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The Impact of a Pencil

They now all attend church weekly and the entire family has been baptized. The children all have sponsors, attend Point of Grace and are healthy. The father received much needed medical attention and the mother now works for an elderly lady in the community and helps provide for the family. Love and compassion have changed the lives of this family – along with so many other children and families.

This spring when the Orphan Grain Train container arrived at the academy many families were blessed with receiving some of the 85,536 Mercy Meals. Many are subsistent farmers and only survive on the maize and small vegetable crops that they grow on their small bit of land. Because of the severe drought the Mercy Meals came at a most needy time.

The school enrollment has grown to 724 students in 2019. 480 of these students are boarding students and are served 3 meals a day. Mercy Meals are served in the school and help to reduce food costs and still maintain a healthy meal during a time of need. The students come from 11 different tribes, some of which the girls are rescued from early child marriage and female genital mutilation. Some of these children travel up to 3 days by bus to arrive at Point of Grace Academy. The Lutheran deaconesses in Kenya bring many of the children to the school after finding them in very poor and needy homes and situations.

Orphan Grain Train does not only offer food for nourishment but also has provided a church altar and pulpit for which everyone was super excited to have placed in the chapel. Hygiene supplies and some sanitary kits

These students were thrilled to receive their first towel ever from the Orphan Grain Train shipment.
A student stands in front of the preschool constructed from one of the shipping containers OGT shipped with aid and purchased for the school’s use. What an amazing transformation of two shipping containers!

were distributed to other rural parts of Kenya. The students had huge smiles when unloading new underwear, flip flops, t-shirts, towels and wash cloths. Zachary, the academy’s maintenance man, was in joyful tears when he saw the ladders and all the tools donated by several supporting churches. The 22 smiling teachers were amazed when school desks, chairs, posters, podiums, and school books plus supplies were unloaded. It was like the best Christmas Day they’ve ever experienced. Thanks be to God, Orphan Grain Train, and supporting congregations state side.

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The New Mission and Distribution Center will provide effective flow of goods and efficient use of space.
Gifts For Our Neighbors
A Desire To Make A Difference

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Thank you! We also want to say thank you for your continued support, especially to help those less fortunate this Christmas season.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and blessed Christmas with a Christ filled New Year.

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