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Gleanings For The Hungry

A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

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After serving at *Gleanings* since 2008, Eric and Lisa have moved to Guatemala with their two youngest children, Anna and Jesse. The venture started during their Discipleship Training School outreach in Guatemala as the Lord began impressing the Guatemalan people more and more upon Eric's heart. In early 2015, he and Lisa agreed it was time to begin their transition out of *Gleanings* and to Guatemala. Eric is pioneering a new feeding ministry, *Hope of the Nations*. Though they will be missed, we are excited to see this beloved family take on this next adventure with God.

Best Wishes, Riveras

Since we worked in the soup plant sporadically in the summer, in addition to the normal fall/spring season, we have been able to produce and provide 34 million servings of dry soup mix for those in need.

2015 Statistics

During the peach season, approximately 350 thousand pounds of dry fruit were processed and shipped.

552 quilts were created here at *Gleanings*, in addition to 112 quilts given by others. 446 of the quilts have gone to Israel.

255 containers were shipped through *Gleanings*; this includes our dry fruit and soup mix as well as donated product.



Welcome To the Family!

Mark and Lori Ragains attended their Discipleship Training School in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with their five children. They graduated in 2013 and

have been intermittently involved in missions. The Ragains moved to *Gleanings* in fall 2015 to begin the process of joining the staff. Now they are here full-time, with four of their children: Alex, Kiersten, Amy, and Katy. Their oldest daughter, Amanda, lives in Anaheim. Mark is working with IT and helps in procurement and distribution. Lori is home schooling their two youngest children and assists with special projects.

"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord.
"though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

Isaiah 1:18

UGANDA

Hope For New Life Ministries

Gleanings For The Hungry partnered with *Hope for New Life* to provide food and hope to hundreds of orphans and the less fortunate facing hunger in Uganda.

Distribution of food took place throughout Uganda, including Pabbo, Kigumba, Adjumani, Kamengo, Mpigi, and Mizinro. A large extent of the distribution occurred at Kinships Centers, where distribution points could be set up at existing buildings. Food was also provided directly through home-based care, church kitchens, or given to communities in bulk.

Hope for New Life's evangelistic team also took time to hand out food sacks to families and children, those who had not previously been reached by the church. As a result, a feeding program has been established for low-income families.

Peter's Story

Peter's dream is to become a doctor, but his dream seemed to fall to pieces when his parents died. At 11 years of age, Peter had to go to work collecting water for people. The money he was given in return was again handed off to his grandmother to buy them food.

Despite this arrangement, Peter was always hungry and had no one to look out for him as he worked. His life became too difficult for him to stand; he eventually resorted to sleeping in bushes and eating from garbage dumps with other homeless children.

Eventually, he came across some children from *Hope for New Life's* Kinship Center in Kyengera and saw how they were happy. Ruth Nakamya, a caregiver, noticed Peter and invited him to share their food.

Now Peter is a happy, healthy boy eating three meals a day. "I feel good here because I have enough food." Peter said. "Before I came to this Kinship Center, I did not know who Jesus was, but I met Him here."

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We are excited to start this year with enthusiasm, and a team of motivated volunteers. In January we always have several mission builders, mostly snowbirds from up north, who stay with us anywhere from one to three months. Our main focus this season is producing the soup and working on maintenance in the fruit plant. Desiring to improve the ability to clean the peach plant area, we are working on pouring a new floor that will cover all the uneven places and cracks.

A group of 22 people will be serving in Haiti for nine days with the Mission of Grace ministry. Eight of our staff will be part of the team, which will give them an opportunity to distribute food and love on people in need.

Thank you for generous support with prayer and finances.

May the Lord bless you,

Fritz Meier

