VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Orphan Grain Train is powered by its volunteers, and Mike Wasem is one of the reasons for our success!

Mike helps in the warehouse, organizing items for shipment. He also helps load the containers for shipment around the world. He’s been at this for around two years, and OGT is enriched by his contributions. He got started as a volunteer when Ron Phipps invited him to come in one day and he was impressed with what the organization was doing, and enjoyed spending time with the other folks he met.

When he’s not volunteering his interests include golf, fishing and boating, reading, cooking and playing with his grandkids.

In his words, "OGT is a group of great people committed to helping out those in need. Out of our abundance, we are able to distribute clothing, medical equipment, school supplies, and much more to some of the most needy and destitute people on earth. And when they ask why we send these things, we can say "because God loves you".

CAMEROON ORPHANAGE RECEIVES HUMANITARIAN AID

On August 14, Orphan Grain Train loaded a 40-foot container destined for the Lutheran Orphanage of Cameroon, Central Africa, established by pastor Professor Samuel Frouisou. Because the orphanage is required to be associated with a medical clinic, this shipment represented a special challenge to provide aid for both a school and a hospital. In addition to school items such as student desks and chairs, storage cabinets, tables, and AV equipment, the load also featured a variety of medical supplies. They included hospital beds, canes, walkers, and many bassinets.

These valuable resources were complemented by Christian resources such as an altar, baptismal font and crucifix donated by Joy Reigns Lutheran Church in Edgewater. Also, the Annapolis Evangelical Lutheran Church donated 100 children’s quilts. Rounding out the load was over 400 solar lights - which are so valuable to those in
areas where the electric grid is either unreliable or nonexistent.

Special thanks go to the many students from Archbishop Spalding High School who offered their brawn and brains to stuff the container full of life-saving humanitarian aid.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE ELFIE’S LIGHTS FUND!

Elfie Eberle, Branch Manager in Maryland, for the past 16 years (and Original Maryland Branch Manager) stepped down from that position as of June 1. Her contributions and leadership have been an incredible blessing to those who volunteer with her, and to those served through branch collections and shipments. All wishing to honor her years of service can do so by contributing to “Elfie’s Lights”, a fund to purchase solar Luci lights for areas in developing countries that have no electrical grid. How fitting to honor her and “help change lives”!

The fund will be active for 2 years, from August 2020 until August 2022. Make donations by indicating “Elfie’s Lights” in the memo line or envelope. Please mail your checks to Orphan Grain Train at 621 East-West Blvd., Millersville MD 21108.

Elfie will continue working with the Maryland branch as Solicitation Manager, using her gifts and talents to share Jesus with the world. To quote Elfie, “Orphan Grain Train is in my blood”.

WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS

This idiom means that when bad things happen, usually other bad things happen. We are seeing this play out in the newest country in the world, South Sudan. Bor, the capital of the Jonglei State, an area covering over 47,000 square miles, has been experiencing huge flooding. Many people have escaped with their lives, and have lost everything. The rainy season is usual this time of the year, but the extensive flooding is
not. The natural disaster is a true punch to the gut for people who are already among the poorest in the world. Orphan Grain Train is in the process of gathering humanitarian aid for this area and plans to ship in late September. This date is strategic because the aid is intended to arrive in early December, when the rainy season ends and the roads become passable.

In addition to other humanitarian aid, we have a **backpack drive** to collect backpacks (new or gently used) so that these people can carry their meager possessions. Backpacks are requested by no later than September 22nd in order to be packed for shipment.

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**DONATIONS RESUME AT THE WAREHOUSE!**

Donations can be brought to the Receiving Dock at the warehouse:

- Tuesdays 9 a.m.-12 noon and 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
- Second Saturday of each month 9 a.m.-12 noon

Thank you for your continued support!

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of accepted donations for OGT

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**OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!**

Several weeks ago, the supporters of OGT were notified that the warehouse was at capacity to accept donations until Oct. 1. There was a major push to sort and pack the mountains of bags of clothing that clogged the aisles. This announcement elicited a response that was miraculous. Scores of volunteers showed up to help and as a result, we are now accepting donations as of September 1.

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**OUR VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER CANCELLED FOR 2020**

Due to COVID, the Volunteer Dinner is being cancelled for this year. A volunteer event is tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2021. More information to come!

We look forward to thanking you all for your time and talents. We are so blessed to work along with you in this ministry!
Ella and Joshua Driver decided to make blankets for Orphan Grain Train for their summer service project. They picked out their materials, cut and matched them to size, and once completed took them to the OGT warehouse. Last year Ella made four pillowcase dresses for OGT, and has also helped pack and sort clothing at the warehouse.

Keep OGT in mind for students looking to earn their community service hours!

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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OUR MEDICAL WALK-OUT PROGRAM IS OPERATING AGAIN!
Contact Steve Zahn for details, donations, and availability.
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