



Orphan Grain Train

Good Tidings News -for and about - OGT Maryland

June 2021

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Orphan Grain Train is powered by its volunteers, and **Chris Hessler** is one of the reasons for our success!

Chris lives in Annapolis and she is a very active OGT volunteer at the Millersville warehouse. She packs/sorts items for shipment, accepts donations, loads trucks, travels to pick up items, does IT work, and helps with parking at the Friday Food Truck events! A volunteer for about a year, she found OGT by googling places to volunteer and reading about Orphan Grain Train and its mission.



In her words, "Orphan Grain Train is a nice Christian organization that strives to help the world be a better place."

SHIPPING TO CAMEROON

On June 8th, volunteers at Orphan Grain Train loaded a container bound for Cameroon and the orphanage we support. Beds, dressers, desks/chairs, and other items, were included. It's wonderful to think that this shipment, and those like it, will bring comfort to these children.



On June 8th, numerous items were prepared and loaded for shipment to Cameroon.



MASKS FOR THE PEOPLE OF INDIA

The Maryland branch sent 5,000 masks to Scudder Memorial Hospital recently to help the people there deal with the COVID pandemic. They have arrived in Tamil Nadu and are in transit to the hospital.

The 5,000 masks were collected in a week's time in response to our outreach.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY ON THE FARM AND MORE!

Join us every Friday on the farm at the corner of Veterans Highway and East-West Blvd. in Millersville for **Food Truck Friday on the Farm**. Hours are 4:00-8:00 p.m. weekly. Thanks to the efforts of Bonnie Jordan and other great volunteers at OGT, "Fancy Findings Pop-Up Yard Sales" take place on select Fridays now too! In addition look for face painting for children on many Fridays.

We are always looking for volunteers. People willing to help with traffic (parking), staffing the OGT information table, and/or helping with the Yard Sale



events are very welcome! Marie Fries organizes the volunteers, and she can be reached at weezie68@verizon.net or you can text her at 410-693-7725.

DONATE TO OGT



[Visit H2 Food Truck Fridays on the Farm on Facebook for updates!](#)



Join us every Friday, weather permitting, for great food and the opportunity to share information about Orphan Grain Train with the hundreds of visitors who attend the Friday Food Truck on the Farm events.



JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE IN SEVERNA PARK!

Thanks to Mark and Glenda Paxton, Orphan Grain Train will once again have an entry in the Independence Day parade in Severna Park. This year July 4th falls on a Sunday, and the parade is staged on church parking lots in the community. As a result, the parade is being held on Monday, July 5th. Our theme is "**All Aboard! Unity for CommUNITY**" to tie into the chosen community parade theme of "Celebrating our CommUNITY". Once again, thanks to Wayne Gerst for the use of his flatbed truck for the OGT float.

The parade route is approx. 1-1/2 miles long and we're looking for volunteers who'd like to walk with the Orphan Grain Train entry. The parade steps off at 10 a.m. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Glenda at glendapaxton@gmail.com

MEDICAL WALK OUT

Orphan Grain Train operates an active Medical Walk Out Program. Medical equipment is available at no cost. After use, the items (wheel chairs, hospital beds, walkers, canes, etc.) may be returned to OGT, or given to someone else in need.



DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Orphan Grain Train's warehouse at 621 East-West Blvd. in Millersville, is open for donations on the following schedule.

Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Tuesdays - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Second Saturday of each month
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

[CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF ACCEPTED DONATIONS.](#)



Early in June, Bruce Coonrad, Norm Giguere, and Chris Hessler went to Messiah Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Virginia. The church is being closed/sold, so OGT had the opportunity to take items for shipment to those in need. In addition to an altar, a podium,



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Plans are underway for a long-awaited Volunteer Appreciation Dinner!

Tentatively, the event is planned for October 3rd at 3:00 p.m. The

kitchen cabinets, tables and chairs, there was a Christmas Nativity scene, and many other items. Also, the church's stained glass windows will be made available to Lutheran Churches in Cameroon.

venue would be The Tim Poteet Pavilion at Elvaton Park in Millersville. When all details are finalized, invitations will be sent - so keep an eye out, and expect a memorable and fun filled event!



Thanks Kevin Trader!

When the front side of the Orphan Grain Train warehouse needed some power washing, Kevin Trader of [Allied Power Washers](#) stepped up and volunteered his services.

Allied Power Washers is owned by Kevin Trader, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and native of Anne Arundel County. The company specializes in the latest soft-washing technology. Allied Power Washers can be reached at 443-875-3340 or ktrader2@gmail.com.

We appreciate Kevin and his generous donation!

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We pray for a
safe, healthy,

thrivent

and blessed
summer!

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Maryland branch*

