and then clicking the 'donate' button. Please indicate that your donation is to be sent to Alla.

[Visit OGT Website](#)

Update on Container Shipped to Ukraine

The container that was packed at the warehouse on June 17th and shipped to Alla and the Bible Orphan Ministry had been sitting in Constanta, Romania since the end of July. Shipping through Ukrainian ports is currently on hold due to intensified Russian attacks on port infrastructure and more. International shipping lines and insurers are avoiding the Black Sea corridor, impacting regular container ship traffic. Arrangements were made to have the contents of the container delivered by truck to Ukraine. We got

word from headquarters on September 18th that the truck was in route, but arrival in Ukraine has not yet been confirmed. Continue to pray that the truck arrives safely.

Restaurant Fundraiser - October 7th Come Join Us and Support OGT

SQUISITOS PIZZA AND PASTA - MAGOTHY GATEWAY
147E GOVERNOR RITCHIE HWY, SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146 | 410-891-0925



LET'S RAISE SOME DOUGH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH | 4PM-9PM

15% OF PROCEEDS *
FROM YOUR SUPPORT WILL BE DONATED TO
ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN!

*EXCLUDES ALL COUPONS, DISCOUNTS, SPECIALS



Pro-Vision Memorial Race - Sign Up Today



Join us on Saturday, October 10th, for the Annual PRO-Vision Memorial 5K & 10K Run/Walk in Severna Park, Maryland.

The PRO-Vision Memorial Foundation was established in 2023 in memory and honor of Paul Robert Overton - an exceptional son, brother, friend, and leader in the Severna Park community. Paul was a motivator and passionate individual who lived life to the fullest while always putting others first. His legacy

of perseverance, righteousness, optimism, and service continues to inspire those who knew him.

Each year, runners, walkers, families, and supporters come together to celebrate Paul's life, honor his legacy, and support organizations that are making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Proceeds from this year's race will benefit Athletes Serving Athletes and Chrysalis House, two organizations dedicated to empowering individuals, strengthening communities, and creating opportunities for those facing life's challenges. Join us as we honor Paul, strengthen our community and make a difference.

[Click here to sign up](#)

The Maryland Branch of the Orphan Grain Train is honored to have been a beneficiary of the Pro-Vision Memorial Race for the past three years. We thank the Foundation and wish them another successful Race this year!



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 and in the Middle East 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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