

Gleanings For The Hungry

A Ministry of Youth With A Mission



DTS OUTREACHES

The students in our Discipleship Training School (DTS) joined **Convoy of Hope** in Fresno to minister to the poor and needy. Over 2,500 volunteers came to serve their community of 7,000 guests during the two day outreach. All the volunteers were given an informative reception and thank-you party the Friday night before the day of service. There were many departments available where volunteers could serve, anywhere from doing nails and giving haircuts to cooking meals and dental check-ups. Lizzie Paddock, one of our DTS students helped in the "Kid Zone". She played games with the many children that came and spent almost two hours making animal balloons to give away. "I really enjoyed my time. It was a good experience." Lizzie said, "I would do it

again, but next time I want to share more of my faith with the kids." Another student, J.D. Tuell, said, "I loved it!" He was in his element as he directed and escorted bands and performers to their designated areas, as well as helped in tearing down and setting up stage equipment. J.D. expressed, "I worked with some awesome people." as he explained his



opportunities to pray and interact with many different volunteers. Our DTS students seemed to branch out across the fairgrounds and spread Christ's love through prayer, service and loving smiles. "I got to smile at people, make them feel special, and give out free stuff. What better job could I have asked for?", Kathryn Pepper, a satisfied DTS staff member conveyed.

A Discipleship Training School is a five-month school which begins with a three-month lecture phase before proceeding to a two-month outreach phase. So we are proud to announce that this year's DTS outreach is in Colombia, South America! They left on January 1st and will return February 26th. Please pray that they are united as a team and that they will keep their focus on God.

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle, meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."
-Matthew 11:28-30

DONOR BANQUET



Gleanings has held an annual Donors' Banquet for the last few years. Our heart is to honor and bless the businesses and farmers that give us products and financial aid. Without their assistance and God's hand over them, we wouldn't be able to aid and care for those around the world. Our special guest speaker was Craig Muller, founder of **Warm Blankets**, an orphan care organization.

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NICARAGUA

Bryan's Life

When it is time for 10-year-old Bryan, to go to school, he wastes no time getting there. Every day at his school in Nicaragua he arrives hungry, but leaves satisfied after being fed by Convoy of Hope.

"I feel hopeful when I get food," he says. "Without it, I feel weak."

Bryan goes on to say he's hungry a lot at home because his family is poor, but the nutrients he gets at school help sustain him. A smart, charismatic boy, Bryan enjoys soccer and playing with his friends.

"Bryan's life transformation is representative of the more than 126,000 children enrolled in our Children's Feeding Initiative," says Dave Donaldson, co-founder of **Convoy of Hope**. "Providing hope to children through a nutritious meal helps them break boundaries and enjoy life as every child should.

I can't reiterate enough how this is only possible because of our incredibly generous partners."

Children just like Bryan, in eleven countries, are receiving meals provided by **Convoy of Hope**.



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PHILIPPINES

Lee's Life

Lee Miguel*, 12, came to **Convoy of Hope's** feeding site at a garbage dump near Cebu City, Philippines, with only a small plastic sack in his hand. He'd walked far from his home on the other side of the dump just to get a meal. Holding out his sack for the soupy rice mixture that had been prepared, the look of desperation on his face was unmistakable.

"Oh, no we can't put food in there," said the woman serving the food. "It's too hot."

She quickly began looking for a container and filled his bowl with food.

His desperation turned into hope as he walked away with a smile on his face.

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Director's Corner

Dear Gleanings' Friend,

How could we begin this New Year without the hope of Jesus? The thought in itself is scary. Meditating on the word of God in John 16:33, is powerful. "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." We then become focused not on the world as we experience it, with trouble, but on the peace we have in the midst of it. With Jesus we are overcomers in the storms of life. The Holy Spirit will guide us and comfort us when all the circumstances seem to scream in our face that there is no way to succeed in life. And just in that moment, faith rises up and we can listen to that still small voice inside that is full of hope and love. We become refreshed by His words that nothing is impossible for him who believes! With Jesus this will be the best year ever.

I pray you will grow in faith and love this year like never before, personally, and as a church.
I'm looking forward to meeting many of you again this year. Have a great 2014!

Fritz Meier