

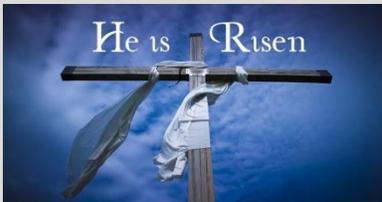


Orphan Grain Train †

## Good Tidings

News -for and about -  
OGT Maryland

March 2021



### WISHING YOU A JOYOUS EASTER!

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send His Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it” (John 3:16-17).

The death and resurrection of Jesus means that there is *hope* in the world, and this is a message we all cherish.

This is the time of year when life begins to bloom around us. Spring replaces winter, and as the air begins to warm there is a sense of rejuvenation and refreshing - a feeling that the old is being made new all over again. It is fitting that we celebrate the resurrection at this time of year, and also fitting that we embrace the new life offered to us through our living Savior. Hallelujah!

### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



As always, our success depends on the many generous volunteers who "power" the Maryland branch of Orphan Grain Train!

Without the many helping hands and kind hearts, we could not reach those in need. If you know people who'd like to give their time we have many opportunities. From picking up packing boxes, to sorting items for shipment, to helping maintain the building and grounds, we welcome your help!

You can reach Branch Manager Ron Phipps at [ronphipps@verizon.net](mailto:ronphipps@verizon.net) or call 410-267-7593.

One of our current needs involves preserving our OGT records electronically. We are looking for volunteers who can help develop a cloud-based storage solution, and/or a back up set of records. A volunteer for this task would require access to their own scanner and computer to do this work. This can be done in the comfort of your home. For this task, please contact Linda Zahn at [znam23@verizon.net](mailto:znam23@verizon.net) or phone 443-517-9557 for more information.

## FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY ON THE FARM

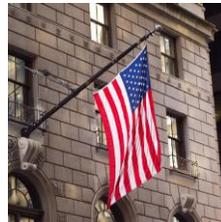
Food Truck Friday on the Farm will launch on Friday, April 9th! This ongoing Food Truck event will be held every Friday, weather permitting, from April 9th through September 24th. Hours are 4:00-8:00 p.m. The location is 8401 Veterans Highway (the corner of Veterans Highway and East-West Blvd.), in Millersville. We thank Wayne Gerst for lending us this corner of his farm to use for this fund raising event. OGT will have an information tent each Friday, with gift baskets, and more. This will be a cash and carry concept. Dinner could not be easier!

The Food Trucks planned for the April 9th kickoff include Wanna Pizza This, Stackhouse BBQ, MM Pandas, Kooper's Chowhound, Jimmy's Seafood, Jen's Steaks, Greek on the Street, Cup O'Dough, Breaking the Borders, and Always Ice Cream (trucks are subject to change). Choices will vary from week to week.

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

## ANOTHER GREAT FUNDRAISER DINNER AT BRIAN BORU IRISH RESTAURANT!

On **Tuesday, April 7th**, there will be another wonderful Fundraiser Dinner at Brian Boru Irish Restaurant, located at 489 Ritchie Highway in Severna Park. [CLICK HERE](#) for the event flyer with complete menu options and details. Each 3 course meal is \$25 and \$10 from each meal ordered benefits Orphan Grain Train. The online menu will be posted at 11:45 on April 7th for ordering. All orders are for carryout, dine-in, or outside dining. Order contactless curbside/carryout online at [Brianborupub.com](http://Brianborupub.com) or call 410-975-2678.



The Severna Park Independence Day Parade is on for 2021!



Because July 4th is on Sunday, the parade will be held on Monday, July 5th. The theme is "Celebrating Our CommUNITY." Our parade entry is being chaired by Glenda and Mark Paxton and your participation is welcome! Email Glenda at [glendapaxton@gmail.com](mailto:glendapaxton@gmail.com).

## AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN WHEN GOD IS YOUR COMPASS



Trey and Travis Colburn (pictured), two local school kids, decided to raise money for Luci Lights to be sent to remote villages in foreign countries where there is no electric grid. Luci Lights are solar powered and provide light after the sun goes down.

The brothers started out with an email campaign that went to friends, local businesses, relatives, employers, church bulletins, etc. Recipients were asked to contribute if they so desired and then please pass the request to their email list. The response was amazing! The total collected was \$6,508.00. That's enough to purchase 650 Luci Lights!

## THE 12TH SHIPMENT TO SOUTH SUDAN



The area of South Sudan which Orphan Grain Train serves contains over 600,000 people who have been struggling for many years. On March 23rd, the Maryland branch sent a 12th shipment to South Sudan. The following testimony of Pastor Stephen captures why we persevere.

"Your continued donated items - medical equipment, clothing, furniture, scholastic materials, Bibles, bicycles, solar lights, bed sheets, and blankets, etc. have made a great difference in the

But the real reward comes from the people that are helped by the Luci Lights. One of our recipients from South Sudan wrote the following in a thank you note:

"Given the circumstances under which our people both in towns and rural areas live without electricity, solar is on the top of the desired donated items. People use torches to dispel darkness, but getting batteries now and then to keep them working is quite costly. So those who received the donated solar lights are very happy."

And from a professor from Protestant University of Central Africa in Cameroon: "Thank you Elfie for the gift of Solar Lights."

Together we made a difference in the lives of others. To God be the glory!

lives of our needy, war-affected people. Those in rags have nice clothes and shoes to put on. The crutches, wheelchairs, canes, commodes, in short, the medical items, satisfy the grave needs of our people. Those in darkness rejoicingly use the solar lights. The Bibles and other useful educational books are put to good use. Bicycles have very much reduced the transportation cost and have greatly shortened the distance coverage for the walkers. Every single donated item meets the needs of our people."

Pastor Stephen ends his report by noting that another important impact of the items donated by Orphan Grain Train is the spread of the Gospel among the people and he follows with this statement: "Thank you so much for your continuous assistance; may the Lord be with you always."

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## DISTRIBUTION OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH SUDAN



Our shipments include Bibles, clothing, solar lights, medical



Many people are helped by our efforts. They come from Duk,



There is a small colony of lepers at Malek outside Bor town. They

equipment, scholastic materials,  
among others.

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