



## Orphan Grain Train †

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

June, 2026



## Shipment Sent to Ethiopia



On May 18th, OGT volunteers loaded a shipping container that is well on its way to Ethiopia. The planning for this container started about two years ago and finally culminated in a load of 19,793 lbs. of hospital medical equipment, medical supplies and mobility durable goods, operating room supplies, hospital beds, clinical-grade microscopes and weight scales, specialty wheelchairs, Samaritan's Feet Intl.

shoes, Luci lights, sewing machines and supplies, and much, much more. Though I will spare you the abundant stories, please know this: the path which led to this container was repeatedly blessed by our Lord in so many tangible and visible ways! Our Lord indeed hears the prayers of the saints as promised in scripture!

Each one of us at OGT is a very unique part of a greater common body which is aligned to one mission: to serve the less fortunate of the world while extolling the Goodness of God! As such, no single personal contribution ever gets a shipment to its destination; rather, when we all work together for the Glory of God, our work and mission thrive and are blessed!!! May the hardship associated with this particular load be a wonderful reminder to us all that our God gives us these works to demonstrate our faith, which comes by His Grace! Also, let us not forget that these

blessings include our partners at OGT Nebraska and our Ethiopian constituents whose efforts were crucial to make this shipment a reality.

-Submitted by Tony Rodriguez  
Assistant Manager MD Branch, Operations



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The following note was received from Hiwot, a gentleman from Ethiopia, who has worked incessantly for over two years with OGT Headquarters and our branch to secure much needed items for the people back in his homeland. Despite having to surmount some hurdles along the way, it has been our pleasure to help him make his dream become a reality.

*Praise God indeed! What a powerful testimony of His faithfulness and provision. It is truly humbling to witness how this effort, prayerfully carried over the past two years, has come together to bless so many lives.*



*We thank God for each person who contributed—through planning, labor, donations, and prayer. This shipment is a beautiful reflection of what can be accomplished when we work together in unity for His glory. May the Lord continue to strengthen and guide all of us as we serve His people, and may every item sent bring comfort, healing, and hope to those in need.*

*We also give thanks for our partners in Nebraska and Ethiopia, whose collaboration made this possible. May God bless them abundantly as well.  
To God be all the glory!*

*With gratitude and respect,  
Hiwot M.*

## Shoes, Shoes, and More Shoes!

Samaritan's Feet International and OrthoFeet Inc. have partnered with Orphan Grain Train to deliver orthopedic shoes internationally to those in need, especially those suffering with diabetes-related foot complications. OrthoFeet shoes are specifically designed to alleviate pain caused by foot ulcers, swelling, and neuropathy in diabetic patients and others suffering from foot pain.

On 21 May 2026, the Maryland Branch of Orphan Grain Train received a shipment from Samaritan's Feet of 21 pallets of OrthoFeet men's and women's shoes, approximately 6,000 pairs of shoes and 500 pairs of orthopedic socks and insoles. Volunteer teams worked for three weeks, over 250 hours, sorting the shoes by gender, size and season, and repacking them in shipping boxes for communities in Ukraine, South Sudan, Ghana and Cameroon.

In a scheduled shipment of humanitarian aid to Ukraine on 17 June, OGT included 144 shipping boxes of shoes and boots, 85 winter and 55 year-round (~1900 pairs); and 4 boxes of socks and insoles.

OGT will oversee international logistics and in-country distribution to ensure the orthopedic and diabetic shoes reach those most in need.

-Submitted by Mary Jo Bieberich



## Realtors Come to Volunteer

On June 4, 2026, Orphan Grain Train hosted a group of 13 volunteers from the Anne Arundel County Association of Realtors. They wanted to partner with OGT to support our mission and make an impact through hands-on volunteering. Our first task was to tackle thousands of shoes which had been donated and needed to be sorted, sized, put in pairs and packed in boxes. We formed several groups to work on this project and teamed up with other OGT volunteers who organized the packing of the shoes. Everyone did a great job. Next, they began sorting and packing clothing and other donations we received. It was a very productive day and so many who are less fortunate and in need will benefit from these volunteers. We are so thankful to the Anne Arundel County Association of Realtors for requesting this day of service.



-Submitted by Diana Castle  
Volunteer Coordinator

## Shipment to Benefit Ukranian Orphanages

A shipment to Bible Orphan Ministry in Ukraine is on its way! The container left the warehouse on June 17th for the Port of Philadelphia filled to capacity with clothing and shoes, linens, all types of hygiene and medical supplies, canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, bicycles, toys, school supplies, etc. etc. This shipment also included 144 boxes of shoes and 4 boxes of socks and insoles from OrthoFeet as mentioned above.



Thanks to all the folks within our local community and area churches who responded to our plea for much needed items for these orphans in Ukraine whose lives have been forever changed by the ongoing war. Thanks to all who gathered and prepared these items for today's shipment. Love for one's neighbor, for those in need, is a primary characteristic of a faithful community. So it is at OGT MD, with abundance.

Mary Jo filled in for Tony as this container was being filled and did an amazing Job! She thanks the loading team for their patience, understanding, cooperation and friendship as they worked together to accomplish this very timely and significant shipment for the people of Ukraine who are in urgent need of humanitarian aid.

## We Salute Our Young Volunteer!

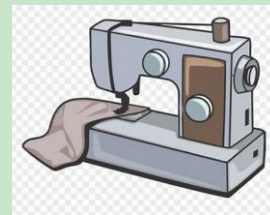
Ellie has been sewing items for our Feminine Hygiene Project for almost a year. When she heard that we were preparing for a shipment to orphanages in Ukraine, she began to focus her time, energy, and sewing skills on a new project - collecting new or gently used dolls to send to orphans in war-torn Ukraine. In her own words, "Every girl needs a friend to help her through rough times." Ellie cleaned up the dolls, fixed their hair and sewed new dresses for them. One can only imagine the smiles these dolls will bring to the faces of these orphans whose lives have been shattered by war. Ellie serves as a great example of how one person can bring love and hope to those in need.



A sampling of the dolls that Ellie prepared to send to the orphans in Ukraine

## Feminine Hygiene Project

Just a reminder to everyone who is sewing items for the Feminine Hygiene Project .... Finished goods can be dropped off at the warehouse (There's a box marked FHP in the sorting room.) OR at Cottonwood Fabric Store, 548 Benfield Road, Severna Park. Any Questions? Contact Wendy Preslan at [wendy@goodneighborsgroup.org](mailto:wendy@goodneighborsgroup.org). Thanks to everyone who is involved with this project. Your time and positive energy are greatly appreciated!



JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING  
FREE ADMISSION

Come to Cruise Night and support our mission! In addition to a 50/50 raffle, we will have a basket raffle including hundreds of dollars in Restaurant Gift Cards, Scratch off Lottery Tickets, a Fun in the Sun Bucket of Toys, Baskets containing Patriotic

Items, Hot Sauces and Dips, Car Items, as well as a Basket for Lovers of Italian Food and a Basket of Cheer.

The Flying Kiwi Ice Cream Truck will also be there! YUM!

Bring your neighbors and friends! Hope to see you there!



## Cruise Night - June 26th

East Park Shopping Center – 7900 Crain Hwy., Glen Burnie

5:00 – 9:00 p.m. to benefit

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Relief for Human Need Worldwide

**\*GIVE HOPE \*\* CHANGE LIVES\***

An OGT truck will be on the premises to accept donations of clean, gently used clothing for men, women, and children. Please place all clothing in plastic bags.



Chinese  
Auction



Monetary  
donations  
will also be  
accepted!



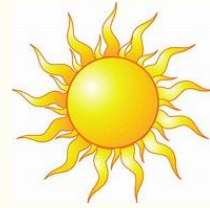
**Thank You for supporting our mission!**

Learn more about Orphan Grain Train at [www.ogt.org/md](http://www.ogt.org/md)

# REFLECTION FOR TODAY

Psalm 46:10

*“Be still, and know that I am God.”*



*In the hustle and bustle of daily life, It's easy to forget to pause and be still. Summer offers a perfect opportunity to slow down and spend focused time with God. Find a peaceful spot, Take a few deep breaths, and meditate on this verse. Perfect for soaking up the sunlight and soaking up God's presence!*

## 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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