



I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you. -John 14:18

HAITI

An update on our missionaries in Haiti.

Greetings in the name of our Precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Attached below is a brief update. Hopefully more will come soon. I cannot thank you enough for taking the time to pray for us! We are so thankful for the ways God is protecting Josias through many trials and dangers. He remains in Haiti, but I am with our four children, in the States, and that is difficult. Tijo (now 16) is the only child of the family who has been living with us in Haiti. Dominique (23), Sionie (20), and David (19) are all working or in college. We (Tijo and Angela) do thank God for the opportunity to see some of our relatives and to work while in the United States for a time.

We pray that each of you is reminded of God's faithful love for you and that His peace fills your heart, no matter what may come your way. In this world, we will have trouble, but take heart - He has overcome the world (John 16:33)!

Freed by His love,
Angela J. Marin

"In Jesus Christ our Lord and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence...Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:12 & 20-21



Orphan Grain Train has once more provided much-needed aid and relief. It took months of waiting and praying. We are ever so thankful for the faithful work of countless volunteers and supporters from OGT. Due to the presence of gangs in our department (area of Haiti), many families are in great need of this assistance.

UKRAINE

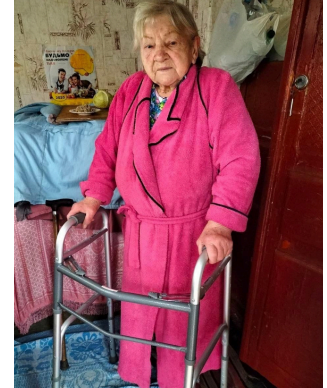
Here is a note received from Pastor Derek Thomas in Ukraine.

Earlier today I sent an email with photos from a recent distribution in the Mykolaiv region. This aid came from your recent container that we've received in the last couple of weeks. I've also received very positive reports on the hygiene products that the load included. Mykolaiv, Kherson, and Odessa are in the southern parts of Ukraine near the Dnipro River. These areas have been heavily hit and are in great need. The needs have become much greater in Ukraine.

Some items from your recent container have been sent into Eastern Ukraine and the Kharkiv area. This area is very close to the Russian border and an area Julie and I just visited. We have some very faithful men and women serving there.

We appreciate and are so thankful for you and your team at Orphan Grain Train. You have been a great blessing and encouragement "at such a time as this" in Ukraine.

Concerning the next container you are putting together, canned beans, or foods are always the easiest. We can take the dry beans that you have, it is just harder for people to prepare. Some do not have electricity. What if we did 1/4 of the container with dry beans? Sergio said something like, "Bro Derek, we'll use whatever you send, but the canned items, rice, rice meals, are the best." Please let me know your thoughts. Thank you! – Derek



COMPASSION FOR UKRAINE

May 28, 2025



Dear Praying Friends,

Over the weekend Ukraine experienced the largest civilian attack since Russia invaded in 2022. There were 367 drones and missiles in one night. Dima, the pastor of Living Hope Baptist Church of Kyiv, wrote me on Saturday, “explosions all night...it felt like it was our last night.” Then on Sunday, after 48 hours of attacks, he shared of an Iranian Shahed drone that landed across the street from his apartment. They heard the buzzing sound of the drone as it drew closer and louder, waiting for the explosion. But by God’s grace, prompted by your prayers, the drone did not explode. Dima and family were protected, “under His wings.” However, others were not so fortunate, as 12 civilians were killed, and dozens injured that night. There are many faithful men like Pastor Dima, who are choosing to remain with their families, despite the dangers, to minister the gospel.

The imminence of death reminds Ukrainians daily of their mortality as their thoughts often drift to eternity. Many are searching for a cure to dissipate the hopelessness and fear within. One who found satisfaction for her soul’s longing is Katya. She is 75 years old and has lived in bondage to alcohol for much of her life. While believing in the existence of God, she did not think peace with God possible, as past sins caused an overwhelming burden of guilt. The message of the Orthodox church offered no solution or power to change but only amplified her unworthiness before a holy God. Katya was invited to attend a service at Living Hope by a member and there heard Dima preach a message of hope. A gospel that proclaimed God’s love and forgiveness as a gift through the cross of Christ. As the war persisted, Katya continued visiting services for two years. She learned more of God’s offer of grace but struggled to believe, after all how could God forgive such a sinner as her?

Finally, one Sunday she concluded, “Either I will accept Christ now, or never.” She stepped out at the invitation believing with Paul that, “Christ came into the world to save sinners,” and trusting that He died to save her. At that moment, her life was eternally changed, while peace and joy flooded into her tormented soul. Katya recently stated after her baptism, “He is my savior, and I am his daughter. I am no longer afraid of death.” The war in Ukraine is difficult, and the outcome uncertain. Spiritual victories like Katya’s, two years in the making, remind us of the battle for a greater and eternal cause, the glory of Christ through the redemption of souls. Thank you for co-laboring with us, and for impacting Ukraine from your knees making such testimonies of God’s grace possible.

Your friends and faithful servants,
Derek and Julie



Cornerstone Children's Ranch Quemado, TX

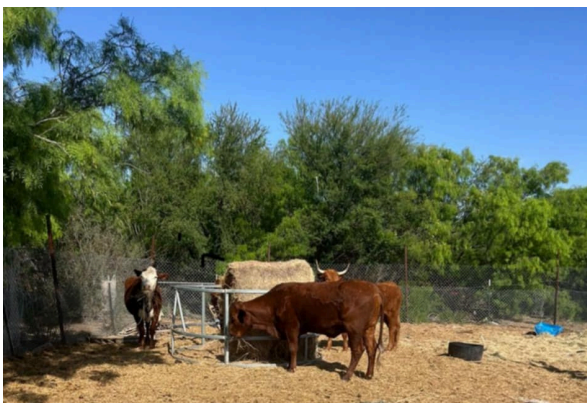
This is an article on the hay that went down to the Cornerstone children's ranch, for farmers around the Quemado area. This area of our country has had only a couple inches of rain over the past year and a half. The constant high temperatures and no rain has dried up fields, grass, and plantings so farmers are having to sell their livestock. Which is their living. Sally and her husband Jim sold a couple loads of hay to OGT at a huge discount for the farmers in the drought hit areas.

God works in crazy abundant ways..Jim called me one day to share that he had some hay at a very good price for us, and the next morning, Lori from the Cornerstone Children's Ranch called me sharing their need of hay!! Praise God for His abundant care of His children!! He loves us beyond measure!!

Blessings,
Cathy



Hi Cathy,
The round hay bales were loaded and sent on their way early this morning. Berry trucking arrived at 7:00 am and left around 9:30 am. May God grant the driver and load a safe trip. Sent you a few pictures. Raese Hill Farms Jim & Sally Raese



Thank You For The Hay
You have been a blessing to so many families. I wish you could see the smiles on their face when the ranchers come in to pick up food for their livestock. You have a blessed Easter and know that you're a blessing. Thank you!
Lori Mercer

HELPING HANDS



On Monday of this week, Helping Hands loaded a 28' trailer with items for Ukraine, Liberia, Haiti and in the Southern area of the USA. As usual, our volunteers were amazing - what an example of "many hands make light work" .



We are so Blessed with such volunteers as well as our partnership with Orphan Grain Train.

This past Thursday, twenty one Helping Hands volunteers loaded a 53' semi with medical equipment and supplies for Ukraine, forty pre-fab chicken coops with stands for Liberia, Haiti and Kentucky; pre-fab single beds and bunk beds for Ukraine and Haiti as well as as clothing and other items for these countries.

The semi was provided by Brakebush Transportation and the overseas shipping is provided by Orphan Grain Train. Without their assistance and support, sending cargo to these countries would not be possible! We are most grateful to them.

The Helping Hands volunteers continue to be so amazing - working weekly and tirelessly, gathering, cleaning, organizing, packing and finally loading cargo to be sent to those in most need! WHAT A GIFT AND BLESSING THEY ARE.

And then your support - spiritually and financially - make it all possible. Each of you are such a Blessing to Helping Hands and especially to the recipients of this cargo. KNOW THAT EACH OF YOU ARE APPRECIATED !!!

Take Care - Stay Safe - Be Blessed . . .
Tom - Helping Hands -



ROMANIA

An article from Pastor Ben and Anda Mogos, in Bucharest, Romania!!

We trust you had a blessed Easter. Christ is risen! These gifts are a tremendous blessing and encouragement for us and they could not have arrived at a better timing. Thank you so much!

The photos are from the Saturday before Easter when we were able to distribute to a little community of very poor families at the suburbs of Bucharest just 15 miles away from our home (which is close to downtown Bucharest where we planted the church).



This community has about 30 families of Roma people (gypsies) with lots of kids. They live in much poverty and they have very desperate stories and backgrounds. For the past 7 years, a local church that we partner with that is closer to their location, has been reaching out to these families in need with humanitarian efforts, VBS for kids and even evangelistic events. Every summer we arrange for the kids to go to a Christian camp. And we believe it is only a matter of time till the Gospel will produce salvations among them. Till now, for the past 15 years since they have been in that location, nobody reached them for Christ. May the Lord increase His Kingdom among them!! Thank you for helping us reach out to them and be a blessing to them through the many gifts you sent in the container. They were in desperate need and they received them with so much joy. Praise the Lord!!

Also, yesterday, we sent part of the container with people from our mother church deep into Ukraine, very close to the front line where the goods will be distributed in villages not reached by other humanitarian organizations. When we'll have the photos from there, we'll send them, too.

We praise the Lord and we thank you very much for your amazing partnership in ministry. Looking forward to doing even more things together for the Kingdom,
Ben



GHANA

Dear Cathy,

Good to hear from you and thank you so much for your collaboration and help for the OGT container to Ghana. The allocation and sharing is ongoing and will send report and photos as we move along. It's a blessing to our communities and individual beneficiaries.

I'm very much grateful and interested in the sustainability project. Please let me know how we can partner to ensure that possibility in Ghana, West Africa! For another container would be highly appreciated. However, we'll have to see how this allocation and distribution go. Probably getting to Christmas this year! I'll update you.

Once again thank you so much for your kind and thoughtfulness for my work and people in Ghana!

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor John Donkoh



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 2025

A joint VBS program was held with St. Paul, Tn of Hamburg and Immanuel, Tn of Corning both in Lincoln County. The theme was "God's Work, Our Hands."

Bible stories were taught that told of people's hands being used to carry out God's miracles. Servant events done by the older kids, demonstrated that in our VBS sessions. All age groups worked at stuffing Teddy Bears. An adult in the congregation sewed them, kids stuffed and dressed. Wrist bands with the message "Jesus loves you" were attached. A personal note card was written and attached to each bear. The purpose was to share God's love to kids in devastated areas, through OGT.

Moffit, the old man looking puppet in the group, came with a message every day. Pastor Joel Danner has brought his puppet every year. He writes a script centered around the message of God's love for us. Our Bible verse for the week was "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." *Phillipians 4:13*

To God be the glory, for a wonderful time of sharing God's love!



LOOK AT THE BLESSINGS



Meet Mim Bontrager from Spooner, WI. She has a heart for the pillowcase dress project and has a number of people who have heard about this project through her, and save pillowcases for her. In 2024 she made 1,000 pillowcase dresses and shipped them to Orphan Grain Train through the Yours, Mine, and Ours thrift store in Rice Lake, WI!

Larry Reidenbach presented a "Friend of Orphan Grain Train" certificate to Donald and Kathleen Kilps. Don and Kathy are with the Attic Workshop, out of Hales Corners. They give donations for the Orphan Grain Train, usually medical equipment/supplies, and plastic sleeping mats. Don and Kathy also travel the Milwaukee area making smaller pickups and storing them for OGT. Larry picks up at the Attic Workshop, when they have enough for a load. We thank them for all they do helping out the Orphan Grain Train!



Gary and Lisa Geske, from OGT Minnesota north, which is part of the Wisconsin branch, at the Minnesota North District Convention at our OGT booth and collection of socks and undies.



The Christ Lutheran Men's Group from Clinton, WI built 73 teacher kits to deliver to Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch.

MORE BLESSINGS

Nothing like young energy! At the Westfield packing station, we have been blessed to have students in the Work Skills class from the high school volunteering with us again this school year. They each found their niche, whether sorting, packing, or unloading trailers. A couple of the girls took to beautifying the dolls that needed a makeover. They also became expert school kit assemblers. We will miss the seniors and look forward to seeing the rest of them return in the fall!



My Name is Lois Coleman. I'm 75 years young. In 2021 after moving back to MN from FL, I was busy unpacking when a thought came into my mind; "dress a girl." I had no idea what that was or where it came from. In the past, I had been involved with a local bank program called, Dress A Doll. Volunteers received a 15" doll to dress for a contest. Following the contest, dolls were given to needy families at Christmas.



What started as pillow case dresses, now beautiful, sturdy cotton is used in the making of dresses from several different patterns I don't recall, now I've learned of the Orphan Grain Train (OGT) in Morris that works with an OGT team in Wisconsin. I've been told that the Creator works in mysterious ways." I was so blessed to meet Eugene and Darlene Pasche in Morris. This was my second trip coming from St. Cloud, this time delivering 750 dresses of various sizes as well as 6 bags of men's clothing. Having met so many helping people gives me hope for humanity in these trying times. I plan to continue being involved with both agencies for as long as I can. A big thank you goes out to all of you for all the blessings you bring to others.

MARILYN MUELLER



The Light of Christ Shine Through You plaque was presented to Marilyn Mueller, at the OGT board meeting in April.

On July 14th, beloved Marilyn went to be with her Lord and Savior. Marilyn served as our Treasurer for the Wisconsin - OGT for over 13 years. Marilyn did an impeccable job, she was always able to keep our financials in pristine order!!

Her love for the Lord and her belief in prayer, really speaks to who Marilyn was. As we watched her battle with cancer over the last number of years, she held tight to her Jesus and His plan for her life.

Please keep Neal and the rest of Marilyn's family in your thoughts and prayers. May God's peace and love bring comfort to their aching hearts and may they feel His mighty presence surrounding them.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTORS

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:22-23).

I love the hymn, “Great is Thy Faithfulness.” The text for this beloved hymn was written by Thomas Chisholm.” He was born in a log cabin in Kentucky in 1866. He received his education in a little country schoolhouse, and at the age of 16 began teaching in the same school. He became a Christian at the age of 27, and with no college or seminary training, was ordained into the Methodist ministry at the age of 36. He served as a Methodist minister for a year, but ill health made it impossible for him to continue.

In 1923, he was inspired by Lamentations 3:22-23 to write the text for the hymn, “Great is Thy Faithfulness.” He suffered ill health most of his adult life and therefore had a smaller than average income. Of this circumstance he said, “God has given me many wonderful displays of his providing care, which have filled me with astonishing gratefulness.” Even though he suffered ill health for most of his adult life, he lived to the ripe old age of 94 and wrote more than 1,200 poems. In the midst of his suffering, he saw God’s great power and work in his life.

The Book of Lamentations offers us another glimpse of God’s great power and work in the midst of suffering. It’s 586 B.C. and Jerusalem has been overthrown by the Babylonians and the Jews are in exile. Out of this suffering comes a voice of lament, by the weeping prophet Jeremiah as he grieves deeply for the fallen city, its inhabitants and his own suffering. (A “lament” is a passionate expression of grief or sorrow.)

But even in the midst of his mourning, Jeremiah triumphantly cries out, “Great is your faithfulness” (La. 3:23). Despite his circumstances, the prophet focuses on the mercy, compassion and goodness of God. The Lord had never failed him and never would. Surely, he would remain faithful. By focusing on the God he knows, and his steadfast love, Jeremiah finds hope and comfort.

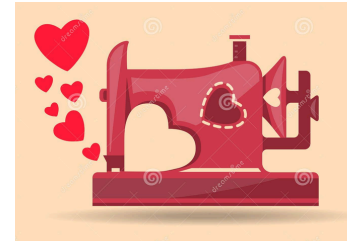
And so do we. Of all people, we know about the steadfast love of our God. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God has shown us His everlasting love. In our Savior’s suffering, we see God’s great power and work. There upon the cross, God revealed His love, once for all time. Using a Roman instrument of torture, God wrote His faithfulness in the landscape of our history. His love is so great that He bore the judgment of our sin for us. His love is so great that He promises life eternal to us by His grace and mercy through faith in Jesus Christ. Knowing God’s faithfulness and love gives us hope, whatever our circumstances.

The mission of Orphan Grain Train is to share material resources with people who are suffering and in need both far and near, so that they can be pointed to the One who is faithful and who alone can give them hope in this world and the next. As we see disasters in our country and world, may it cause us to grieve for those who are less fortunate, and out of love for our Savior’s steadfast love, respond through our support of OGT. And may we also be grateful for God’s faithfulness and mercies that are new to us every day.

To Him be the glory,
Pastor Bruce Lamont

So...What's Sewing?

by Rita Woller



We have heard from some of our recipients that they would prefer a little dress with some sleeve, so there is instructions and a template on the OGT.org website for a peasant top pillowcase dress option. We can even pack these dresses in the children's summer clothing boxes. As always, we need to make sure we are making them from good quality pillowcases that are gently used, clean without holes or stains. What are you sewing? Send me an email at rswoller@yahoo.com with a picture of what you are sewing, and then sew, sew, sew!

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In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed.

If someone you know would like to receive this newsletter, and is not on our address list or you wish to have your name removed from the address list, please contact Linda Isberner at 800-933-2121, ext. 1202 or lisberner@brakebush.com. Thank you!

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******MAIL ALERT******

**TO REDUCE POSTAGE EXPENSE...
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infants, children and men.**

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