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# **Children are Blessings from the Lord!**

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I could not imagine walking around town and seeing children, many children begging for a meal to survive. Parent(s) have to send their children out to beg at a young age because they can't afford to feed or send them to school. We are so blessed in this country and for all that God provides to us. Through Orphan Grain Train, we are able to share our blessings with those less fortunate, those that school is only a dream. The Children Relief Service (CRS) Inc was started after seeing children begging on the streets during school hours. Knowing the exposure these children have to abuse and exploitation to hardship, Rev Hilary Enoch Earley was led by the Holy Spirit to design a program that would help reduce this exposure and promote their basic rights as children. Children Relief Service in Monrovia, Liberia is grateful for OGT donors and volunteers that have given to provide food, clothing, desks and school supplies for the children. These children are excited and feeling the love of Jesus with food and aid delivered to their home, an orphanage where people do care. They are able to go to school, receive meals and learn about the love of Jesus, our Lord and Savior!

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# **Children are Blessings from the Lord!**

Children Relief Service saw the need for a school that the children could attend for safety, structure and to have hope for their future.

**Christ Inspiring** Pentecostal Schools (CIPS) has been lifechanging for hundreds of children living in extreme poverty and those living in orphanages. The schools offer educational classes along with life skills to learn to provide for oneself; break the cycle of poverty and street living. The schools depend on organizations like

Orphan Grain Train to assist with meals, school furnishings, Bibles and clothing for the students. We have shipped Kids Against Hunger fortified rice meals which are served for lunch at the schools. Attendance goes up the days meals are given and so does the ability to focus on school work. Most recently, a shipment from OGT's Wisconsin Branch donors and volunteers in Westfield shipped widows, visually impaired, physically challenged, the destitute and sick. Many of these groups are forgotten and barely have the money to take care of basic or medical needs. CRS



The joy and pride can be seen on their faces for the tables and chairs from OGT's Wisconsin Branch.

school desks, chairs and backpacks filled with school supplies for the students.

The CRS program also extends to caring for other vulnerable groups in Liberia such as the elderly,

set up feeding programs along with Bible study. They distribute meals to many churches that encourage learning about Christ then take food home with a Bible to share with family. Many return, hungry to hear more Scripture.



The need is great in Monrovia and we are serving those in need one shipment at a time. We are thankful for the partnership with Children Relief Service to provide food and aid along with Scripture and hope to those in need. To God be the Glory!

The students are grateful for backpacks full of school supplies and to know that people care about them.



The visually impaired and orphans raise their hands in praise to our Lord for Kids Against Hunger meals and other goods from Orphan Grain Train.



Food from OGT is shared with the widows and elderly living in poverty with limited income.

# **Bibles for the Orphans**

Adopt an Orphanage mission has several accounts for helping children in our Mission. One of the most important ones is our Bible account. You have the opportunity to give funds to any of our accounts at any time, when you give to our Bible account, we order Bibles in the language of the country that the children live in so they can read and receive the joy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You can see this in the photos of our coworkers Nikolai Devyatkin who is surrounded by the boxes of newly purchased Bibles to take to the Orphanages in Russia and his wife Valentina who is pictured with one of our directors presenting a Bible with the items that are delivered to our Orphanage children.

Thank you for helping us give the gifts of eternal life to children living across the ocean in faraway places.

Karen Reehl Tiedeman



Nikolai Devyatkin has boxes of Bibles to share with children at Russian orphanages. What a wonderful way to share the love of Jesus.



Valentina Devyatkin is with an orphanage director with Bibles and other goods to be shared with the children. This is only possible because of our supporters – Thank You!

# **Nature's Destructive Ways**

Recently, the United States has felt many devastating natural disasters from wildfires, drought, tornadoes to flooding. Orphan Grain Train's Disaster Relief efforts have us helping our brothers and sisters to rebuild their homes, livelihoods and lives in many states. Thank you, donors that give your time, talent and gifts of goods &/ or contributions to make these efforts possible.

## Tornado 2021 Relief Efforts

On December 10, 2021 a violent tornado moved across western Kentucky, producing severe to catastrophic damage in numerous towns, including Mayfield, Princeton, Dawson Springs, and Bremen. This tornado crossed through 11 counties and was the longest



Indiana Branch volunteers drive through Dawson Springs, KY to deliver aid 20 miles down the road. Some of the goods will help families from this town that lost everything. Thank you to our caring and dedicated donors and volunteers!

tracked tornado with traveling 165 miles. It spawned numerous storms and strong tornadoes in several states.

Orphan Grain Train is working with The Way Center in Wingo, KY and they pack food boxes each week for families who have been affected by the tornadoes. Pastor Ike Murphy mentioned a definite need for canned food and meat. We delivered a full semi-load of bottled water, canned foods including several pallets of tuna and chicken along with toiletry items to help give some relief to families.

In early January, OGT's Indiana Branch volunteers in Jonesville delivered disaster relief items to St. Charles, KY. It was heartbreaking for these volunteers to see the leveled homes and mangled debris first hand while delivering aid. Some of the relief supplies will help families in Dawson Springs, KY.



Ohio Collection Center volunteers delivered two trailers of blankets, hygiene supplies and lots of toys to Madisonville, KY. How wonderful the smiles, laughter and comfort these toys gave to children that are very confused and scared from losing everything.

Last December, Ohio Collection Center in Napoleon delivered two trailers of blankets, hygiene items and many, many toys to a mission in Madisonville, KY. Families and children were so grateful for the toys that were received and some were set back for Christmas celebrations. On Friday, January 21, Ohio volunteers delivered a trailer of furniture that would be out the door on Saturday to a waiting list of families needing furniture.

The process of clean up and rebuilding will take time, and we know that the Lord will be there with the residents of Kentucky. We thank God for our supports whose hearts are moved to donate and allow Orphan Grain Train to help our neighbors in need. Praise God.

### Louisiana Hurricane Relief

We are continuing our efforts to support the people in Louisiana with Hurricane Ida repair and recovery. OGT will be funding the roofing materials for four homes and a church with water damage that was founded in 1874. We are also gathering requested supplies for people living in partially recovered homes. Those supplies will be transported to the New Orleans' area and then distributed to families by the individual parishes.

### Kansas Wildfires

Kansas plagued with drought and exceptionally dry lands encountered hurricane-force winds that downed power lines sparking a series of fires that burned more than 163,000 acres. Many homes, ranches with livestock and businesses were destroyed. One of the main requests from ranchers was for fencing to keep what livestock they have left corralled.

A truckload of steel fencing posts were delivered to the Paradise area and distributed to 30 ranchers and farmers. Each rancher received a pallet of 200 t-posts.



A rancher is grateful to load fence posts for his cattle. Notice the truck load in the back to help many other ranchers desperate for help after wildfires.

### Montana Hay Relief



Hay delivered at the Compton ranches in Montana. The barren ground shows the need for hay assistance as drought and wildfires ravage their pasture land. Pictured L-R: Will Pudenz, OGT driver; Gene Compton with one of his daughter's Leah on their family ranch.

Orphan Grain Train was able to deliver 17 loads of 36 large hay bales each load, to help 21 ranchers in Montana. With extreme drought and wildfires, many ranchers had to sell all or part of their livestock because pastures were burned or too barren to feed. Many families faced desperation and uncertainty with their livelihood possibly ending – most have worked their life time on the ranch.

Three families suffered on the Compton ranches. Gene Compton and his daughters with their families run the Compton ranches. As was the case everywhere in Montana, lack of any rain dried up the North Boulder

to a point they could not irrigate. They cut hay crops for only 25% of what they usually get. To add to that, the pastures never grew from last year for lack of moisture on grazing grounds. Cows and calves came off the summer pastures early as the springs dried up and the Haystack Fire was coming over the mountain into Compton's pastures. The Compton ranchers had to sell 80 head of bred cows for lack of winter feed. Orphan Grain Train's load of hay allowed them to keep a few extra yearling cows which they are eternally grateful. They said "God bless".

Thank you to our generous donors that made these hay relief efforts possible.

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## **Answered Prayers**



Orphan Grain Train shows the love of Christ through tangible goods. We pray that these goods reach many in need and also open their hearts to hear the Word of God. We received a Thank You from our recipient Bible Mission International in Moldova with photos and stories of how our donations touched many hearts and improved lives.

Since 2015, beautiful work is being carried out with firefighters in Molovata

village. The leader of the unit is Oleg Gavrilaj. He and his wife received the Lord Jesus in their hearts and now are members of a local church. Brother Oleg's desire was to bring and proclaim the Word of God to his team of 17 firefighters, so that they too would know the truth and be saved. Pastor Nicolae Andrei gladly received this invitation and remained firmly convinced that the Word of God will bring change and transformation in the hearts of these firefighters. These men listened with great attention and remained very impressed by what they heard. They showed the desire to receive a Bible, which encouraged the pastor even more. Each firefighter also received a gift of a blanket, a pair of sneakers, a towel and hygiene items for their wives.

We pray that the Lord will work in their hearts, and that they will personally know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Thank you, dear friends, for giving these gifts so that we can make others happy. May God bless you! Bible Mission



The workers from rehabilitation and support center for children and adults with mental and physical disabilities express sincere thanks for your charitable work, giving humanitarian aid to people with disabilities, bringing joy to the hearts of those who are waiting with hope and impatience for a sign of attention, a small gift, a support, and a ray of light from those with big hearts. We bring you sincere thanks from those who have benefited from your help. We wish you good health, joy in your family and an ocean of happiness.

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"On behalf of the family who is raising 7 boys bring thanks and wish you God's blessings! We have started looking at the packages of clothes we received and there are not enough words to express all the joy and benefit of these things.... Sweater jackets, pants, new socks and even braiding yarn that will be my work to knit for grandchildren warm socks! The boys immediately found things for themselves in their size ...On Sunday, David, our son went to church taking Sasha's warm jacket because his warm jacket was too small ... Sasha had a fever and stayed home, ... God in His mercy, sent David a new jacket, not only for the winter, but also many other nice clothes for the spring! The whole family is very happy and thankful! With gratitude, mother."





These were just a few of the many stories and gratitude we received from Bible Mission International. We are able to reach these families in extreme need because of our generous donors and giving volunteers.



The social assistance from Cricova city, expresses the gratitude for offered help in form of diapers for Lungu Lilia. This woman is confined to bed and needs care and supervision for everything. Her husband is the single person who takes care of her. But their situation is very difficult. The husband cannot find a good job, to support the family. The most necessary things for Lilia, are diapers, but it is very expensive for them to buy. The husband was very thankful for this help and appreciate your kindness.

## **Orphan Grain Train Convention 2022**

#### Save the Dates:

#### Friday and Saturday, September 9 & 10, 2022

You are invited to Orphan Grain Train's upcoming convention so make plans now to attend. This year the location has changed to Midtown Event Center in Norfolk, NE. We will have recipients from the US and beyond sharing how OGT impacts their region of the world. We are planning another exquisite quilt auction, entertainment, fabulous food, and wonderful fellowship. More information to come as time gets closer!

#### **Attention All Quilters!**

Orphan Grain Train will once again have a quilt auction. We are asking that the quilts be new, good quality and stitched. Since space is limited, only one quilt will be accepted from each donor or organization. All quilts have to be at the home office in Norfolk, NE before August 15, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact us at (402) 371-7393 or toll free at (877) 371-7393.





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Children from an orphanage in Liberia are grateful for the food and goods from Orphan Grain Train. (Read more on pages 1-3)

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