



Orphan Grain Train Annual Report

June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023

The Big Picture

274 full shipments of relief supplies were shipped in the U.S. and to countries around the world this year. 155 semi-loads went to domestic locations and 119 - 40 ft. (or larger) shipping containers went to 23 different countries overseas. Clothing, school supplies, medical supplies, and more than 5.4 million Mercy Meals, Kids Against Hunger meals, Manna Packs and Harvest Meals were shipped to destitute people. The total number of countries served by Orphan Grain Train now stands at 71. Thirty-seven states have received disaster relief and humanitarian-aid.

International Shipments

Of the 119 International Shipments from Orphan Grain Train and its Branches, this past fiscal year, 60 of the containers shipped were loaded at the Norfolk warehouse.

The following 17 countries received shipments from Norfolk.

Guatemala
Republic of Georgia
Malawi
Lebanon
Philippines
Ukraine
Latvia
Romania
Zambia
Honduras
Moldova
Kyrgyzstan
Liberia
Madagascar
Tajikistan
Gambia
Democratic Republic of the Congo

Domestic Aid

Domestic shipments within the United States from the Norfolk warehouse totaled 155 semi-loads during the 2022-23 Fiscal Year. Some of the shipments delivered food and goods to facilities to homeless shelters and food banks. Other shipments went to reservations in 6 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

Orphan Grain Train provides disaster relief to victims of storms, floods, hurricanes, tornados, and other disasters.

- Orphan Grain Train was able to provide substantial support to the disaster areas of Kentucky because of tornado damages, and also in Mississippi & New Orleans.
- In early 2022 heavy rains flooded the town of Pond in California with water levels as high as 5-6' in homes. During June 2022, Orphan Grain Train worked with St. John's Lutheran Church, Bakersfield California and purchased insulation and drywall to repair four homes in desperate need.
- Orphan Grain Train supported LERT – Lutheran Early Response Team with recovery efforts in Ft. Myers, Florida. Zion Lutheran Church was the base for the recovery teams and supply distribution center. OGT help to fund the needed recovery efforts for distribution center and outreach mission.
- In May 2023, two semi-loads of treated fence posts were delivered to the Sandhills area to help ranchers replace miles of fencing destroyed by fires.

Orphanages, Prison, and Hospitals

The Adopt an Orphanage Mission continues to be blessed with a number of supporters that help the mission continue in the countries of Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania & Ukraine. "Thank you" for another wonderful 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 2022-2023 Fiscal Year the total number of volunteer hours for this fiscal year was 140,817.60, which if we paid the volunteers \$9/hour the cost to the organization would have been about \$1,267,358.40. 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.