Dear Friends of Orphan Grain Train,

These are unique times we are living in. The Coronavirus has taught us about “social distancing” and self quarantine. We've also gone to the grocery store to see entire shelves wiped out. Our favorite sports teams have had their seasons suspended or cancelled completely. This is (hopefully) a once in a lifetime event.

In reality, for most of us these are just minor inconveniences. I haven’t missed any meals, and I’m guessing none of you have either. Such is not the case for the children served by Liberian Children’s Ministry. The meals packed by Mercy Meals of North Dakota and shipped by Orphan Grain Train allow them two meals per week at the Christian schools they attend. We presently have over 135,000 meals in our warehouse awaiting shipment. While we have more than enough clothes in our closets, some of our brothers and sisters (including people we are shipping to in Moldova) don’t have enough to stay warm.

If any of us feel sick with the Coronavirus or other life-threatening illness, we have some of the best medical technology and facilities available to us locally. Equipment considered obsolete by our clinics and hospitals is desperately needed in parts of Central America, and OGT works with Latin American Lutheran Missions (LALM) and other organizations to get donated equipment and supplies to where it is needed.

While the pandemic has caused us to temporarily suspend some activities, needs for human relief continues, and with your support and God’s continued blessing, Orphan Grain Train will continue to respond in love.

The warehouse is packed full, ready for shipments to Moldova and Liberia in the coming weeks. While all of our dedicated workers are unpaid volunteers, we have significant costs in international shipping, utilities, and local transportation. We ask you to prayerfully consider a donation.

In Christ,
Tom Boerger
Branch Manager

Items we are in need of are:
- bath towels
- washcloths
- cloth diapers
- bottles
- washcloths
- baby sleeper (newborn - 12 mo)
- toothbrushes
- combs
- pacifiers

We also need monetary donations to help with shipping costs and for meeting monthly expense for heat and lights.
Area Elementary School Donates Supplies for Liberia

In February, the fifth grade class at Litchville Marion Elementary helped load 40 school desks as well as books and chalkboards. The items will be sent to schools in Liberia.

If you hear of items in your community that could be repurposed and shared with others in need around the world, please tell them about Orphan Grain Train! You can help make a difference in the lives of others. These desks are a priceless gift. Just think of the children that will be helped as a result! We are grateful for the donation!

University of Jamestown Leadership Group

A big thank you to a leadership group from the University of Jamestown who stopped by the warehouse recently to help put together layette and hygiene kits for those in need.

A group from Buffalo City Church volunteers monthly to assist wherever they’re needed. Recently, they helped clean up and repair new desks donated, as well as pack items for OGT. We were also happy to have fourth graders from Saint John’s Academy come by for a field trip to help pack boxes with quilts, clothes and layette kits.

Thank you to all our volunteers!
Mercy Meals Holds Two Packs

Since its inception almost five years ago, Mercy Meals of North Dakota has been working to feed the hungry. We have prepared and packed over 630,000 meals.

This week we received a new container storage unit at the warehouse with supplies for another 80,000 meals. This new unit is temperature controlled so that we can store product year-round. We also have 135,432 meals that are in the warehouse now and being prepared for shipment in a few weeks.

We are continuing to work towards bigger goals every year and started the 2020 season with two successful events: one at Temple Baptist Church in Jamestown and the other at Our Redeemer Church in Moorhead, MN.

Due to the current mandate for “social distancing”, our schedule for Mercy Meals events has been curtailed for the time being. But, despite the pause in our plans we are still working to prepare for a busy year.

Please keep us in your prayers in these next few months as we are trying to keep fluid with our plans. If you want more information about how you can help by volunteering or making a donation, please contact Andrea Eckstein at andrea.eckstein100@gmail.com or 701-658-9057. To see us in action, check out this link https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2551091121770986&id=1780867828793323?sfnsn=mo or go to our Facebook page Mercy Meals of North Dakota and find the link there to the Youtube video.

Bring or send clothing and other in-kind donations to:

**The North Dakota Branch**

103 4th Ave SE, Jamestown, ND 58401

Due to Coronavirus risks, we are open by appointment only.
Call Tom Boerger at 701-320-3875 or Sue Corwin at 701-320-3259.

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To contribute by credit card, visit www.ogt.org/nd and click “Donate to North Dakota Branch.”
Mission Statement

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.

What is Orphan Grain Train

Orphan Grain Train is a 501c3 nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and in 68 countries around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ’s example as a servant and His love for us.

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