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# News from the Gleaners

Summer 2010

The Gleaners Annual Fundraising Dinner was a great success. The evening centered on the theme 'Sharing the Blessing of Abundance'. Jerry Bulthuis, our entertaining emcee, introduced the evening with a two minute video of our soup being served in Uganda.

Those in attendance were blessed to hear reports from four speakers. Ed Gringhuis provided updates on what is new at the board level of the Gleaners as well as the Food Distribution process.

Our guest speaker was Roger Bast. Roger recently sold his business and will be working for the next ten years in Burkina Faso, Africa with Careforce International. While in Africa, he will be setting up a trade school to train teens, giving them skills to help establish a career path for their future. Roger will be sending a shipment of Gleaners soup packed in water tanks, to be distributed when he arrives in Burkina Faso this fall. His shipment of soup was mixed and packaged on May 17<sup>th</sup>, the first day of our current soup packaging weeks.

We were pleased to have an additional surprise guest speaker for the evening. Kim Gringhuis, principal of Adoration Christian School in Haiti (Coram Deo International Aid), was here for a short visit and shared with the guests about her work, experiences with the earthquake and the great need in Haiti.

The Gleaners manager, Shelley, was the final speaker for the evening. Her comments, interspersed with her natural humour, provided a fitting conclusion to the night.

As the evening drew to a close, our guests were able to watch a short visual presentation. This presentation was divided into three segments, the first emphasizing that the work of the Gleaners can only be done with the help of many volunteers. The second section highlighted the various stages of the construction of our addition and the final segment included pictures of our soup being used in some of the twenty-eight different countries it has been distributed to.

The dinner raised \$33,045 for the Gleaners and we would like to thank all those who attended, donated and volunteered to help make the evening a success. We would also like to thank the many people who volunteer and contribute in various ways throughout the year. It is with God's blessing and the support of our donors and volunteers that we are able to truly share the blessing of our abundance!



Shelley: *Plant Manager*  
Harry: *Building and Equipment Manager*  
Elaine: *Assistant to the Manager*

# A Word from the Manager

*The addition is built and the dryer is moved in!!!*

Who ever thought we would grow this big this quickly? God has had far more in store for us than we imagined! After a year and a half of operation, we are close to capacity, and will soon sprawl into our additional space. Harry has orchestrated the construction and the move, and all timing has been on or ahead of schedule.

God has also provided for us enough produce to keep going all winter, increased numbers of volunteers, and experts to fill in those specialized jobs that need doing. Amazing!

Some of our new contacts have come from tours through our building, guided by Elaine. We have had hundreds of people view our operation every month this year on tours, and many come out saying, "Wow". And our network of contacts increases.

In this first part of 2010, we have already seen 2.2 million servings of soup go out of our building for distribution around the world. Over coffee break, our volunteers have received first hand reports from Haiti, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, the Philippines, Romania, and other parts of the world. Tears of gratitude are often seen in the eyes of the story tellers who have been working the front lines of distribution. They all encourage us to keep doing what we're doing. It is needed!

## NEEDS

**OUTDOOR LIFT TRUCK.** A farm tractor type 5000 lb. capacity lift truck. This would enable us to store bins and pallets outside. This tractor could also be used to clear snow.

**OFF-SITE STORAGE.** Looking for donated warehouse storage space within close proximity of our building. Something with a loading dock would be a bonus.

**DRYER STAFF.** Full or half days, or relief for vacationers.

**EXPANDING the BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT TEAM** to work evenings or Saturday mornings with Harry.

*Call our building at (519) 624-8245 to respond to a need, ask a question or join a team.*

With Joy,  
*Shelley Stone*



## Needed!!

*Farm tractor type  
5000 lb. capacity  
lift truck*

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Construction is complete and the dryer now sits in its own room.
- The vegetable washer is being refurbished by Al.
- Leroy is willing to train more dryer operators.
- Racking will be installed for more storage.

moving the dryer



Al at the vegetable washer



Leroy willing to train dryer operators

**Teacher Appreciation Gift Idea** - Make a donation to the Gleaners on behalf of your child's teacher and we will provide you with a card or certificate to give to the teacher. Your donation will help purchase beans to add to our soup mix. Contact Elaine at 519-624-8245 or [gleanerspromo@gmail.com](mailto:gleanerspromo@gmail.com)

**Open House Tours**  
Monday June 14 and  
Wednesday June 23. Come see the Gleaners in action. Tours begin at 10:30am and are approx. 1hr in length.

constructing the addition

