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# Gleanings For The Hungry

A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

## SPRING BREAK SERVICE

In April over 220 young people from seven different churches came to serve for a day or two of their spring break. Their hearts were stirred to be gracious to the poor. Thousands of buckets were washed, being prepared to store dried fruit, and over three million servings of soup were packaged.



Ten-Plex Progress



Roof is Framed



Andrzej, Our Building Supervisor

“One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed.” Proverbs 19:17

## FAREWELL BLESSINGS

*Gleanings'* staff expresses their love, appreciation and thanks to Rick and Lynn O'Dwyer, who faithfully and lovingly served as directors of *Gleanings For The Hungry*. The ministry has grown by leaps and bounds. Our staff and volunteers have multiplied, allowing increased production and distribution of food through our partners who minister the gospel to the poor and needy of the world. As well, we have seen new buildings erected, RV parking sites established, beautification of the property, and everything being excellently maintained. They leave their legacy at *Gleanings* and we are thankful for their amazing service these past eight years. God will repay them for their good deeds to the poor!



After Rick's resignation a community committee of five current and two former staff members was appointed to continue the ministry until the board appoints a new leader. We are going forward, continuing the vision of *Gleanings For The Hungry*, as our founders established, to feed the poor both physically and spiritually. Thank you for praying for us during this transition time.

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dearest Friends and Ministry Partners,  
 It has been a blessing to be the Director of *Gleanings* for the past eight years. Over the past few years I have found that I have been physically and emotionally drained. I have tried to recover this by short getaways and then the sabbatical this past summer. I find it necessary to step down from the leadership of this ministry so I can devote time to my wellbeing and my relationship with Lynn. We would appreciate your prayers as we seek God for healing and direction for our future.

*Rick*



## ROMANIA - Adding scripture to the soup!

“It’s almost difficult to express the impact your gift of soup and fruit has had on our ministry and many, many others. I can say wonderful, overwhelming, life sustaining. It’s been a witness to God’s grace and loving kindness and to His holy word because of the labels we added. The front label was basic information about the soup and how to prepare it. The back label, almost the size of the baggie, was entirely Bible verses. Besides our orphanage and *Teen Challenge* in Bucharest, recipients have included many small churches whose members are often at the bottom of the economic ladder. I gave to the churches with the understanding that they were giving out *Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes*. Your soup is still being a witness long after being received. The buckets of fruit went almost as fast as ice on a hot day, although we still have a few buckets and give baggie’s of fruit to the children for a snack at school.”

Dan Pierce, *Foundation Bethany House*, Romania



## BELIZE

Paul Esswein, who serves as a volunteer at *Gleanings*, was pleased to take soup for their church mission trip last summer. It is exciting to experience the impact of the food in third world countries; how hearts are made receptive to the gospel message. His report follows: “We had four distributions in three villages outside of Belmopan; in all we served over 300 children and adults. One time we had more children than expected and had to pray as we served that God would multiply the food. He did, as we were able to serve everyone who needed and wanted a bowl of soup and piece of bread. Along with the feeding program, we shared the gospel (many children and mothers who attended accepted the Lord), prayed with the children, gave Bibles to the older children who could read, and distributed clothing to those in need. I pray we were as much a blessing to them as they were to us.”



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Belarus  
Ethopia  
Cambodia  
Zambia  
Eastern Europe  
Indian Nations