

Orphan Grain Train



Maryland Branch 2018 Annual Newsletter

The Good News Review

In 2018, Orphan Grain Train shipped almost one forty-foot container a month - **for a total number of 10!**
That is the most containers ever shipped in one year for our branch!

We successfully shipped to schools in Liberia, hospitals and orphanages in India, struggling villages in South Sudan and flood victims here in the US. Critical medical supplies, medical equipment, canes, crutches, wheel chairs, school equipment and supplies, clothes, sewing machines and fabric all made their way to people in need.

We have also increased our partnership with other organizations to reach more people, including working with a local Baptist Church to send our first container to Cuba! We are so thankful to join with you in bringing good news to the world. Enjoy this year-end summary of the wonderful things we have done together.

Serving Christ together,

Elfie Eberle

Watch your donations at work...



Where did we ship in 2018?

Click on the destination to read and see more!



[India](#)



[Liberia](#)



[The Carolinas/
Florida](#)



[Puerto Rico](#)



[South Sudan](#)

Someone really cares

Although we do not have hard numbers, it is estimated that the Maryland Branch touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.

One of those is Jacob Puka, a "Lost Boys of Sudan," to whose village we sent a container.

Jacob writes ...

"I have no words to describe my gratitude to everyone who showed up to help load the container. The children of Panpandiar have no idea how much you guys across the ocean care for them, but they will know in December when the container arrives.

I can imagine the joy and thankfulness in their faces and hearts when they receive these items because I felt the same joy before. It is a wonderful feeling to receive something when you didn't think there was anybody out there who really cares, but be surprised that there really is someone who really cares!"

Help for those around us

Ellicott City

Memorial Day weekend saw this historical city hit with flash flooding and destruction for the 2nd time in less than 2 years.

Lutheran churches in Virginia donated 50 large filled scrub buckets! These were delivered to a local Baptist church to be used by volunteers from the Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief Team for this clean up mission.



[Read More about Ellicott City](#)



Medical Walk out Program

In 2018 OGT- MD initiated a Medical Walkout Program, which offers free medical equipment to all, with no questions asked.

Available medical equipment includes hospital beds, wheel chairs, transport chairs, walkers, rollators, knee scooters, canes, crutches, shower seats, and toilet seats.

Click [here](#) for warehouse location and hours or call Steve Zahn after hours 410-544-6167

851 Tokens of Love for Baltimore

Our winter coat collection was our largest donation so far, totaling 851 winter coats.

Coats were donated to 4 inner city Baltimore churches as well as 4 local community organizations that support homeless shelters, adult rehab centers and those in need.

Three nursery schools in Severna Park donated hundreds of mittens, hats and socks! A special thank you to:

**Edinboro Early School
St. Martins'-in-the-field Episcopal School
Woods Child Development Center**



Volunteers make OGT a success!

As of January 1, 2019 the Maryland Branch of OGT has **158 volunteers registered who donated over 7000 volunteer hours in 2018!** Our volunteers are the backbone of the organization. Without them, we could never have been able to organize, pack and ship 10 containers in 2018!



Rachel Nickel and her daughter Lauren Nickel, both from Buffalo, NY, delivered 54 flood buckets to OGT Maryland on December 15, 2018. The buckets were filled at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Clarence, NY.



Volunteers from Mt. Oak Methodist Church came to the OGT Maryland warehouse on October 6 and packed 33 boxes in total.



Volunteers gave away 2,000+ Bombas socks - socks with thick soles permeated with an antibacterial agent - to the homeless in Baltimore. The socks were donated by the Bombas company via OGT Maryland.



Many volunteers travel to donation sites - hospitals, schools, community centers - to disassemble and transport donations.



CJ Snyder, a member of Boy Scout Troop 993, built a picnic bench and patio for the Millersville warehouse for his Eagle Scout Project.



Young and old, men and women all come to load containers!

Support OGT

SILENT AUCTION

Jing Ying Silent Auction Supports OGT

Jing Ying Institute, a martial arts school in Arnold, is dedicating their annual silent auction fundraiser to OGT!

Silent auctions are a great place to find bargains AND support a wonderful cause.

**Auctions ends
February 23, 2019**

**Silent
Auction Site**



\$8455 raised for Luci Lights

Every \$10 purchases a Luci light that provides people with 12 hours of light to walk safely in, do homework by and enjoy a better quality of life!

**Continue
to Donate!**

Please indicate the Maryland Branch in the comments!

Friends of OGT

**In 2019 the
Friends of OGT
program will be rolled
out.**

For \$25 you can support OGT and get special access to OGT events and information.

Stay Tuned!

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webpage**

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Warehouse hours and directions

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