

Gleanings' staff Kids



Charity Stine

Charity Stine, 23 years old, is the eldest daughter of *Gleanings'* staff members, Jim and Ralene Stine. When she was 18, her parents did a DTS at *Gleanings* while she was simultaneously doing her DTS in France. Discovering that her family was moving to *Gleanings*, her "favorite place on Earth," excitement came, as well as fear at the thought of living by faith. Her parents example of trusting God financially and spiritually inspired and encouraged her to do likewise. As God has been planting, birthing, and growing dreams in Charity's heart over the years, she has taken her first move into full-time missions in Europe. Her heart is to see the church in Europe revived, the youth saved, and the Catholic Church returned to its first love, Jesus Christ. Her parents have supported her each step of the way, and as a ministry we are blessed to see our young people move in their God-given callings.

Austin Rivera

Austin Rivera is 19 years old and a middle child to *Gleanings'* staff members, Eric and Lisa Rivera. When the Riveras decided to proceed into full-time missions, Austin was twelve years old. He said, "The idea of going with my parents into full-time missions was exciting at first, but as we got closer to leaving it become scary. I didn't want to leave the known for the unknown." Austin went on to explain that, after living here for a while, he has come to enjoy it. "There is a feeling and sense of community and family here." Eric and Lisa's move into missions inspired Austin, at a young age, to join the mission field himself. He plans on leaving this June to attend a Young People's DTS in Colorado, with hopes of going to South Sudan for his outreach phase. Unsure of what he wants to do afterwards, he is trusting God will lead the way. May God bless you, Austin, over and over!



"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in work, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."
- 1 Timothy 4:12



GOOD-BYE!

Last month we said good-bye to Dan and Mary Lou Barthold. Mary Lou came on staff in February 2012 as Mary Lou Schnutenhaus. Later that year she met Dan Barthold and they were married on May 25, 2013. As a receptionist and snack cook, Mary Lou has blessed us with her love and care. Dan also has been a blessing as a long-term mission builder, helping run the soup plant. We love and miss you both. May God bless you both on your next adventures, wherever they may be.

QUILT AD

DUE TO THE LARGE AMOUNTS OF QUILTS BEING MADE, THE QUILT ROOM IS VERY LOW ON QUILTING FABRICS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING, HERE ARE OUR NEEDS:

- 100% COTTON FABRIC
- NEW 100% COTTON TWIN FLAT SHEETS
- 12 OZ POLYESTER BATTING

ISRAEL FOOD OUTREACH

Israel Food Outreach, working hand in hand with *Gleanings for the Hungry*, shipped two forty foot containers to Israel, which arrived mid-February 2014. They contained 42,000 pounds of dried soup mix each, plus a total of about 150 hand made quilts. The quilts are given only to Holocaust survivors in Israel who are living below the poverty level. There are about 65,000 survivors who call Israel home and live below the poverty level. As one can see from the pictures, the recipients are very grateful to receive the soup and quilts.



Michael and Ana (Names Changed for Privacy) Israel

Michael is 88 years old, born in Moldovia; Ana was born in the Ukraine. They immigrated in 1992 because the anti-Semitism was so bad there. "Nobody likes us in the world," is Ana's statement.

Ana and her entire family were sent to Akmolinskiy Concentration Camp, located in their village of Malinkova. Being the only concentration camp located in the Soviet Union, it was established for mothers, wives, and daughters of men considered traitors to Germany. Everyone was hungry. From there they were moved to the ghetto of Lager, where Ana's mother was beaten and died.

Michael was in a different Ukrainian ghetto. Nearby were the Partisans, those in the underground who sabotaged the German army and lived in the forests. The Partisans would help feed the people held in the ghetto by bringing them food and meat. As a child in the ghetto, Michael envied the dogs who roamed free.

Ana and Michael met after the war. He spent three years in the Soviet army and married Ana after his release. Michael was raised in a devout Jewish home and was often sought by others to receive a blessing from HaShem. His occupation after the army was a shoemaker. He used to carry all his tools with him and still has them to this day. Currently, Ana and Michael live in a very old apartment in much need of repair. Ana said, "It seems after the way we lived in the war, it is not right that we live so poorly. Even the dogs on the streets live better."

Even so, they are both grateful to be in Israel and say, "As long as we have a piece of bread to eat we are thankful."

P.S. - Renovation work has begun in their apartment by the *Saxon Friends of Israel*.



QUILT MINISTRY EXPANDS AND MULTIPLIES

Israel Food Outreach's goal is to ship 500 quilts to Holocaust survivors this year. Here at Gleanings we have been sewing heaps of beautiful quilts, but know we are unable to reach this amount. We are excited at an opportunity that arose to help Youth With A Mission's Los Angeles base begin a quilting ministry. In March, three eager women from L.A. came to learn from Norma Gove, our quilt room supervisor. At the L.A. YWAM base a room was cleared, a quilting table made, and these ladies went right to work producing quilts. A 20 minute teaching video was also made and is being distributed to interested churches who desire to come alongside and help accomplish this worthy goal.

Director's Corner

Dear Gleanings' Friends,

The prayer of a Christian is a powerful force on the earth. The Bible is teaching that we are to pray and live like we really believe it. It requires more faith to expect that our prayers get answered than to believe God hears us and that He cares. But, if He cares about us coming to Him with our needs then why would God not answer us? In this assurance we come to God expecting Him to meet all our needs. Many blessings and provisions have come from you, our dear supporter and volunteer, and we thank God for you. You are the answer to our prayers.

May the Lord bless you.

Fritz Meier