

# Quarterly UPDATE

## North Dakota Orphan Grain Train ~ Mercy Meals ~

Summer 2021

### May Shipment to Liberia

Our most recent shipment went all the way from Jamestown, North Dakota to rural Liberia. Much of the supplies will go to schools in rural Liberia, particularly the Liberian Children's Ministry.

The shipment included 50 school desks, 17 boxes of cups and bowls to serve food in, 41,000 Mercy Meals and 20,000 pounds of pinto beans. Local farmers, TMT Farms, generously donated the beans. A heartfelt "thank you" for your support and helping to feed children at this Christian school in Liberia.



We heard from Jo Boway, Founder and Director of Liberian Children's Ministry:

"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."



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

- 1 Peter 4:10-11

### Supplies needed!

Items we are in need of are:

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

\*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 at this time. It goes to cover expenses, including shipping costs.

One of the regular and much-needed items that we provide in our shipments across the world are layette and hygiene kits. OGT's headquarters has recently revised and updated various kits: school, hygiene, layette and feminine. A new teacher kit has recently been added that can be put together and a sewing kit that can be purchased. For more information on how you can help, call, stop by or visit [www.ogt.org/special-projects/](http://www.ogt.org/special-projects/)

## Layette Kits



*Thank you for making a difference in these children's lives. Your love of your Savior, Jesus Christ, is sent with each kit packaged. May God continue to bless your life as you serve Him.*

### CONTENTS

- ✓ 4 cloth diapers
- ✓ 4 diaper pins
- ✓ 2 rubber or swimmer pants
- ✓ 2 washcloths
- ✓ 1 sleeper
- ✓ 2 onesies
- ✓ 1 receiving blanket
- ✓ 1 blanket

### ASSEMBLY

1. Lay out one blanket on a flat surface.
2. Fold cloth items and place on the blanket.
3. Wrap blanket around items and roll together.
4. Secure with pins.

PLEASE NOTE • Patterns for making cloth diapers from flannel or t-shirts are available on our website at [www.ogt.org/special-projects/](http://www.ogt.org/special-projects/). You may also use your own pattern or purchase diapers. • No additions, deletions, or substitutions. • Do not add money, photos, or personal notes. • Do not include items with religious, camouflage, patriotic or military symbols. • Pack only new or gently used items. • Do not include plastic bags. • It costs an average of \$11 to ship each box of kits. Please consider a donation to your local OGT branch to help with shipping. Although well-meaning variations are tempting, please do not do this. It may result in heavy fines and/or the entire shipment being confiscated by customs officials.

## Hygiene Kits



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- ✓ 1 bath towel
- ✓ 1 wash cloth
- ✓ 1 bath-size bar of soap
- ✓ 1 plastic soap box holder
- ✓ 1 toothbrush
- ✓ 1 sturdy comb
- ✓ 6 band-aids (1/2" or 3/4")
- ✓ 1 small package facial tissues
- ✓ 1 nail clipper
- ✓ 1 piece of strong ribbon or cord

### ASSEMBLY

1. Lay out the towel on a flat surface.
2. Fold over about 5" on each long side.
3. Place the rest of the items in the center under the folds.
4. Roll up the towel.
5. Use ribbon or cord to tie the towel together in the middle.

PLEASE NOTE • Dark colored linens are recommended. • We recommend leaving contents in the original packaging, but it is not required. • No additions, deletions, or substitutions. • Do not add money, photos, or personal notes. • Do not include items with religious, camouflage, patriotic or military symbols. • Pack only new or gently used items. • Do not include plastic bags. • It costs an average of \$11 to ship each box of kits. Please consider a donation to your local OGT branch to help with shipping. Although well-meaning variations are tempting, please do not do this. It may result in heavy fines and/or the entire shipment being confiscated by customs officials.

## Thank You to Our Valued Volunteers!

Orphan Grain Train is an amazing organization that helps thousands of individuals and families around the world each year. But there's no way we could do any of it without the help of our committed and generous volunteers. From youth groups to service clubs, college students, retirees and so on, we are so very thankful for those that help support us.



Shown to the right, Concordia Lutheran Youth Group assembled layettes and hygiene kits for us and made over 2,000 Mercy Meals.

Shown below, North Marion Reformed Church Youth Group assembled school kits, packed 12,600 Mercy Meals & collected over \$2,000 (with their parents) to support our organization.



**St. Paul's Methodist Youth Group**  
Packed shoes and toys and put together layette and hygiene kits.



Shown to the right, First Assembly of God Youth Group packed school supplies.

Not pictured: Buffalo City Church & GracePoint church in Bismarck Packaged 51,624 Mercy Meals



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

606 W Phillip Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701  
402-371-7393  
email@ogt.org  
Fax: 402-371-7350  
Warehouse/Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am - 4pm CST

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

North Dakota Orphan Grain Train  
PO Box 1546, Jamestown, ND 58402-1546

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



*For we are co-workers in God's service;  
you are God's field, God's building.  
- 1 Corinthians 3:9*



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*Thank you for your generous support!  
We couldn't do it without you!*

### **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.



### **ND Branch Warehouse**

103 4th Ave SE  
Jamestown, ND 58401

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[www.ogt.org/nd](http://www.ogt.org/nd)



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## **Branch Hours & Volunteer Opportunities**

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

Note, we are taking precautions due to the risks associated with Coronavirus. Masks are encouraged.

For additional drop-off and volunteer times, call Tom at 701-320-3875 or Sue at 701-320-3259.