



Orphan Grain Train †

Good Tidings

News -for and about -
OGT Maryland

January, 2023



*We wish all of our
volunteers and
supporters a Happy and
Healthy
New Year!*

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
"Light Up Ukraine" Campaign Drawing to a Close



Our "Light Up Ukraine" campaign was a HUGE success! To date we have collected over \$85,000. and money is still coming in. 3,500 lights have been sent to Ukraine so far, with many more on order. We've collected enough money to purchase over 11,000 lights. Many thanks to everyone who helped



us in giving LIGHT and HOPE to the people of Ukraine.

Our "Light Up Ukraine" Campaign will officially close at the end of this month. If you still wish to contribute during the final days of our campaign, please click the button below.

Light Up Ukraine

A sticker containing the following bible verse is placed on each light as it is being packed for shipment to Ukraine.

"In Jesus was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." - John 1:4-5

International Shipping Challenges

OGT Maryland has been facing many obstacles when it comes to shipping goods internationally including a shortage of truck drivers, port worker labor negotiations, limitations on airfreight transportation, as well as more rigid shipping guidelines issued by the receiving countries. Fortunately, during the past month, we have been able to deliver goods domestically, and in turn these items will be shipped overseas by the receiving organizations.

Two truckloads of goods went to St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Silver Spring, Maryland. These included blankets, quilts, linens, medical supplies, winter shoes, food (Harvest Packs) and Luci Lights. These items will be shipped to Ukraine. Two more truckloads of goods were recently delivered to Dr. Ebenezer Akwanga of the Human Rights and Humanitarian Institute. These shipments included medical equipment and supplies, school supplies, books, classroom tables, summer clothing, sewing machines, and bicycles. These items will make their way to Ghana in the near future. To learn more about Dr. Akwanga and his Institute, read the article below.

Despite the shipping obstacles we continue to face, we have been blessed in finding alternative ways to fulfill our mission of supporting the needy throughout the world.

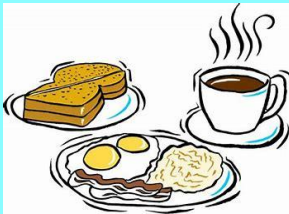
NEW SHIPPING PARTNER

Doctor Ebenezer Akwanga, Founder and CEO of the Ebenezer Akwanga Human Rights and Humanitarian Institute (eahrhi), is partnering with Orphan Grain Train Maryland to ship needed supplies to the Republic of Ghana through the capital city of Accra. This Institute is a United States-based public charity with its International Headquarters in Clinton, Maryland and is registered in the Republic of Ghana, West Africa as a Non-Profit Organization (NPO). Supplies donated by OGT will be dispersed to schools, hospitals, churches and clinics.



OGT Maryland is currently working with Dr. Akwanga to identify and transfer supplies to staging areas around the DC area acquired by his organization to facilitate shipments to Ghana. This relationship will enhance OGT operations by allowing us to transfer supplies quickly and efficiently from our warehouse freeing up valuable storage space. Dr. Akwanga has set up an efficient way of storing, shipping and receiving supplies that accelerates the process and results in extremely low shipment costs. It should be noted that he personally intercepts and expedites every container shipped to Ghana and ensures the extraction from the receiving port within hours of its arrival. OGT Maryland looks forward to a long and beneficial relationship with eahrhi and Dr Akwanga.

Pastor's Breakfast



On Wednesday, February 15th, OGT is hosting a breakfast for pastors of churches located in our area. Our main purpose of inviting the pastors to the warehouse is to share OGT's mission and to offer volunteer opportunities for members of their congregations.

**COMING SOON ...
A New Sign at the Warehouse!**





A large sign is on order for the warehouse! This will be a great way to keep our community informed of what's going on within our organization and will hopefully result in increased support by way of donations and volunteerism.

The sign is currently being manufactured in Florida and is expected to be shipped to the warehouse in mid-February. Installing the sign will involve quite a bit of work - digging a four-foot-deep hole, pouring a concrete base, lifting the 500+ pound sign into place, and supplying it with electrical power. We are searching for a contractor who would be willing and able to install our sign. Perhaps you know someone within your circle of friends or someone from your church. If you do know of a company or an individual who may be interested in helping us with this project, please contact Marie Fries at weezie68@verizon.net. Thank you so much for giving this some thought.

LITTLE THINGS *DO* ADD UP



Orphan Grain Train can accept your used printer cartridges as a part of a recycling program that provides a certain amount of funding for OGT. You can bring your depleted cartridges to the warehouse (621 East-West Blvd., Millersville) when you come to volunteer, donate, or visit.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Orphan Grain Train is always looking for new volunteers. Many opportunities, both large and small, are available. For more information, please call 410-417-9674 or stop by the warehouse any Tuesday morning (9:00 - noon) or Tuesday evening (5:00 - 7:00 p.m.)



REFLECTION FOR TODAY

A New Year's Prayer

Anonymous

Dear Lord, please give me...

A few friends who understand me and remain my friends;

A work to do which has real value,

without which the world would be the poorer;

A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed;

An understanding heart;

A sense of humor;

Time for quiet, silent meditation;

A feeling of the presence of God;

The patience to wait for the coming of these things,

With the wisdom to recognize them when they come. Amen.

JOIN US IN PRAYER

Please remember our OGT community in your prayers!

- Our Volunteers
- Our Donors
- Recipients of our humanitarian aid



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