



Orphan Grain Train †

Good Tidings

News -for and about -
OGT Maryland

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Dear Suzie,



BIG Cause For Celebration!

Seven years ago the dream of building a warehouse became a reality. Land was generously donated by Wayne Gerst and Suzanne Giguere donated her architectural services and drew up the plans. The Maryland branch raised over \$600,000 for construction. Additional funding was provided by OGT Headquarters in Nebraska in the form a \$332,000 interest-free mortgage. Last month, in seven short years, we made our last payment! The warehouse has served us well in fulfilling our mission. Since it was built, we have been able to increase the number of shipments, internationally as well as here in the US, to 12 per year. Since the war began, we have been able to give ongoing support to the Ukrainian people through our partnership with St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Silver Spring. And we are able to help the people of Ghana through our partnership with Ebenzer Akwanga and his humanitarian institute.



The Lord has blessed us beyond anything we could have imagined! Many thanks to all of the churches and individuals who continue to support us, as well as our many volunteers who selflessly give of their time and talent. We could never do what we do without you! A celebration is in the works to celebrate "the burning of the mortgage"! Details to follow!

Recent Shipment to South Sudan

At long last, the much-anticipated shipment to South Sudan finally became a reality last month. The large shipping container was filled to the brim. It contained school supplies and materials (classroom tables, student desks and chairs, bookshelves, and books), It also contained medical equipment (hospital bed frames and mattresses, bedside tables, IV stands, shower chairs, commodes, crutches, canes, walkers, and wheelchairs). Last, but not least, solar lights and bibles were loaded into the container. We are so glad to be able to help our needy brothers and sisters in South Sudan once again.

Much Needed Items on the Way to Ghana

OGT Maryland Branch continues to partner with Dr. Ebenezer Akwanga, founder and CEO of the Ebenezer Akwanga Human Rights and Humanitarian Institute. Last month, a truckload of goods including 155 boxes of clothing, 28 boxes of Food (Harvest Packs), 75 boxes of medical supplies, 25 boxes of school books, 3 gurneys, and 10 bicycles were delivered to his warehouse. Dr. Akwanga then makes all the arrangements for these much-needed items to be shipped to Ghana. He personally travels to Ghana in time to receive the shipment when it arrives.

Help for the Needy in Appalachia

Earlier this month a large truck containing 180 boxes of linens, 135 boxes of shoes, and 855 boxes of clothing was delivered to the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) in Paintsville, Kentucky. These items will help them fulfill their mission of "building hope, transforming lives, and sharing Christ's love through service in Appalachia".



Local Hospitals Donate Medical Supplies

We recently received large donations of medical supplies from Luminous Health Anne Arundel Medical Center and Med Star Hospital. The five full pallets of supplies (227 boxes in all), included hypodermic needles, syringes, PICC lines, catheters, adhesive bandages, compression bandages, cervical collars, infrared thermometers, blood pressure cuffs, gloves, scrubs, and many more valuable items.

These medical supplies have been delivered to the Ukrainian Express, a warehouse in New Castle, Delaware, and will soon be air-lifted to Ukraine. This is made possible through our partnership with St. Andrews Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Silver Spring. It is such a blessing that OGT was fortunate enough to receive these generous donations from area hospitals and an even bigger blessing that we can, in turn, assist the Ukrainian people by providing them with these much-needed medical supplies.

PROvision Memorial Foundation

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The PRO-Vision (501c 3 org.) memorial foundation was established in 2023 in memory and honor of Paul Robert Overton. This foundation seeks to pay tribute to Paul's legacy of perseverance, resilience and optimism by supporting families in need of medical equipment for home healthcare and nutritional needs.

More Info at: www.paulrovertonvision.org
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The PROvision 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, Maryland area. Paul was a motivator and passionate man who lived life to the fullest and for others. This foundation seeks to pay tribute to Paul's Legacy of perseverance, righteousness, and optimism by supporting families in need of medical equipment for home healthcare and nutritional needs.

A Memorial Race Event is planned for this October with the proceeds to benefit the Maryland branch of OGT. More information about the Foundation can be found at www.paulrovertonvision.org. Further information about the Race Event will be forthcoming.