

Quarterly UPDATE

North Dakota Orphan Grain Train ~ Mercy Meals ~

Winter 2021

Local Donation Making a Difference in Mexico and Beyond

For regular supporters, you may be familiar with our connection to Latin American Lutheran Missions (LALM) in Laredo, TX. LALM is an independent mission started in 1936 and is focused on proclaiming the Gospel to the people of Mexico as well as the larger Latin American region. Thousands of miles away, North Dakota Orphan Grain Train continues to partner with them and make a big difference throughout Latin America.



l to R: Gwen Schultz, JRMC Material Services Manager, Tom Enderle, OGT volunteer and Dann Holm, Plant Technician III.

Orphan Grain Train recently received a wonderful donation from Jamestown Regional Medical Center. JRMC graciously gave us equipment they no longer need, which will be put to good use at a hospital in Mexico. These life-saving donations included a birthing bed, incubator, an exam table and a percussor. A sincere “Thank you” JRMC!

“Jamestown Regional Medical Center strives to be THE difference in the lives of those we serve,” said Katie Ryan-Anderson, Marketing Manager for JRMC. “Sometimes the lives we serve are people who live miles and oceans away. We are

happy to donate equipment to those who would otherwise go without. As a rural healthcare provider, we know how critical care is when our friends and family are sick. We want that care for our community at home and abroad.”

This Christmas was just a little brighter for many children in Latin America and around the world with a special present from OGT and our supporters. Dozens of Christmas gift boxes from North Dakota were sent to LALM and graciously given to children in Mexico. A big thank you to the volunteers that packed the boxes and all of our supporters. You’re making a difference in the lives of many.



“Jesus replied, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart & with all your soul & with all your mind.’ This is the first & greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law & the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matt. 22:37-40

Supplies needed!

Items we are in need of are:

- bath towels*
- washcloths*
- cloth diapers*
- bottles
- washcloths
- baby sleeper (newborn - 12 mo)
- toothbrushes
- combs
- pacifiers

*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
- beds
- bed pillows
- pots & pans
- dishes

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.

Letter from Moldova

Thanks to our supporters, we recently sent a shipment to the country of Moldova, which is an Eastern European country and former Soviet republic. We were thrilled to receive this thank you letter and wanted to share it with you as it shows just how much of an impact we can make on families, schools and communities. Thank you to all who made this shipment possible!

I write this letter of thanks from the Name of the Baptist Church from Burlacu village. I appealed to the Bible Mission Moldova for humanitarian aid for clothes, during September 2020. Thank you for your kindness and for accepting our request. We received 90 boxes of clothes for children, adults and young people. Of course, our desire as a church was to help as many children as possible, as well as their parents who for some reason fail to provide what is strictly necessary for their families.

The clothes proved to be of quality, very good for the Fall season as well as for the Winter one. We managed to help about 20 families, 40 of which were children. The parents wanted to thank us for this help, they said that most of the time, the money they make is enough just to pay for the communal services and they save a lot so that they can buy food, for clothes they can't find resources. Such acts of charity are so welcome and very helpful.

One of the mothers says that now, with the getting of the cold season, she took out the warm clothes that her children wore last year, none of them fits the size, many were damaged, but she says that she didn't have another solution than to give them something to wear, they were going to school with their clothes torn, smaller, but now they really saved me from a hard time. Thank you so much.

We also managed to help children placed in the Family Type House which is a project of our church, it is about 3 children who were taken from a difficult family and were temporarily placed here with us. The children were practically brought with the clothes they were wearing and we had to think about what we could do to help them. The clothes I received from you were a real help. All 3 children were dressed in several pairs of clothes, even the biological children of this family were provided with clothes.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your faithfulness in this partnership that we have had for many years, we thank you for helping us to be efficient both spiritually and socially in the community in which we are. We pray that God will bless you and reward all the hard work and effort you put into expanding the kingdom of God.

Another blessing we received from the Bible Mission was an answer to a prayer. This year, in October we restarted the meetings with the children at Day Center. A great blessing was the construction of the children's playground that children cannot wait to play, but we were thinking what else we could do for them to spend their time in an interesting way and here we thank you for coming up with a brilliant idea.

Thank you for the bike you gave us, especially for the Day Center Work with the kids. The children line up to ride the bike, they do certain competitions in order to be able to ride it as much as possible. Some have been dreaming of having their own bike for so long and look that at the center they manage to have it even if it's for a short time but it's like their personal.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Be blessed!

Sincerely,

Ghenadie Șendrea

Responsible for the children's ministry
Burlacu village, Baptist Church



Partnering with Women for Justice

These touching photos are from Women for Justice (Wfj) while distributing medical equipment and clothing shipped from OGT North Dakota in Jamestown across the world to the Republic of Georgia. This country is located between Western Asia and Eastern Europe. The shipment contained a variety of items such as clothing, coats, shoes, hats, scarves, gloves, hygiene kits, toys, high chairs, backpacks, sewing fabric and bicycles.

When we send off a shipment, we're confident we're helping people, but it's such a blessing to see the recipients and better understand the impact we're making. Here's what we heard from the WfJ organization who exist to assist socially vulnerable families and helped to distribute the items to those in need.

Clothes, canes and a shower chair went to a man that had lost his leg. Nino, age 15, has been disabled since birth and not able to move her legs. Her father abandoned the family after her birth and her mother does the best she can. They are very poor and Nino rejoiced with a new wheelchair and other gifts. WfJ also gave a wheelchair to a disabled child along with a walker in hopes he can learn to walk one day. Many other disabled people were given love and hope through donations. Praise be to God!



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

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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 and click "Donate to North Dakota Branch."





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