

Summer Staff Outreach : San Francisco



“One weekend in June, the summer staff had the privilege of participating in building friendships with the homeless in the heart of the Tenderloin district in the city of San Francisco. *YWAM San Francisco* has been ministering there for 25 years and has an outstanding reputation on the streets, so as representatives of *YWAM SF* people welcomed us with open arms and hearts and gave us their time and the opportunity to speak love and value in ways that are relevant to them. The majority of the summer staff had never been exposed to things such a drug use, prostitution and violence so God gave each one new revelation of His grace and that the worst kind of poverty is loneliness and the feeling of being unloved. We were all blessed to have had this experience”

-Article by Jenny Bruce : Summer Staff Leader - Pictures by Abra Hartmann-



Team members Jenny(l) and Abra(r), with a new friend.

“Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.” Proverbs 14 : 31



Saying Good-Bye

After serving with *Gleanings* since March 2011, Marilyn Morton is retiring from *YWAM*. Marilyn is moving to Redding CA where she will be involved with ministry at *Bethel Church*. She also joined a Bethel ministry team on outreach to Ecuador in July this year. Thank you for your faithful service! We wish you God’s richest blessings.



Kitchen Upgrades

During the transition time from soup- to fruit season in May, staff and mission builders worked hard to install a new grease trap for the kitchen. The trap is to help keep our septic system healthy, by catching grease from the sinks and washers and preventing it from entering our septic field. This huge job included breaking out part of the kitchen floor to install new piping. Above *Al Gove* and *Sheldon Munro*, assisted by *Rick Alexander* guide the lid onto the buried tank. *Fritz Meier*, pictured left, is preparing the cement for the new layer of tiles in the kitchen.

Discipleship Training School

September 30, 2013 is the starting date for the next DTS here at *Gleanings*. Grow closer to God through 12 weeks of life-changing teaching and a eight week outreach. Experience first-hand the blessing of distributing *Gleanings* food and sharing the love of Christ with the poor and needy. Applications can be obtained from our website or contact Cindy Meier, DTS Director, by email or phone. The Discipleship Training School is a multi-generational school and open to anyone who has graduated from high school.



Hurricane Sandy damage



Unloading buckets of Gleanings' dried fruit

CUBA *Eastern Baptist Convention Cuba*, through *Feeding The Nations*, received 20 pallets of dried fruit -1,600 pails- that arrived in very good condition. The fruit was distributed in Eastern Cuba, among displaced persons, children and the elderly. "Since 1999 *EBCC* ministry efforts had been focused in the western provinces of Cuba, however beginning in 2011, we began to move eastward. Responding after Hurricane Sandy, equipped with food, including the container load of dried fruit, we were able meet one of the most basic needs since virtually all food production had been destroyed. We did not ask God for a disaster, but we were able to show His love to hurting people. We were able to tell them that these buckets of fruit were sent by the people of Southern California.

Everywhere we went, in communities, in churches, and even in meetings with Cuban government officials, the love of Jesus Christ was shared. Non-believers recognize that our love for them comes from our love of our Lord. We told them of this love and with the tangible food distribution, we were able to proclaim - 'When you provide for the least of these, you are providing for Me.' Many times over we received stories about the various opportunities many pastors had to share this wonderful fruit with their neighbors. Many have shared recipes developed with the peaches and nectarines as the Cubans have experimented with a new, healthy fruit. Additionally, many have shared stories about the usefulness of the white plastic buckets for water purification systems."

ZAMBIA "Missions Touch Ministries received barrels of dried fruit from *Gleanings For The Hungry* through the assistance of *Feeding The Nations*, and distributed these to area community schools and orphanages in Zambia. The country is listed as one of the 10 poorest in the world. The infected rate for HIV/AIDS is approximately 25% of the population and many children are born with this disease. Over 1 million of the 11 million people in Zambia are street children that have become orphaned because of HIV/AIDS, malaria, cholera and other diseases. Community Schools are greatly under-funded and not supported by government funding. Approximately 60% of the children in these schools and orphanages are orphaned and many come off the street. In most cases, the food that the children receive at participating schools is the only full meal received for that day. Even though the dried fruit does not constitute a meal in itself, the children absolutely love it. In most cases, we distribute the dried fruit in conjunction with other food to enhance the program. The organizations' overwhelmingly kind response to help provide life-saving food and basic care supplies for the people of Zambia give hope and promise to those who want to learn. *Missions Touch*



Ministries extends our thanks and gratitude on behalf of these facilities for your contributions and continued support of this most worthy cause. On behalf of the Zambian people who have directly benefited, and their families, we say thank you and may God continue to richly bless you."



Dear Gleanings' Friends:

Director's Corner

People are our passion!!! We love living in community with the staff and volunteers. Serving together is counted as a privilege that enriches our lives. Love is one of our ongoing themes as we follow our God, who is love. The fruit and other food we are honored to send all around the world is a gift of love, available because of so many who care and give. We celebrated with three of our Gleanings' family members these last few months as they found their life partners and were married. Congratulations to you: Mary Lou, Andria, and Ernie. May each one of you be blessed with a love that will never end. May the blessing of our loving father be with you.

Fritz

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8