Just six months ago the term Coronavirus was widely unknown, but now it’s spoken daily in countless conversations and it’s impacts are all around. With food shortages, job losses and a global pandemic, Orphan Grain Train’s mission for “God’s people to share personal and material resources” is needed, perhaps now more than ever.

We too have been impacted. Although physical donations continue to flow in, our financial donations have been minimal in the months since Covid hit. While needs rise and funds decrease, we want to share this information with our loyal supporters and ask you to consider a donation, if you’re able. Donations help with shipping costs and for monthly expenses like heat and lights.

On a related note, we are proud to share information about recognition we’ve received recently. OGT has historically rated very high on Charity Navigator, which ranks charities on fiscal responsibility; primarily what percentage of donations go to expenses vs. directly helping people. This year we are excited to announce that we scored 100, which is the highest possible score! In fact, out of roughly 450,000 charities that accept only private donations (not government funded), OGT is ranked #6. This is something we are extremely proud of and you can rest assured that your donations are being used to directly help people! For a full review, visit www.charitynavigator.org and search Orphan Grain Train.

Should you feel inclined to support OGT at this time, please send checks to: North Dakota Orphan Grain Train, PO Box 1546, Jamestown, ND 58402-1546. To contribute by credit card, visit www.ogt.org/nd and click “Donate to North Dakota Branch.” Donations big and small accepted; all make a difference!

Thank you for your consideration and your continued support of our organization. Whether you are providing funds, your time, physical items, awareness or simply prayers, we are grateful for your involvement with Orphan Grain Train.

Summer 2020

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (John 14:18)

School supplies needed!

We have a local group that’s in need of backpacks and school supplies this fall. To contribute, just drop off the supplies or contact us by late summer!

Items we are in need of are:
- bath towels
- washcloths
- cloth diapers
- bottles
- washcloths
- baby sleeper (newborn - 12 mo)
- toothbrushes
- combs
- pacifiers
Women’s Clothing Drive Rallies Together, Despite Covid Impact

The Corona Virus may have impacted the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League’s (LWML) Spring Rally, but that didn’t stop them from doing a servant event to continue their tradition of giving back.

Originally, the group had planned a Mercy Meals packaging event, but with Covid, they had a change of plans. Instead the group coordinated a clothing drive to help fulfill a great need for OGT. As a result, there was enough clothing collected to fill a pickup truck and they had to rent a U-Haul trailer to get the rest.

We are so thankful for the support and are certain it will go to a good cause.

Bikes Donated to OGT Helping Those in Need

Thank you to the Jamestown Police Department (JPD) who provided OGT with bikes that will be shipped across the world and so gladly accepted by those in need. On average, the JPD has about 50 bikes a year that they need to find new homes for. OGT was the recipient of the unclaimed bikes that will now go to a Christian community in Liberia...

It’s hard to really know what an impact these bikes will have, but they could carry a father to work each day to help provide for his family. They could allow a mother to get to the market and back home to her family, much quicker than by feet. They could bring insurmountable joy to children playing in their communities. Just imagine the impact!

Do you or someone you know have unused bikes in good condition? OGT accepts bike donations! If they’re in good shape, but need a little work, we have volunteers that help fix them up so they can be put to use again.

We are so grateful for this donation and the continued support of our community. Photo above shown JPD officers Gary Jensen and Becky Johnson with Board members Sue Corwin and Jim Vadnovec.

Update on Orphan Grain Train Shipments

Covid has had little impact on shipments this spring and early summer. We adjusted with conditions and continued to collect and disburse items for those in need. Three shipments are in the works - Moldova, Liberia and Mexico.

Moldova Shipment

North Dakota Branch volunteers in Jamestown had a sunny day in May loading Bibles, blankets, medical equipment and 1,436 boxes of various clothing and accessories for Moldova. Bible Mission International will be receiving the goods to use at their facilities and also share with those in need in the community.

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**Update on Orphan Grain Train Shipments, Continued**

**Mexico Shipment**

Dedicated OGT volunteer and board member, Kirk Rosin travelled with our truck full of supplies all the way from North Dakota to the U.S./Mexico border at the end of May. The load was full of mostly food: rice, beans, Mercy Meals, flour and cinnamon. Also included was various medical supplies and equipment.

The items were taken to Laredo, TX and will be dispersed through the Latin American Lutheran Mission, whose mission is to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the countries of Latin-America.

**Liberia Shipment**

Following a slight delay, the shipment to Liberia departed early July. It was important that this shipment went off in time so that the supplies arrived prior to the rainy season. The meals provided by Mercy Meals feed children at schools two days a week.

In addition to food, the shipment included clothing, furniture and even the desks donated recently from an area elementary school!

These items will make a difference

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**Did you know?**

**OGT helps support our local community too!**

We often receive referrals from social services and the Safe Shelter in Jamestown. We are able to provide individuals and families with basic necessities, including clothing, household items and other needs to help get them through difficult times.

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

**The North Dakota Branch**

103 4th Ave SE, Jamestown, ND 58401
Mondays and Saturdays from 9am - noon
To arrange additional drop off times, contact Tom Boerger at 701-320-3875 or Sue Corwin at 701-320-3259.

**Orphan Grain Train Headquarters**

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Warehouse/Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am - 4pm CST

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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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NORMAL HOURS RESUMED
We are now open Mondays and Saturdays from 9am to noon! Note, we are taking precautions due to the risks associated with Coronavirus. For additional drop-off and volunteer times, call Tom at 701-320-3875 or Sue at 701-320-3259.