



Orphan Grain Train †

Good Tidings

News -for and about -
OGT Maryland

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Shipment to Appalachia

On April 18th OGT Maryland loaded a 53 foot container headed to Christian Appalachian Project, Paintsville, KY. This contained 22,600 lbs. of clothing, blankets, shoes, coats, hygiene items, medical bed frames and mattresses, medical mobility equipment, and three hospital infant warmers. Included in this load were 17 beautiful hand-crafted quilts from Ladies Ministries at Heritage Community Church in Severn, Maryland, which were intended for Appalachia. Many thanks go out to ALL the dedicated volunteers who touched every aspect of this load spanning from collection, to packing/sorting, to storage, and finally to staging and loading. Your tireless efforts culminated in a gesture of unconditional love towards our neighbors in Appalachia who continue to struggle in day-to-day existence. May God continue to bless our Branch to help the least of these in the world...



Donated Goods Arrive in Liberia

Distribution of Toys and Backpacks



Sewing Machines and supplies made their way to Liberia.

Thanks to OGT Maryland Branch their sewing school is up and running!





A Special Delivery to AACS



Earlier this month we delivered eleven 7ft slate-topped science tables to Annapolis Area Christian School (AACS), K-12. We were met by cheerful help, including the Principal, Ben Peddicord (right rear). AACS plans to incorporate these specialized tables into their STEM program and renovation over the summer. The science tables were acquired from a High School in Indianapolis via IRN - The Reuse Network.

New Partnership with Luminous Health

We already have a partnership with Luminous Health Annapolis, as the hospital has been donating medical supplies and equipment to us for some time. However, we recently formed a partnership with the Cardiac OR Department of the hospital. Within the past six weeks, they have given us two loads of excess supplies from the Cardiac OR. These are donated items that we don't typically receive, and we are sure that they will be invaluable to the hospitals and clinics that we support. Thanks to Henriette Kelley, BSN, RN for making this partnership possible!

Donations from Standard Textile



We just received another shipment from the Standard Textile Company. The six pallets contained 4,064 pounds of cloth diapers, sheets, towels, and assorted clothing items. This is the second shipment we have received from them in recent months. These items will certainly benefit our benefactors in Africa, as well as here in the States.

Letter of Appreciation



Orphan Grain Train
621 East West Boulevard
Millersville, MD 21108
Attention: Mr. Bruce Coonradt, OGT Maryland Branch Manager
Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Subject: Heartfelt Appreciation to Orphan Grain Train Maryland

Dear Orphan Grain Train Maryland:

On behalf of the Ebenezer Akwanga Human Rights and Humanitarian Institute (EAHRHI), we want to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support, generous contributions, and invaluable partnership towards our humanitarian mission in Africa, particularly to the people of the Republic of Ghana.

Your dedication and commitment to uplifting the most vulnerable among us have not gone unnoticed. The impact of your support has been profound, touching countless lives and restoring hope and dignity to those in need. We are truly grateful for all that you do.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to every member of the Orphan Grain Train Maryland team, including the volunteers who selflessly give their time and efforts to make a difference in the world. Your compassion and generosity are a shining example of the goodness that exists in humanity.

As we continue our mission to bring aid and assistance to those in need, we humbly urge Orphan Grain Train Maryland to consider increasing their support for EAHRHI's initiatives in Africa. With your continued partnership, we can reach more hearts, touch more lives, and make a lasting impact on those who need it most.

We are currently in need of sewing machines, sewing materials, hospital beds and mattresses, beddings, medical supplies and equipment, summer clothing for children, men, and women, shoes, Bibles, food, computers, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, school supplies, books, potty adults and children, wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, bicycles, and any other items that can aid in our next humanitarian shipment to Ghana.

Your contributions will not only provide essential resources but also serve as a beacon of hope and a testament to the power of compassion and unity. Together, we can make a difference and spread God's love to those in need.

As Easter approaches, we wish Orphan Grain Train Maryland a joyous and blessed celebration. May this season be filled with love, peace, and renewed hope for a brighter future. Thank you once again for your incredible support and for being a beacon of light in the lives of those less fortunate. Your kindness and generosity are truly a legacy of God's love.

With heartfelt appreciation and warm regards,
Dr. Ebenezer Derek Akwanga
Founder & CEO, Ebenezer Akwanga Human Rights and Humanitarian Institute (EAHRHI)

OGT Response to the Bridge Collapse

The Key Bridge collapse left many people in the community hurting: 8,000 dockworkers were out of work, 186 sailors on 8 ships were unable to leave the port, families are still mourning the loss of loved ones. We responded by offering assistance to those affected by the crisis that happened in our own back yard. Orphan Grain Train Maryland Branch served as a collection point for needed food items and the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (SED-LCMS) offered opportunities to help financially.

Our Bridge Collapse Response is now completed. Thanks to our many supporters who responded to the call for help - those who made financial contributions, those who donated non-perishable food and baked goods, and those who sent gift cards. A special thanks goes to our friends at the Mid-Atlantic Branch who answered our plea for help by delivering a truckload of food, along with gift cards, to the LMS Compassion Place in Essex. Please continue to pray for all those who were affected by this disaster.

Reaching Out to our Youth



In April, several OGT volunteers reached out to high school students in the area. Linda and Steve Zahn attended a job fair at Severna Park H.S.. They had an opportunity to explain the OGT mission to the students and to present community service opportunities that are available to them at the warehouse.

Irene Giguere took the OGT exhibit to the Archbishop Spalding Community Service Fair. The purpose of the fair was to acquaint the student body with the volunteer opportunities available to them in the area. 70 students stopped by the OGT table.

Our volunteers enjoyed sharing the work of OGT with these students and look forward to seeing some of them at the warehouse.

Thank You for Your Support!

OGT Maryland extends sincere thanks to Brian Boru Restaurant and Pub of Severna Park and Ellie's Place of Millersville for recently hosting two fundraisers for us. We also appreciate all of our supporters who attended the fundraisers. Delicious food and wonderful fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended. Close to \$1200.00 was raised to support our mission! Stay tuned for more restaurant fundraisers coming up in the near future.



Looking Ahead NEW DATE! SPARE No One - Helping the Needy



A bowling fundraiser for all ages is being planned to benefit OGT Maryland!

- **WHEN** - Saturday, September 14th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- **WHERE** - Severna Park Lanes on Ritchie Highway
- **WANTED** - Silent Auction Items
- Sponsorships available
- Contact Person - Linda Zahn (znam23@verizon.net)

For more information, click the button below!

Visit our website

Expanded Summer Hours at the Warehouse

During the months of June, July, and August, in addition to our regularly scheduled hours, the warehouse will be open on the 4th Saturday of each month from 9:00 until noon for donation collection and Sorting/Packing. At the current time, we have a huge number of items that need to be packed. Please consider joining us. If you've never been to the warehouse, stop in for a tour and see what we are all about!

REFLECTION FOR TODAY



When you are in a dark place,
you sometimes tend to think
you've been buried.
Perhaps you've been planted

BLOOM

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,
Israel and Palestine and for an end to these wars.



USED PRINTER CARTRIDGE PROGRAM - 2023 Report



Orphan Grain Train accepts your used printer cartridges as part of a recycling program that provides a certain amount of 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). Note: Extended summer hours also include the fourth Saturday of each month (9:00 - noon).



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