



# News from the Gleaners



**Ontario Christian Gleaners**

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2018 – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**



The dehydrated food that the Ontario Gleaners have donated to the Ministry of **Child Evangelism Fellowship** of Nicaragua has been served to 535 families from the cities of Managua, Rivas, and Tipitapa. We have also used the dehydrated food to feed the children to whom we minister in our feeding stations. 190 children have been blessed. All those vegetables have helped in the nutrition of our children. Thank you Ontario Gleaners for your help.

Blessings in Christ, Yesenia Tigchelaar



Each year **Good Hope Ministries** goes to 110 remote villages in northern Malawi to teach how they can feed themselves by encouraging men to live their lives – God's way. In order to have many come to our teachings, we offer all a free hot lunch. And so they come. Many lives are changed. Last year, thanks to Gleaners, 95,000 came to our programs. - Anna Ebert

**Who has been consuming the Gleaners food and how has it been helping your ministry?**

## Important Dates:

### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations!

September 10-14, 2018

Tours @ 11am

Gleaners food lunches

Missions presentations more...

See inside for more details

### Open House Tours:

@ 10:30am on

October 18<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

(Join us for a 45 minute guided tour)

### Closures:

Labour Day

Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thanksgiving

Monday October 8<sup>th</sup>



We are currently feeding both street children and children from urban poor families with the wonderful Gleaners food. Our nutrition program helps underweight children reach a healthy weight, and it's also our "foot-in-the-door" to families before we introduce to them our educational programs at **IT Tender** (e.g., daycare, sponsorship program, after-school programs, etc). We currently feed 60 children three-times-a-week in Manila, Philippines. Thank you for all the incredible work you do, and God bless!

- John Coffey

Director of IT Tender

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**The Joy and Hope of Haiti**, through its partnership with Ontario Gleaners is able to put bowls of their nutritious soup in front of 7500 hungry mouths every month- 2 times every week. Their exam results have risen 20 % just because of access to food. Over 5000 school age kids are fed 10 months of the year, during the school week. Over 1600 women and men in harsh Haitian prisons are fed 12 months of the year twice a week. Malnutrition in the prisons has fallen by half. Another 900 people in medical clinics and small orphanages make up the rest. It takes 2 containers a year to get this amount of soup to Haiti. That is just the tip of the Gleaners iceberg as we say thank you to all of you who make those containers of soup possible.

- On behalf of those who can't thank you, we thank you-  
The Container Committee of the Joy and Hope of Haiti and  
Cal Schultz, Project Management for The Joy and Hope of Haiti.

The soup provided to us by OCG is used in soup kitchens (all year round), rehab centers for both men and women, Homes for seniors and elderly, single moms, poor people with large families who either live in the war zone or are Refugees as a result of the ongoing war in Eastern Ukraine and invalids in orphanages or other centers (cerebral palsy).



The soup from Gleaners is helping over 1,000 disabled and forgotten people, in central Ukraine, to receive regular, healthy meals (and to know that God has not forgotten them!).

- Ed Dickson - **Loads of Love**

As to how is this helping the ministry in Ukraine – this can be summarized as a lady in dire need expressed - her words "This is my salvation."

- **Master's Foundation** – Ukraine – Stan Watrich



**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance International sponsor of The New Horizon School:** As part of our ministry in the Dominican Republic, we serve two nutritious meals daily, breakfast and lunch, to approximately 65 students and staff, thanks to our generous donors and supporters. We depend on the Gleaners' products to help us achieve the nutritional goals of our meals by including the soup mix in various menu items on a regular basis. - Paul Jones



House of Blessing is an orphanage that has started to run a summer camp for children in the community. Unfortunately, due to a shortage of resources, the orphanage had to turn away many children who were interested in participating. The orphanage approached Food For The Poor to ask for assistance so they'd be able to accept more children into the camp and have enough food to feed them lunch. They are now feeding 750 children with the dried soup mix at their camp. – **Food for the Poor**  
– Terri Venktaramaiah



Living in the high country an hour out of Lusaka, Zambia, the poor and orphans are the recipients of the much needed protein. Rain is always scarce here and the villagers live in a perpetual state of "food insecurity". The leaders in this village ` also organize "FEASTS" with

the "Gleaners" vegetable mix as the feature entrée. Gleaners has supplied **Beautiful Feet Ministry** with 2 million supplemented meals served to Congo refugees and those in drought stricken villages. Thank You Gleaners.

- Clair Ziolkowski

## Message from the Board

This fall, Ontario Christian Gleaners celebrates the tenth anniversary of our opening in September of 2008. As we look back over all that has happened, it truly is a celebration - first of God's faithfulness to us and secondly, of the contributions that have been made by so many loyal supporters.

For ten years we have embraced our stated mission of "using surplus produce to feed a hungry world." We put feet to our faith when we care for the poor - those that are so close to the heart of our Heavenly Father. In our first ten years, over 50 million servings of vegetable mix have been shipped to meet needs in over 45 nations. In addition we have provided dried fruit along with other food supplies that have been generously provided by donor businesses.

As a board we want to acknowledge that we are dependent on God in all areas of this ministry. It is God who has faithfully supplied the food, volunteers, produce and financial donors, staff, and distribution partners. To Him we offer our grateful praise, for He has honoured the work of our hands.

We also say a big thank you to all of you who have given so much of your time. Each day we have between 60 to 70 volunteers who come to be a part of creating the vegetable mix. You are such a huge part of what God is doing through OCG and we thank you so much for all of your contributions.

We are grateful for all of the growers and distributors who provide the produce that become the ingredients in our vegetable mix. Over the last ten years, OCG has never had to close the doors for lack of food to process. Some seasons are more difficult than others but God has provided faithful food partners who always come through.

We have been blessed with so many who have contributed financially these past ten years. Thanks for all you do. Your faithfulness has provided us the needed funds to meet the day to day operational needs of the ministry, while expanding our facility, upgrading our equipment, and replacing our aging truck. None of this would be possible without your faithful support.

God has blessed us with a staff that is second to none. To Shelley, Fred, and Elaine thanks for all you do. You're the best!

Finally, as we celebrate this wonderful milestone anniversary, we not only look back on what has been accomplished but forward to the opportunities that God has for us in the days to come. With eyes of faith, we say that the best is yet to come! Let's all recommit ourselves to the plans and purposes that God has for us as we labour together in "using surplus produce to feed a hungry world."



## Celebrating 10 Years of Blessings!

**September 10-14, 2018**

**Tours @ 11:00 am**

**Want to bring a group for a tour?**

**Call 519-624-8245**

**Individuals - just show up!**

**Try the Gleaners food!**

**Lunch served each day at 11:50 am**

**Missions presentations from  
around the world.**

**Mini-Marketplace – your opportunity to  
purchase products made by artisans in  
developing countries.**



*- Dave Rochester  
Board Member*

**Action International** is serving street kids & community children in our feeding ministry program in partnership with local churches in the Philippines.

We use Gleaners as essential food supplements for our poor /or malnourished children in the feeding ministry. They are not only fed spiritually through the Gospel of Jesus Christ but also physically through Gleaners. We serve Gleaners as soup and in many ways as main ingredient of a local dish.

*- Al and Sonie Tadeo*

## Using surplus produce to feed a hungry world.

Jeremiah 9:24 New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>24</sup> But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the LORD who demonstrates unfailing love, and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things.

I, the LORD, have spoken!



Over our 10 years of being in operation, numerous times we've seen the hand of God on this ministry.

## Walk of faith, Reflecting back on some brief stories

- Prior to opening in Sept 2008, the board expected that our work would be seasonal, due to our food sources, seeing as our winters are long. We have never missed a day! We would pray, 'Give us this day our daily bread' and the phone would ring and it would be a new produce donor.
- Late spring our first winter and food was low. A food importer called to offer us a truck load of first quality apples from Washington state--- they had been labeled with the wrong sticker. That was the only donation we ever received from them.
- Our Belt-style dryer (20 years old) was a donation from a company in Montreal. We have since discovered that it is the style most suited to our needs, but we didn't know that at the time. But Someone knew.
- A neighbour of the Gleaners provided us with an inside contact at Loblaws. Annually, Loblaws donates about 5% of our food, particularly in the winter months. What a blessing!
- One memorable morning, the motor on the dicing machine quit. A local motor repair shop immediately repaired the part and dropped it off, so we could continue with our operation, just as the last of the chopped vegetables were being loaded in to the dryer – no bill.
- A shipment of food was designated for Guatemala. The container was delayed due to difficult logistics for ensuring the food would be allowed into the country. When the Ebola virus hit Sierra Leone, a plea for a container of food came from another mission group to ship it to west Africa. The shipment of food was rerouted and saved a village of people in one of the poorest countries of the world.

To God be the glory, great things He has done!

- With Joy, Shelley Stone

