

## Summer Time at Gleanings!

Peaches, peaches everywhere! Hot summer sun. Noise. Busyness. Lots of young people. Laughter and games. Blessings and the presence of God. That is summer time at Gleanings. Some days we've received less fruit than we could process, but God has provided for us faithfully. We have seen the Lord move in the lives of people serving here.



The sound of forklifts can be heard in the early morning when summer staff prepare for the work day ahead. A typical day starts with new trays of freshly processed fruit being laid out in the sun. At the same time dried fruit is being picked up on another part of the field. The new trays are checked to make sure the fruit faces the sun for the best drying results. Back at the plant the dried fruit



is packed into buckets, while the processing of fresh fruit has already started. Wednesday afternoon is time off, allowing teams a visit to the local water park or just time to relax. Many teams run Bible studies or devotional times in the evenings. On Friday night we have a special meal together called a Love Feast. The dining room tables are decorated and with everyone dressed nicely, the atmosphere is festive. A time of praise and worship is followed



by a drama performed by the summer staff and a guest speaker sharing. Saturday morning during chapel there is opportunity for volunteers to share about the impact the week has had on their lives. Afterwards there is time for the last of the processed fruit to be laid out on the field and dried fruit moved out of the sun. After clean up in dorms and bathrooms is completed the teams are ready to leave following a light lunch.

**“Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
nor fruit be on the vines...  
yet I will rejoice in the Lord;  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation”**

**Habakkuk 3 : 17,18**

**We are still accepting applications for the Discipleship Training School starting in October this year. More information and application forms can be obtained from our website or by contacting the office.**



### Ten-plex Progress

Good progress is being made on the Ten-plex. The insulation is being installed in the walls and ceilings and the siding is progressing well. Colors and finishes for the walls and surfaces have been selected. The planning for the stairs has been completed and they are presently being built.



## Kenya

“The container of soup mix donated to *Feed The Hungry* in June has been sent to northern Kenya, specifically the Turkana region, as part of our drought/famine intervention efforts. Working in conjunction with the *Bible & Literacy League* of Kenya and the *Africa Inland Church* has allowed the distribution of critically needed food aid to build bridges and open doors with the Turkana people. We **very much** appreciate our partnership with *Gleanings* as we work together for God’s kingdom cause in the nations.”



## Philippines

“Blessings to all at “*Gleanings for the Hungry*” for the tireless work of the Lord that He has entrusted you with! This is the latest set of pictures from the Philippines, and as you can see, they love the soup. Before this shipment of food came from *Wings Of Love Ministries* the children missed the veggie soup. We gave some of the veggie mix to our outreach churches. Some to our bible study group. You can see in the picture the fruit of our labour. Praise the Lord! Glory to God for bringing more souls to new life. We distributed the mix nuts bar this afternoon.”



## Japan



Unloading soup mix in Japan as part of the earthquake and tsunami relief effort.

## South Africa

“We would like to thank you very much for the way that you have helped the rural children of *Hope Valley Farm School* and the people in the squatter camp in Camperdown. Ever since you started giving the soup/veggie mix and other food the childrens’ concentration in the school has greatly improved. Many of them come to school having not eaten in the morning. This year more children have applied to come to the school and now we have 86 learners. Unfortunately we had to turn others away because of space availability. We enclose pictures of the children receiving their cooked food and dried fruit which is a special treat for them”

**Updated report** - “Again we want to thank you so much for the food that you have given to the school. The children have benefited enormously from their hot meal each day. The school is growing and the children are indeed benefitting enormously from quality teaching. We now have 100 students at the school and three new teachers that are fully qualified. The 14 extra students that are attending the school now come from an orphanage not far from here. It is so good to be able to give these children a good wholesome meal each day. Our matrics (seniors) are working hard as their final exams are just around the corner. It is so encouraging to see that they are really making an effort to do their best and we are trusting that this will be their gateway to a future which will allow them to persue their dreams and ambitions.”

