

### The Summer Season is Here!

#### Welcome Gentlemen

These gentlemen are from California and Washington. They completed their DTS in February, here at **Gleanings**. Bryan manages the warehouse and incoming products. Rory is currently being trained to manage the peach plant this summer. Jesse will be working in the media department and learning the ropes in the plant.

From L to R: Rory, Jesse, Bryan



#### Good Bye Bobbie

Bobbie Jordan has served at **Gleanings** since 2012. She came on staff last April after completing her DTS; she is leaving early to help aid in the care of her mother and grandchildren. We sadly say farewell, but look forward to seeing how God guides her in the future. God bless!

“You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” - Psalm 16:11

#### Summer Staff is Ready for a Joyful Summer



For the 2014 Summer Fruit Season we have enlisted, once again, the help of a team of young people who have volunteered to serve as summer staff here at **Gleanings**. Our summer crew come alongside the full time **Gleanings**' staff and play a major role in accomplishing the work during the thirteen

weeks that comprise our summer season. This year our theme is **JOY!** Our full time staff, Rod Lawrence and Jenny Bruce, are leading our summer staff this year. We are thankful for each young person who chooses to spend their summer working together with our staff and volunteers. We wish you a summer of abundant blessings from the Lord.

#### Board Meeting



#### The Board of Directors for Gleanings

The **Gleanings Board of Directors** had their annual meeting in May, discussing business and praying over the base.

Back Row: Ruddy Ancheta, Bonnie Olson, Bill Cornell (Accountant), Mario de Francesco, Dale Harrison, Colleen Lawrence, Steve Witmer

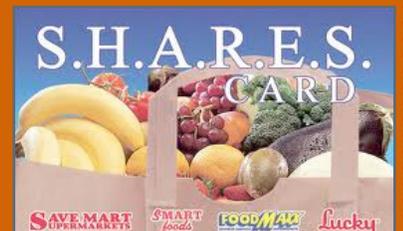
Front Row: Eric Rivera, Peter Iliyn, Fritz Meier, Jim Biermann

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#### Other Ways to Help

Here are some ways you can help **Gleanings**: 1. Obtain and use a Shares Card at any of the four participating stores: SaveMart, S-Mart, FoodMaxx, and Lucky. 2. If you shop Amazon.com, first go to **Gleanings**' website and click the "AmazonSmile" link. If you have any questions please check the website.



# El Salvador

**Feeding The Nations** has ten feeding centers which feed children of the coffee plantations 2-3 times a week. They also have distribution centers and camp outreaches. "Children and youth on the coffee plantations, where we are located, are experiencing a severe need due to the fact that a blight has destroyed over half of the coffee crops in El Salvador last year. The coffee production in El Salvador was down by 50% or more in 2013; 160,000 workers on the coffee plantations were out of work. We work in 129 gang run communities and we help the neediest families with food for their children. After quickly getting the soup through Salvadorian Customs we began to distribute it immediately. We used it throughout the winter season in many different kinds of programs in our ten Feeding Centers, Orphanage, coffee plantation distributions, homeless ministry, and camps. Everyone loves the soup and each place has found many creative ways to prepare it. Out in the country on the coffee plantations it becomes a community affair to create a meal with the soup. A country chicken, locally grown squash, a couple of carrots and a package or two of Gleanings soup are a few of the things that people pitch in to help. This allows there to be enough soup to feed several families. The soup becomes a catalyst for neighbors to come together for fellowship."



"We have a chapel service and Sunday school at all of our feeding centers, to be sure the children are getting fed spiritually as well as physically. We send Christian workers out to the coffee plantations with the **Gleanings'** soup and gospel tracks to do door-to-door evangelism. When we hand out food in the community, we prepare a special service for the distribution. First, we hand out 100-200 food tickets to the neediest people. Then a service is held for the invitees, presenting the gospel in the Word of God. The service is concluded with giving away gifts of food. We have a policy that we present the Gospel at every one of our compassion programs because we believe that it is vital to the lives of those we serve."

A pastor, Julio Martinez, lives on top of a mountain in the heart of one of the largest coffee plantations in El Salvador. He saw the need of the children, as they came to school without having eaten, and his heart was moved. He decided to ask the school principle if his church could feed the children a couple times a week. Since the church is right next door to the school, the principle quickly agreed to the idea. Around the time the church started feeding the children, Pastor Julio had just received a barrel of soup. Wanting to make the soup heartier, he asked the church members to contribute a chicken. They didn't have much meat, but what they could give was chopped up into a large pot of soup. The children were so happy to have something to eat that they asked for seconds and thirds. The soup continued to stretch until all had eaten their fill. Other children who heard of the food had walked quite a ways to be fed as well. That is when Pastor Julio decided to open up a feeding center in the neighboring village to accommodate the hungry children. "Thank you so much for having blessed El Salvador with a container of soup, which has in turn blessed thousands of children and their families."



## Discipleship Training School 2014 - 2015

September 29, 2014 is the starting date for the next DTS here at **Gleanings**. Grow closer to God through 12 weeks of life-changing teaching and an 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.

### Director's Corner

Summer has started and our summer staff have arrived to serve with us. What a wonderful group of young people. It sure feels like we have an amazing team. We are believing for an awesome, life-changing summer.

James speaks about faith and works. In James 2:18 he says, "But someone will say, you have faith; I have deeds. Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds." We are not saved by faith and works, we are saved by faith that works. It truly is a blessing to do just that here at Gleanings. We work hard because He has called us to provide food for the needy, a mandate originally given to Wally and Norma Wenge 32 years ago. We continue to pursue their vision.

Thank you, dear friends, volunteers, and supporters, for believing with us, for stepping out of your world and joining us in the good work of the Lord.

We love you and pray blessings over each of you.

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