Hope For The Hungry

On Saturday, June 26th, more than 38,350 pounds of dried beans and white rice from Orphan Grain Train were delivered to soup kitchens in different parts of Lara State in central Venezuela. Orphan Grain Train partnered with Venezuela Now, Inc., an organization that provides help and hope for hurting people in Venezuela.

Since 2015, millions of Venezuelans have left their homes, all of their belongings, and families to find work and build new lives in neighboring countries. In fact, more than one-sixth of the population has left the country because of the hyperinflation, poor governance, and lack of basic necessities.

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Children bring their bowls to food stations for at least one meal a day. Hunger and malnutrition are at an all time high in Venezuela.

Warren Lathem, President of Venezuela Now, Inc., describes the conditions in Venezuela: “The conditions are severe. Hunger, malnutrition, diseases are epidemic. The public support systems have all collapsed. Often the only help comes from churches, themselves very poor and struggling to serve… The minimum wage in Venezuela is $5 per month. Gasoline costs over $2 a gallon. Recently 1,000 cars were in a queue to purchase gasoline. Pastors often wait 3-5 days in line to get gasoline. Many wage earners left Venezuela pre-COVID to earn money to send back to grandparents and children. Then COVID shut down their work and has prevented their travel back to Venezuela. This has left their families with no food and no money coming from outside the country.”

For a reference, $5 per month would barely be enough to buy one kilogram of meat. As a result of the crumbling economy, malnutrition has reached emergency thresholds, especially for children. The rice and beans delivered by pastors and seminary members have benefited hungry children with limited resources. As one of the pastors said in a video showing the Orphan Grain Train rice being delivered, “God is good.” Thank you for bringing God’s goodness to the people in need in Venezuela. The efforts of Orphan Grain Train supporters uplift those stuck in hard places and in hurting situations. Your support of them is priceless. Another shipment of beans and rice is planned for delivery in the near future.

Children enjoy rice and beans provided by Orphan Grain Train through local soup kitchens.

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Haiti is a country known for being in crisis from political instability, the lasting effects of a devastating 2010 earthquake followed by a cholera epidemic, and gang violence. Then on July 7, President Jovenel Moïse was assassinated in his home. On that day, Orphan Grain Train’s Haiti recipient, Josias Marin distributed lifesaving Mercy Meals and other aid to many families, always with God’s timing. Many were given hope from an Orphan Grain Train shipment while unrest and turmoil intensified.

Orphan Grain Train also works with Josie Antoine, Director of Hope and Love Organization and Orphanage in Haiti. Josie’s goal is to have a Tailoring and a Pastry School for girls and boys. These schools would help ensure that, as they age out of the orphanage, they have the skills to work and provide for themselves. She has dreamt of this for years and is so thankful for Orphan Grain Train in helping that dream come true! An OGT shipping container with 12 sewing machines, 12 folding tables, and two boxes of sewing supplies donated from a congregation for the school is on its way to Haiti. OGT’s long-time recipient, Help for Haiti, will receive 128,304 Mercy Meals and humanitarian aid to share with those in need from that same shipment.

Josie is working towards being able to have both schools operational with 50 students in each starting again in September. Haitians are masterful at using what they have available and creating meaningful work and Josie is no different!

Even in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty, there are those with hearts full of love and the desire to make a difference in the lives of others. Orphan Grain Train’s supporters are no different with sharing their time, talents and blessings with those in need worldwide.
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Charity Navigator has given Orphan Grain Train "4 Stars", which is their highest rating.

Read more about Orphan Grain Train’s food relief on pages 1 & 2.