

Orphan Grain Train, Inc.

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Food that Endures

Where there is poverty, there is hunger. Poor nutrition and hunger are responsible for the death of 3.1 million children a year. That's nearly half of all deaths in children under the age of 5. The children die because their bodies lack basic nutrients (The World Count). The majority of these deaths occur in underdeveloped regions of Asia and Africa. Orphan Grain Train is compassionate about the hunger crisis and this past Fiscal Year more than 5.1 million fortified rice meals were shipped world-wide. These shipments of life-saving food would not be possible without the monetary gifts from you, our donors.

Ryan Tormentar with Christian Missionary Baptist Church in Negros, Philippines received 272,160 Manna Pack meals funded by OGT. He sees hunger first hand and was relieved and overjoyed to share the meals with many schools for children to take home to families, churches to share with congregations and for feeding programs to feed the poorest of the poor.

Food that Endures

The Ganeda family; Edmar with wife Marivic and their two children, ages 9 and 6, live in San Isidro, Toboso. The Municipality of Toboso is a 3rd class town in the Province of Negros Occidental, Philippines. Toboso's economic progress is sluggish due to the limited number of businesses, which causes higher poverty rates. Their economy primarily depends on sugarcane farming, coconut, corn, livestock raising and fishing.

Edmar is a carpenter who works with below average wage of \$6/day. Unfortunately, he is not employed regularly. In fact,

during this time of picture, he stayed home for a week because his job contract ended. Ryan Tormentar visits this family regularly with fortified rice meals donated by OGT. They are thankful for the nutritious food and other goods, especially when there is no work. Marivic is a housewife taking care of their 2 kids. She is very resourceful and made an improvised cabinet from previous Manna Pack boxes. She is grateful for additional food supply of rice meals through Orphan Grain Train.

Ryan supplied Manna Pack meals to families at 34 Churches, 45 Schools, 8 Barangay Halls (community projects) and 9 Health Centers.

This is just one of hundreds of families that struggle with having enough money to feed their children. Ryan Tormentar was even more overjoyed to receive another container, but this one had church pews, school kits, diapers, hygiene kits, bikes and other supplies to share with families. These items help tremendously to stretch their little income to be able to purchase other necessary items. We are thankful to our generous and dedicated donors and volunteers for providing the means for OGT to ship these containers filled with life-changing aid to those in need. We are blessed to be a blessing to others. Thanks be to God!



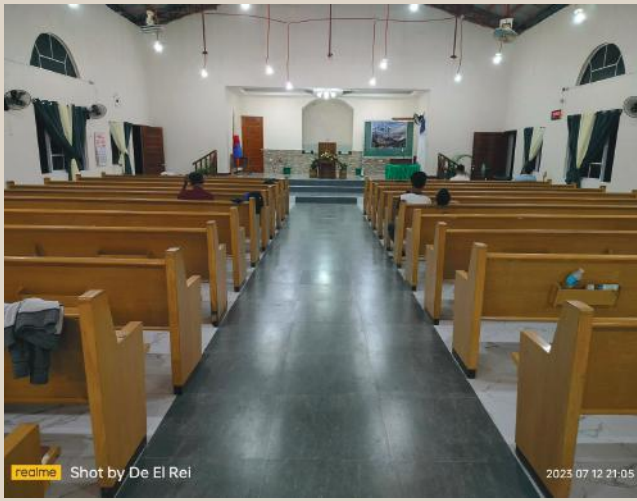
Marivic made a shelf out of the used Manna Pack boxes for clothes. She is resourceful since there is no extra money to purchase luxuries.



The Ganeda family struggles with having enough food to eat with no steady work. They felt blessed to receive fortified rice meals for nourishment and fill their bellies.



Teachers at 45 schools handed out Manna Pack meals for the children to take home! So many blessings for these families in need.



These church pews were donated to OGT from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lakefield, MN and are now being used for worship in the Philippines! The church had a dedication for their new building along with the beautiful pews.



This motorcycle sidecar is loaded down with Manna Pack meals to take to his church and share with the congregation.

Grasslands Engulfed

On April 13, many ranchers' worst fears of a prairie fire came true in Custer County, Nebraska. They were already facing challenges from severe drought and with a spark from a passing train the grass fire started. High winds quickly spread the fire over rough terrain which made it more difficult to control. Numerous fire departments from around the state came in to help and had it under control within three days. Ranchers lost miles of fence posts to corral their livestock. Rev. Ray Wilke; OGT president, received many calls for help. OGT arranged for two truckloads of fence posts to be delivered to 11 ranchers, each receiving 3,100 posts.

Many praises of thanks were given to OGT for funding this project to serve ranchers with burned and severe drought grasslands. Thank you, donors and volunteers for your support and also to the truck drivers; Ross Garwood & Will Prudent.

Picture courtesy of Custer County Chief.



Year-end Gift Planning

As you begin to think of your end of year plans, prayerfully remember year end giving and support for your favorite charity, Orphan Grain Train. We have so much to be thankful for this year and your year-end gift supports the many projects that Orphan Grain Train is involved with such as shipping international aid to 71 countries, and during our most recent fiscal year, 155 semi-loads filled with clothing, blankets, medical supplies, food and other needed items were distributed here in the USA. Please prayerfully consider a gift of stock or mutual funds or a qualified distribution from your IRA or donor advised fund (DAF). A special year end gift to the Servant Center as construction has already begun and a special gift will help to furnish the interior. A gift of grain if you are in farming will go a long way to feed mercy meals to several thousand children and, anytime of the year is a time to pray about a planned gift to Orphan Grain Train through your Will, Trust or naming Orphan Grain Train as a beneficiary to a Life Insurance policy or a CD. We do accept gifts of Real Estate please contact us for more details. If you have any questions regarding a specific gift or planned gift, please contact either Ralph Schmidt (260-452-4207 rschmidt@ogt.org) or me, Tom Watson (402-940-2007 twatson@ogt.org). May the Lord bless you abundantly.



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Charity Navigator
has given Orphan Grain
Train "4 Stars", which
is their highest rating.



*Many hands helped to unload an OGT container filled with lots of needed supplies & church pews in the Philippines.
Read more about this on pages 1-3.*