



Orphan Grain Train †

Good Tidings

News -for and about -
OGT Maryland

March, 2024



We hope that all of our volunteers, donors, and supporters have a Blessed Easter.
May we constantly experience the real presence of the Risen Lord in our lives.

"This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad." (Psalm 118:24)

Shipment to South Sudan

Last week a container was filled and is now on its way to South Sudan. It contained 1200 boxes and other assorted items for a total of 22,000 pounds of food, clothing, linens, bicycles, medical equipment and supplies, religious artifacts and paraments. Each shipment that leaves our warehouse is the culmination of hours and hours of planning, acquisitions, pickups, sorting, packing, staging, loading and much more. This shipment was no different. Thanks to the many, many dedicated volunteers who give so freely of their time and talent and allow us to continue doing God's work by helping the less fortunate around the world.



They Say a Picture is Worth a Thousand Words



In this case it is so true!

This picture depicts a gentleman in Ghana standing at a table sharing the Word of God from a bible. He is giving the people spiritual food, as well as food to nourish their bodies. Everything depicted here was sent from our warehouse - the table, the Bible, the Harvest Packs (each box containing hundreds of meals). This picture clearly shows what OGT is all about. Truly we are making a difference!

Distribution of OGT Goods in Ghana



Above are a few pictures of our donations being distributed last month to the people in the Danchira Community in the outskirts of the Greater Accra Region of Ghana.

Below are pictures of Dr. Ebenezer Akwanga, founder and director of the Ebenezer Akwanga Human Rights and Humanitarian Institute (EAHRHI) as he distributes goods to the people of Charia, the Upper West Region of Ghana. Dr, Akwanga extends his appreciation to the volunteers of OGT Maryland as he writes "Thank you all so much for bringing joy to thousands of hearts and smiles to faces beaten by neglect, hardship, and bad governance."



Fundraisers - Past and Future

An important note about fundraising: Fundraising is more important now than ever. Just like everything else these days, the cost of shipping costs have increased tremendously over the last few years. Shipping /trucking to constituent missions in the USA is \$4,000 to \$6,000 per load. Shipping to constituent missions in Africa is anywhere from \$12,000 to \$30,000. In order for us to continue to carry out our mission, we need your help. Please consider supporting our upcoming fundraisers. If you aren't in town, please consider making a donation. Thank You!!



The fundraiser at Brian Boru earlier this month was a huge success, raising over \$500 for our organization. Thanks to everyone who supported us by enjoying a delicious meal and sharing fellowship with good friends. A great time was had by all who attended! Hope to see you at our next restaurant fundraiser!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our next restaurant fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, April 16th from 11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Ellie's Place, 8421 Veterans Highway, Millersville. Lunch/dinner, eat in/ carry-out



A portion of the entire day's proceeds will benefit OGT. Additionally, there is an ongoing raffle with tickets for \$5.00 each for a neon bar sign. Hope to see you next month!

Looking Ahead Mark your calendars! SPARE No One - Helping the Needy



A bowling fundraiser for all ages has been planned to benefit OGT Maryland!

- WHEN - Saturday, June 8th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- WHERE - Severna Park Lanes on Ritchie Highway
- WANTED - Sponsorships, Silent Auction Items, and Bowlers!

Contact Person - Linda Zahn (znam23@verizon.net)

Visit our website for more information

ATTENTION Thrivent Members

Thrivent Choice Dollars Expire Soon



Your Choice Dollars expire on Sunday, March 31st. Please consider directing your Choice Dollars to OGT Maryland before they expire. You can designate your Choice Dollars by going online at www.thriventchoice.com or by calling 800-847-4836 and saying "choice dollars" at automation. Please note that the last day to designate your Choice Dollars by phone is Thursday, March 28th. You must renew the distribution of your Choice Dollars every year. Your choice from a prior year does not carry over. Thank you for considering OGT Maryland as the recipient of your Choice Dollars this year!