



*Relief for Human Need Worldwide*

# **Orphan Grain Train Annual Report**

## **June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020**

### **The Big Picture**

239 full shipments of relief supplies were shipped in the U.S. and to countries around the world this year. 133 semi-loads went to domestic locations and 116 - 40 ft. (or larger) shipping containers went to 23 different countries overseas. Clothing, school supplies, medical supplies, and 5.4 million servings of rice/soy meals, 3,600 lbs. of rice, 40,000 lbs. of edible beans, 168,206 lbs. of potatoes, 36,018 lbs. of mixed foods and 922 pallets of vegetables were shipped to destitute people. The total number of countries served by Orphan Grain Train now stands at 69. Thirty-seven states have received disaster relief and humanitarian aid.

### **International Shipments**

Of the 121 International Shipments from Orphan Grain Train and its Branches, this past fiscal year, 57 of the containers shipped were loaded at the Norfolk warehouse.

The following countries received shipments from Norfolk.

- Gambia – 1 shipment
- Ghana – 5 shipments
- Guatemala – 5 Shipments
- Haiti – 3 shipments
- India – 4 shipments
- Kyrgyzstan – 1 shipment
- Latvia – 6 shipments
- Liberia – 3 shipments
- Lithuania – 1 shipment
- Malawi – 1 shipment
- Moldova – 1 shipment
- Nicaragua – 6 shipments
- Panama – 2 shipments
- Papua New Guinea – 1 shipment
- Philippines – 7 shipments
- Rep. of Georgia – 4 shipments
- Uzbekistan – 1 shipment
- Zambia – 5 shipments

## **Domestic Aid**

Domestic shipments within the United States from the Norfolk warehouse totaled 100 semi-loads during the 2019-20 Fiscal Year. Some of the shipments delivered food and goods to facilities for our Veterans, to homeless shelters and food banks. Other shipments went to reservations in six Western states, to Texas for border missions and also help those in need in the Appalachian Mountain region of Kentucky.

Back hauls from domestic deliveries were used to pick up donations along the way from businesses, schools, hospitals, as well as from several churches that are on the regular route.

## **Disaster Relief**

OGT Disaster Relief was able to help in many different ways during the 2019-2020 year. OGT's portable power unit, bedroom and shower unit was set up at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sulphur, Louisiana for volunteers to use as sleeping rooms and for showering while helping with clean up and repair from hurricane Laura. The Covid-19 pandemic effected a lot of people in many different ways. Beginning March 23, 2020 OGT gave 16,412 sack lunches to individuals 19 and older, the last sack lunch was handed out on May 21, 2020. OGT distributed 37,000 pounds of pork shoulder roasts to Food Banks across Nebraska to help with the rising prices of meat and the shortage of food at the pantries due to so many more people needing help during the pandemic. OGT's Board member, Bernie Wrede, along with many OGT volunteers assembled sanitizing wipes and sanitizing solution to distribute to local essential businesses. As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, 8,394 buckets of wipes and 834 buckets of sanitizing solution have been given to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

It is heartwarming to see the outpouring of donations by our generous donors. OGT would not be able to provide relief when needs arise during natural disasters and to be witness to God's people coming together in the midst of tragedy to help one another is always humbling.

## **Orphanages, Prison, and Hospitals**

The Adopt an Orphanage Mission continues to be blessed with a number of supporters that help the Mission not only in the United States, but also in the countries of Western Russia, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania & far Southern Russia. "Thank you" for another awesome year!!

## **An Army of Volunteers**

The mission of Orphan Grain Train is uniquely dependent upon their dedicated volunteers, many of whom have given numerous years of service for the sake of others. During the 2019-20 Fiscal Year the total number of volunteer hours for this fiscal year was 104,584.70, which if we paid the volunteers \$9/hour the cost to the organization would have been about \$941,262.30. We can never repay the debt of gratitude owed to each and every one of our faithful, dedicated, hard-working volunteers. Thank you all ever so much.

## **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.**