

# Orphan Grain Train, Inc.



## ONE WEEK OF PEACE

The faces in the photos are of children who are orphans in Ukraine. They are on vacation. A dream trip for many of them. For some, it is a first time for many things: swimming in a crystal-clear pool, hiking in the mountains to view Ukraine's highest waterfall and best of all, holding in their hands God's Word. They learned how to use it and studied God's truth for the first time.

According to Alla Vasylieva, director of Bible Orphan Ministry, "For one week the children forgot about the war. No explosions. No air raid sirens. No missiles. No drones. Just peace!"

One year ago, Orphan Grain Train began establishing a relationship with Alla. Kirk Rosin of OGT North Dakota, who has traveled back and forth to Ukraine many times, introduced Alla to Rev. Ray Wike and Grant Schmidt in late 2023.



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Today, many branches are working with Alla as she provides humanitarian aid and gospel outreach in many Ukrainian orphanages, especially the Doneshi, Korostyshyv, and Nova Borova Orphanages. She receives support both monetarily and by shipments of food and necessities from OGT branches.

The photos Alla shares with Orphan Grain Train reveal what the Lord is doing through her.



*After hiking a mountain, Alla and a group of children and counselors from a Ukrainian orphanage stand at the top of the mountain and pose for a photo in celebration of thier accomplishment*



*For some of the Children in the orphanage, this is the first time they have held a Bible in their hands and studied God's word.*



*Children enjoyed water balloon games and water fights to fend off the 95-degree temperatures*



*The group of children and adults posed at the top of the mountain after a rigorous hike.*



*Teenage girls say "good bye" as they hug and cry. "At the end of the camp, every single child cried for two days. No one wanted to go home," wrote Alla.*





*The truck carrying Wisconsin's container in Thomassique, Haiti boldly proclaims: DIEU DEVANT. Translated from French, "GOD IN FRONT" as it makes its way from the port of Cap Haitien to the recipient in Thomassique.*

## GOD IN FRONT

The bold lettered words, acting as a sun guard, spread across the front window of the truck while sharing a bold message: DIEU DEVANT. Translated from French, "God in Front."

In a nation, where gang violence has displaced more than 1.3 million people, having God in front of a truck delivering food and survival supplies into Thomassique, Haiti is the best defense.

The load sent by Orphan Grain Train-Wisconsin was sent in mid-December and reached the port of Cap Haitian in March of 2025. The container sat in the port for 6 weeks as the recipient, Josias Marin negotiated for its release. After much wrangling over fees and expenses, Josias was able to bargain for the release of the container for half of the original cost. The container was released and trucked to Thomassique.



*In the words of Wisconsin branch manager Cathy Robinson, container #NONU868056-7 was a "highly prayed up container."*

The arrival of this shipment brought extra joy to the Wisconsin branch after Norfolk's #2154 sent in September of 2021 was forced to be abandoned at Port-au-Prince. After weeks of increasing fees at the port, it became clear that the "authorities" in charge had no intention of releasing the container without an exaggerated price tag. With the increasing political unrest and corruption, sending a shipment of much needed food and goods was too risky at that time. In that same year, Haiti's President Jovenel Moise was assassinated and the country remains with transitional leadership.



*Two pallets of canned green beans and 142,560 Kidz Against Hunger meals along with blankets, clothing, school supplies and hygiene supplies are being divided for distribution to displaced individuals and families in Thomassique, Haiti.*

After almost four years of not being able to send shipments to Haiti, Norfolk branch received word that it might be safe again to try. In July of 2024, the test shipment of 256,608 Mercy Meals was sent. It arrived in Thomassique two months later. Grateful for the news of its arrival, Wisconsin sent the second shipment. Norfolk followed with a load to Cap Haitian. The safe arrival of the three shipments during fiscal year 2024-2025 brings hope that we may once again offer aid to people in great need in the country of Haiti. The recipient of the load, Josias Marin, operates a church school in Thomassique. L'Univers Des Tout-Petits is now also used to house many of the people fleeing from the terrors of gang violence. They are asking for tents, sleeping mats and boots as they seek some sort of shelter amidst the turbulence. Wisconsin is preparing for another load to be sent to Thomassique and according to Robinson, they hope to include those items in the shipment.

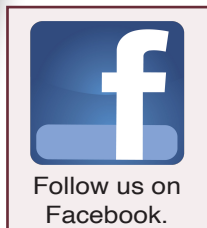




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## A Note from Tom

Thank you for your generous and ongoing support to Orphan Grain Train this year! We have been able to assist many families recover with disaster relief such as food, mercy meals, drinking water and hygiene supplies. Another option is giving from your retirement assets saves you taxes but also giving assets that have a step up in basis such as real estate and stock will help many families in recovery. For assistance in completing any of these gifting methods, please call or text Tom Watson 402-940-2007; email twatson@ogt.org or Ralph Schmidt 260-452-4207; email ralphschmidt1947@gmail.com. May God continue to bless you.



*This boy received one of the wheelchairs that was included in the load to Haiti. Ten manual wheelchairs and six PET mobility carts were included in the shipment.*