

## It is Summer Fruit Season at Gleanings !



**Gleanings' staff Rod Lawrence and Jenny Bruce, with the Summer Staff**

### New Staff Member



#### Discipleship Training School 2013-2014

September 30, 2013 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.

For the 2013 Summer Fruit Season we have enlisted, once again, the help of a team of young people who volunteer their summer to help out as summer staff here at **Gleanings**. Our summer crew come alongside the full time **Gleanings'** staff and play a major role in getting the work done during the 13 weeks that make up our summer season. Full time staff, Rod Lawrence and Jenny Bruce, are leading our summer team this year. We are thankful for each volunteer who chooses to spend their summer working together with our staff and volunteers. We wish you a summer of abundant blessings from the Lord.

*"This is my commandment:  
That you love one another as I have  
loved you."*

John 15:12

The **Gleanings'** Board of Directors had their annual meeting in May. We welcomed three new board members, Eric Rivera, Colleen Lawrence, and Bonnie Olson. We want to express our thanks to all the board members for their service to **Gleanings For The Hungry**. The board and staff took the opportunity, during that time, to pray over and dedicate the new Ten-Plex building.

Olivia Melendez joined our full time staff in May after completing the Discipleship Training School here at **Gleanings** in March. Olivia comes to us from Oakdale, California. She is one of our summer staff and serves in the office.

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.  
It is the Lord Christ you are serving"*

Col 3:23-24

### Wedding Bells

In May, full time **Gleanings'** staff member Mary Lou Schnutenhaus married mission builder Dan Barthold. The Barths will continue to serve at **Gleanings** for the time being. We celebrate with them and give thanks and praise to God Who delights in giving us the desire of our hearts.



Please pray  
for  
containers  
en route:

Cuba

Mexico 2x

Cambodia

Ghana

Burkina Faso

El Salvador

South Africa

# Haiti

“How can I tell you what a blessing this food is? Not only do I have food for all the school children in my village but my wife is able to give food to many of the poor families in my church as well. Life is very hard in my area during this time. The corn crop is not good so there is little to eat and little to sell. When I’m on the street I see people begging all the time. They will look at me and say, “Give me 5 dollars please. I’m so hungry.” My heart is sad to see so much need in my area but I praise God for this food we have to share with everyone. For Pastor Nahum’s orphans, school children, and the people of his village, this food is nothing less than a miracle.

The school children, about 200 of them, rise early for school, leave their mud huts, walk the streets, and find a seat on the wooden benches under that sheet metal roof at Gilbert Christian School, tummies completely



empty. Their parents couldn’t even offer them the smallest piece of bread. The first day of school is scheduled to open October 3rd but this school year will look different because, praise God, there is food now! When these hungry children arrive at school Pastor Nahum has food for them. There is food and it’s all a beautiful God-glory miracle!! Even now before school has opened, Pastor Nahum invites the children to share in the blessing of this food. Pastor Nahum’s wife mixes the vegetable soup with some rice and creates a delicious filling meal that all the children love. When the tummy of a hungry child is filled, joy becomes something you can hold in your hands and see with your eyes. You don’t look at this sort of poverty and walk away. You feed them. **Back to Life Ministries** wants to give a heartfelt thanks to **Feeding the Nations** for partnering with us to provide this desperately needed food

to the poverty stricken people in Mirebalais, Haiti. Your sacrifice and willingness to share with our Haitian sisters and brothers has forever left a mark of beauty in their dark world. Your gift has lessened their burdens and touched them with God’s love in a tangible way. And I can’t find better words to say in this moment than the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 9:12, “For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God.” We at **Feeding The Nations**, believe the best way to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a child is to show them His love real in their lives. The sacrifices of those who made it possible for the hundreds of children to be fed with this food at

Pastor Nahum’s school, as well as distributed to needy families in his church, has given Pastor

**South Africa** **Happy Days Creche** at Malangeni - Kwazulu-Natal “Dear Dudley - Many thanks for the 20 buckets of dried fruit that we collected from **Container Ministries** yesterday. We are again extremely grateful for your generosity, and the amazing way that God is using you and your team in blessing the less fortunate within our midst. There is no doubt, whenever we go out to distribute food and clothing it brings great excitement to the staff and children that we are reaching out to, and we have great times of worship, prayer, and spreading the gospel.

Attached is a photograph we took of the staff and children at **Happy Days Creche** where we had a food drop yesterday. Thank you very much.”



Nahum multiple opportunities to combine the truth of God’s word while meeting their physical needs. Together this has beautifully represented Jesus to these sweet children, increasing their faith and bringing them hope.’

## Director's Corner

Dear Gleanings' Friends,

We are full of gratitude, and love what the Lord is doing at Gleanings. Going into fruit season we are confident the Lord will be more than enough to supply all our needs. Today our first truck load of peaches rolled in and we have a full house, with all the volunteers needed to get the job done. Things couldn't look much better; still I am reminded that Jesus is after our hearts and our love, not our performance. May we keep the priorities right, rejoicing in Him and not in the things He blesses us with. Our theme verse for this summer is John 15:12. “This is my commandment: That you love one another as I have loved you.” May we be touched by the Holy Spirit to receive and give more love and increasingly become more like Jesus.

Have a great summer. We love you all.

Fritz Meier