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# Gleanings For The Hungry

A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

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## SEE YOU SOON!

Tanja Gschwend, from Switzerland, has served at *Gleanings* since last April 2013. Because of visa issues she must leave us by the end of this month. She plans on visiting her family in Europe while she is applying for another religious visa. Please pray that she will be given another one year visa and that the process goes quickly. We pray and hope to see her here before the summer starts. May God bless her in this next adventure.



## HELLO TRAIL MIX

Our trail mix season started January 2nd with the arrival of Chris Wilson from *CES Foodlogistik USA*. He brought fruit cutting machines to cut our dried peaches for the trail mix. Because of the use of this machine we are now able to more easily create hundreds of pounds of trail mix each week. God has also blessed us with a donation of freeze-dried berries, which otherwise would have been very expensive to purchase. We are blessed to have many hands helping us with creating a delicious and nutritious trail mix to send around the world.



## WELCOME WILLIAM!

We would like to congratulate Jim and Ralene Stine with their newest addition to the family. William Colt James Stine arrived December 17, 2013 at 7:07pm. He weighed 8lbs 9oz and was 22" long. When the Stines found out that their niece was pregnant and unable to care for the child they prayed about taking him as their own. As they prayed, God impressed on their hearts to adopt, bringing joy and peace to the birth mother's heart. So, the sixth Stine child arrived with celebration!



## DTS VALLEY OUTREACH

From left to right, Heidi (DTS Leader) and Jamie (DTS Student) are leading and doing a DTS outreach here in the Central Valley as well as in other parts of California. As these two ladies go to each location that God has put on their hearts, they have witnessed the hand of God move before them. They have observed miracles and have seen prayers answered. They have started a prayer booth, and even joined other outreach teams to show Christ's love. There are no limits for these mighty women of God.



## WELCOME LIANA!

We would like to also congratulate Randy and Eliane Erickson on the birth of their first child last summer. Liana Erickson was born July 10, 2013. She weighed 7lbs 12oz and was 19" long. She has already traveled to Switzerland and back before turning six months old. We pray that God will bless this little girl as she grows.

"It always protects, always trusts,  
 always hopes, always perseveres.  
 Love never fails"  
 - 1 Corinthians 13:7,8a



## DTS COLOMBIA OUTREACH

The DTS Colombia team has been hard at work ministering to villagers along the Amazon River. They have also been to Leticia, Saragozza and Cartagena. The team is led by Base Director Fritz Meier, his wife Cindy, Jim Biermann, and Kathryn Pepper. Part of the team's ministry includes skits for the people they meet and making crafts with the children. They also go door to door bringing food and prayer. Many people have been touched by their obedience to Christ. Fritz, Cindy and their children will be arriving home the middle of this month. The rest of the team continues to finish up their outreach in Bogota.

# Zambia

The Republic of Zambia is no stranger to poverty. Its economic instability is fed by fluctuating copper prices, agricultural policy changes, and the high cost of the country's HIV/AIDS burden. In 2005, the country qualified for debt relief under the Highly Indebted Poor Country Initiative. Today, the country- sixth in the world for HIV/AIDS- is home to 13.8 million people with 64% living at the poverty level.

**Global Aid Network** (GAIN) is partnering with **Campus Crusade for Christ Zambia**(CCCZ) to meet the needs of people in this southeast African country. Shipments of aid to benefit the people living here have included food, seeds, medicine and mobility equipment, among other things.

Gleanings for the Hungry donated 116 barrels of dried soup mix to benefit men, women and children in Zambia. The following stories share a glimpse of the impact this donation has made in the lives of thousands of Zambians.

## A Joyful Grandmother of Five –

**Global Aid Network** staff members worked alongside **CCCZ** in an area in Lusaka called John Laing. It is a densely populated area where most people do not have a stable source of income. With the help of the Pastors' Fellowship in the area, the team had been able to identify a widow in need named Mrs. Tembo, grandmother of five. The team presented Mrs. Tembo with 20 packets of soup mix. She was very excited to receive the food, and she thanked God for the gift provided by **Gleanings for the Hungry**. She was so joyful that she cried over the kindness shown to her family.



## Steve and His Mother –

Steve Mumba lives in Kabanana Compound. He lived a normal life until he had a stroke in 2012. He had been working at a local company, but is currently unemployed due to his medical challenges. A missionary team brought Steve some crutches after he had the stroke. He has experienced challenges with his legs and is cared for by his mother Katie. The missions' team visited him again and shared some packets of soup mix. Steve was grateful to God for the soup mix as he is unable to provide for his family. He expressed gratitude for the love shown to him.

## Tears of Joy –

Mrs. Kangwa, a 45-year-old widow, lives in Linda Compound, which is on the outskirts of Lusaka. She has four school-aged children. A group of missionaries went to visit her and her family and brought the children school supply kits. Later, they returned to give her soup mix. The children broke down in tears as they thanked God for the provision. Mrs. Kangwa shared with the team that the previous day the children only had one meal. Mrs. Kangwa and her children expressed joy and deep gratitude for the soup mix.



## Director's Corner

This is the month when the world focuses on love! However at Gleanings for the Hungry, it is our prayer and practice to love each and every day of the year! We are intentional to not only love everyone who passes through our gates, but to also love those in our neighborhood, community and the world. Jesus was asked, "Teacher, which command in God's law is the most important?" Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence. This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.'" (MSG Matt. 22:36-39) At Gleanings, our desire is to extend agape, or the unconditional love of our father God, demonstrated to us by Jesus, our Savior. Love bridges gaps, tears down walls, heals broken hearts and offers hope to the destitute! We are so thankful that Gleanings is a conduit in sharing God's love; reaching out to others to meet both their physical and spiritual needs. Thank you for being in partnership with us as we love the world together. We count it a blessing and privilege to serve alongside you.