

GOVE 2015 WINTER NEWSLETTER

This has been another blessed year. Who says that “retirement” is boring? Norma and I enjoy this life. Norma is a busy woman and that is the way she likes it. Her day starts at 3 am, as she likes some quiet time with the Lord before making the Gleanings base breakfast. Then she might be part of the morning chapel worship with her flute before further involvement in the kitchen each day.

As if that isn't enough, the last couple of years she has headed up the quilt making room. How she loves this ministry. The volunteers with her have made over 600 quilts in 2014 alone. When I first came to Gleanings in 2002, I thought of the quilt room ministry as a tag on for people who didn't want to do much. Was I ever wrong. Let me share some stories.

During an outreach to the Indians in Arizona, the quilts broke down cultural barriers and the team had an instant rapport with them. In Israel's older holocaust victims, there were tears of thanks. Love somehow is transmitted into their lives with the quilts. In Canada a relative of a staff member was healed of a brain tumor when she went to bed with a quilt we had prayed over before sending it. And the color? “How did you know what color I liked?”

The summer peach drying had some challenges last year. With the drought, packing houses were selling the damaged fruit to juicers rather than give them to our ministry. Some packing houses love the Gleanings ministry and still give their damaged fruit, even though they could get money for it.

The soup mix part of the ministry continues to grow. The pet food industry is our competition for that food. It takes about 3,000 volunteers each year to help us package the soup mix and we have a two year waiting list to sign up for that. People love to be a part of it as they packed over 33 million servings last year-that's meals folks.

In August the directors asked Norma and I to consider being staff for the five month Discipleship Training School. I didn't even have to pray about it-”yes”. You see the picture of the class that includes three who gave their lives to the Lord within the last 6 months. There is nothing in my life I enjoy more than seeing people respond to the Holy Spirit in their lives. Freedom, upon new freedom with the love of the Lord coming out of them. Example-Anthony a former gang member walks into his probation officer's office. “What happened to you?” Anthony walked in with a smile he can't contain-”it's Jesus” he replied. He then had an opportunity to share how Christ has changed his life.

December 31st the team left for Kenya for two months to take the love of the Lord to them. Three weeks of the two months will be in Kisumu with George. I met George in 2004 when he was 16. He asked if I could help him through school. I simply asked the Lord “Yes or No” and He said “Yes”. I have been sending him money every month since. In 2010 the Lord called him to a street kids and orphanage ministry which he

named Sower's Kids. We will be ministering with him and helping a little with the building of the orphanage. He almost has the first room done so the electric power can be brought to the base. On Sept. 26, 2013 the Lord awoke me at 2 am asking me to make a cement block making machine and mixer for Sower's Kids. It is the least expensive way to build and he has a business after to support the ministry. Machines arrive a week before we get there. Yes, we love the missions life.

Love to hear from you to!
Norma and Al More at Gleanings.org



Testing the block making machine before shipping. Can do about 400 per day.



George and us in 2011



First orphanage room nearing completion

