

Quarterly UPDATE

North Dakota Orphan Grain Train ~ Mercy Meals ~

Spring 2022

OGT's Ukrainian Relief Efforts

Orphan Grain Train's mission is to encourage and enable God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people **both far and near**. God is enabling us to live out our mission as we come to assist Ukrainian people fleeing their country.

Our North Dakota branch recently heard the urgent plea from OGT's headquarters for hygiene supplies/kits and diapers for a shipment to aid Ukrainian people in Poland. OGT's Norfolk warehouse sent an air-cargo shipment mid-March.

Thanks to generous donors, we collected various items that were sent from North Dakota to Nebraska and will make its way to Poland to assist countless Ukrainian refugees. We sent not one, but two shipments with 169 boxes on a trailer the first day and 381 on the second day in the truck and trailer. The truck started in Jamestown, picked up items in Moorhead at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church and also items from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in West Fargo. Contents included: quilts/blankets, new socks and underwear, dry food, miscellaneous hygiene items, hygiene kits, laundry detergent, diapers, and First Aid kits.

At this time, we aren't aware of another shipment going, but funds can be used to assist this cause. If you wish to donate, you may send checks to OGT's Jamestown branch or go online to <https://orphangraintrain-bloom.kindful.com/>. In either case, note Ukrainian Relief Efforts. A sincere thank you for your generous support.

Most importantly, we ask for your prayers. Pray for the Lord to provide relief for the millions who are suffering. Pray for our efforts to provide for these victims. Pray for Him to put an end to this crisis.



"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

John 14:18

As always, we collect various supplies for upcoming shipments and also those in need locally.

- bath towels*
- washcloths
- cloth diapers*
- large safety pins*
- baby sleeper (newborn - 12 mo)
- toothbrushes
- combs
- rubber or swimmer pants

*Items in greatest need at this time.

We often get questions about what we can and cannot accept. Here are some of the most common:

Can Accept

- furniture
- bed pillows
- pots & pans
- dishes
- beds (new or used)*

Cannot Accept

- knick knacks
- holiday decorations
- decorative pillows

Financial support is always appreciated and needed. It goes to cover expenses, including shipping costs.



Blessings Shared



Lots of Love Loaded

We're happy to share that we loaded a shipment to be sent to Bread of Life Foundation in Bucharest, Romania. Volunteers helped to strategically load 1,152 boxes of clothing, bikes, bedding, toys, miscellaneous household items, hygiene items, school supplies and backpacks. The value was calculated as \$231,635. What wonderful blessings for many families!



A Day To Give

On a Saturday in February, we were blessed to have a college leadership group from the University of Jamestown visit us at our facility. These dedicated volunteers joined together for three hours and packed 15,552 Mercy Meals that will go to feed those in need.



Grateful to Jamestown Board of Realtors

We are thankful to receive a donation from the Jamestown Board of Realtors recently. Their generosity is truly appreciated and the funds will go to help OGT North Dakota continue to serve those in need locally and around the world.



An Afternoon of Serving

While their office was being remodeled, a group from Downtown Dental spent some time packing items for the Ukrainian people and other clothes for shipments. Thank you for your service!



The Impact of a Meal

Two church groups joined us early March to pack thousands of Mercy Meals that will fill the stomachs of hungry Liberian children or others in need. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Moorhead packed 8,208 meals and Immanuel Lutheran Church congregation in Wahpeton packed 6,264 meals.

Many Smiles Given

It is truly a blessing when we can see the impact of our organization in the smiles of those young and old. We received these photos of the children enjoying Mercy Meals and beans from OGT North Dakota at the Liberian Children's Ministry. We heard from founder and director, Joe Boway, that the students were also able to take rice home for Christmas break - to have food for Christmas. With humility, we realize that through our works, we can be the hands and feet of Christ, serving those in need.



"Oh, what a blessing this shipment will be!! Hundreds of children will come to our school each school day with smiles, because of the beans and rice. What a joy it is to know they will be fed with physical food and Spiritual Food (God's Word) because of your partnership with us in this ministry. Thanks so much for all you do to help us share Jesus' love with the children and their parents."

- Joe Boway, Founder and Director of Liberian Children's Ministry



LALM Shipment

Dedicated OGT volunteer and board member, Kirk Rosin once again travelled with a truck full of supplies all the way from North Dakota to the U.S. and Mexico border. The items were taken to Laredo, TX and will be dispersed through the Latin American Lutheran Mission (LALM), whose goal is to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the countries of Latin-America.





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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. 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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To support the North Dakota Branch, send checks or money orders payable to:

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To contribute by credit card, visit www.ogt.org/nd and click "Donate to North Dakota Branch" or click [HERE](#) to contribute.



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Branch Hours & Volunteer Opportunities

We continue to be open
Mondays and Saturdays
from 9am to noon.

For additional drop-off
and volunteer times, call
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