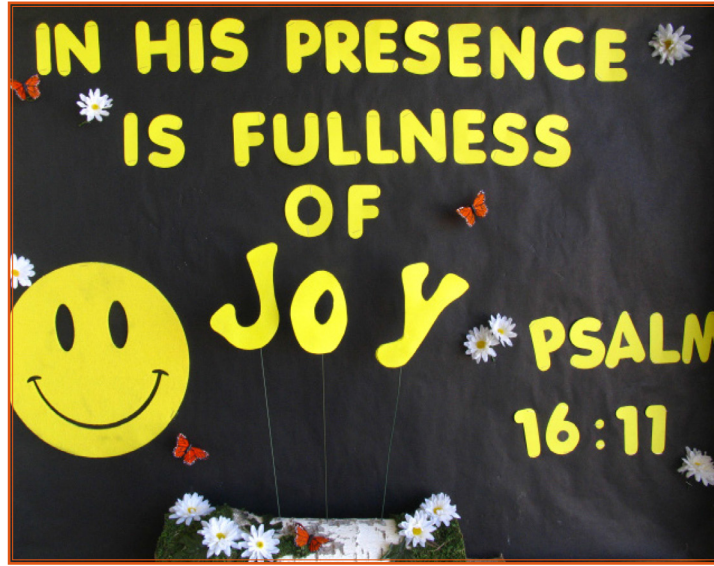


A SUMMER OF JOY

The theme selected for this summer season is finding JOY in God. Another topic that originated with the summer staff is the need to remove our spiritual and emotional masks. This theme developed in the summer staff room during training week, when the mornings were devoted to sharing testimonies with one another. As summer staff began sharing their life stories, other individuals were inspired to reveal their own tightly concealed struggles. Many found freedom as they affirmed, encouraged, and prayed for their peers. The team quickly transformed from



friendly acquaintances to committed brothers and sisters. As the weeks have come and gone, summer staffers have been discovering how to walk in their God-given identities. Through the trials, they have been comforting one another and creating spiritual unity. Challenges to live in freedom will continue to arise as they remove more of their masks, but joy will be found as they overcome with Christ. It will be a strong, pure, and everlasting joy. "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." - John 8:35b-36

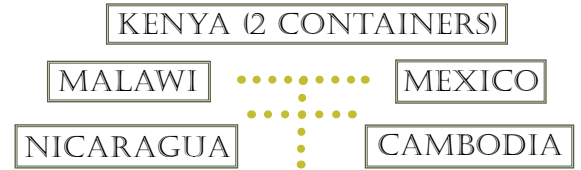


Farewell Stine Family



Jim and Ralene Stine have served at Gleanings since April 2009. Jim managed the peach and soup plants; Ralene worked with housekeeping, home-schooled her children, and cared for their adopted baby, William. After much prayer and consideration, they decided God wanted them to join the YWAM base in Mendicino called **Lord's Land**, beginning in August. Thank you, Jim and Ralene, for everything you have been and done for this ministry. You will be greatly missed. May God bless you abundantly and lead you on your next adventure.

Containers en Route



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. The Discipleship Training School is a multi-generational school and open to anyone who has graduated from high school.

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
 -Luke 12:32,34

SOUTH AFRICA



“Two years ago, a lady, hours away from death, literally fell into my store. I took her to the hospital where she recovered to some extent, was discharged, and went back to her rural village over the mountain. I went there to take her food and bedding, and met Ntebu Klaas, a nursing assistant at a rural clinic, who was attempting to start a hospice. She had built a tin shack with cardboard on the inside where she was housing four desperately ill patients.

I began giving her food (some of it being *Gleanings*’ dried fruit and soup), bedding, beds, and clothing for her patients. That winter the shack collapsed due to heavy snow. Now Ntebu is doing home based care for 120 patients.

I have done some home visits with Ntebu and her volunteers. Some of the patients are so far away that they cannot be reached by vehicle; we hike the last bit. One paralyzed lady had to be carried or wheeled in a barrow to get to the clinic.

The latest development is that Colin, my husband, and I have been able to begin funding the building of a hospice through our business. We met with the Chief, who gladly gave us land. We are in possession of the land ownership certificate and are now busy with foundations!!! He goes before us to prepare the way....”

-Liz Whittle

NAMIBIA



During the 2012/13 and 2013/14 years, Namibia was hard hit by a drought that had an adverse effect on its subsistence farmers and subsequent food security. The president called a state of emergency, and drought relief efforts were established. Together with the rest of the population of Namibia, the *African Methodist Episcopal Church* (AME Church) left no stone unturned to join the relief efforts employed by the government.

Bishop Daniels approached his business friends, and the *World Emergency Relief*, in conjunction with the ministry CHF *Hoffnung Für Kinder GMBH* (Hope for Children).

A container from *Gleanings for the Hungry*, full of dried soup mix, was received and cleared at the port of Walvisbay in October 2013.

The first distribution of the donation was to Grootfontein, where the country experienced malnutrition of babies and children. Further distribution took place throughout the country.

The Bishop David R. Daniels and the people of the *AME Church* in Namibia send their wishes to express their profound appreciation and deep gratitude to the *World Emergency Relief* and *Gleanings for the Hungry*. “May the good Lord continue to bestow His never ending blessings to you and yours.” - *AME Church*

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Gleanings’ Friends,

A few weeks ago I was in the Sunday morning church service when the pastor had a word from the Lord for Gleanings. He felt this would be the best summer ever and God would do great things in the lives of our staff and volunteers. This word was more of a confirmation than a new thing, since we had already been experiencing great blessings and powerful ministry times the previous weeks. Needless to say, we are very encouraged, and praying for more breakthroughs this summer. Our summer theme verse is Psalm 16:11, “In Your presence there is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.” I feel His pleasure on this ministry more than ever, and He is giving us His joy as we worship and serve Him. All the difficulties seem quite small compared to the blessings we daily experience. Thanks for your involvement. We are grateful to God for all the saints who contribute to the success of Gleanings For The Hungry. May The Lord bless you as only He can.

-Fritz Meier