

WELCOME CIERRA!

Cierra Bellisomi came on staff at the beginning of April from Santa Cruz, California. She did her Discipleship Training School (DTS) here at Gleanings For The Hungry in 2013-2014, which started last October and was completed in February. Cierra serves in many capacities including reception, housekeeping, hospitality, and managing the gift shop. Her sweet presence is a blessing.



**"MY HEART IS OVERFLOWING WITH A GOOD THEME;
I RECITE MY COMPOSITION CONCERNING THE KING;
MY TONGUE IS THE PEN OF A READY WRITER."**

- PSALM 45:1 -

Discipleship Training School 2014 - 2015

September 29, 2014 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.

SULFUR TUNNEL RENOVATION

We are in the process of building new sulfur chambers for our summer fruit season. The plan is to move them closer to the peach field. They will be farther away from the pool and dorms, creating better air quality for our guests. A few things we can use prayer for are:

- Finances for permits and supplies
- Competent volunteers for a successful completion



Blocks for Sulfur Tunnels



Pool Repair



Dorm Remodel



Tray Repair



Prayer for Summer Staff



Putting up Shade Cloths

PREPARING FOR SUMMER

While the soup plant produces bags of dried soup mix through the fall and spring months, there are preparations

for the coming intense summer months. The summer fruit drying season only lasts 13 weeks, but is our busiest time of year. Due to extreme heat, and fruit that is often damaged or very ripe, the bins of peaches and nectarines need to be processed as soon as possible. By the time the first bins of fruit arrive, *Gleanings* has to be ready. That includes servicing the processing plant, ensuring enough buckets are washed and sterilized, repairing fruit drying trays and making new ones as needed. So, we are preparing and expecting God to do great things this summer.

Missions to Mexico

Ten people from seven different countries traveled from the YWAM base *Gleanings' For The Hungry* to San Luis, Mexico. It was a last minute missions trip that came together in 1 ½ weeks' time. The groups' goal was to take *Gleanings'* soup mix over the border and get it into the hands of the appointed organization. Five days were allotted for traveling and serving the community of San Luis. Two whole days were taken for traveling and the other three were spent handing out food, cleaning houses, visiting families, and doing outdoor projects. Our team split up into two groups during the day, allowing us to bless individual families and work in the community. The first team, two guys, spent a majority of the trip assisting in the building of a septic tank for a couple, Apauli and Carmen. The second team went around the city visiting a school, a blind center, food and clothing tents, and homes of locals. The visits to Apauli and Carmen's house seemed to impact the group most. Carmen had lost her sight and a leg to diabetes. Apauli works hard to keep food on the table. At the same time he cares for his wife, as she cannot do many things herself. She longs for company and he longs for help. The team from *Gleanings* provided both. They helped build the needed septic tank, cleared the yard of garbage, deep cleaned the house, and kept Carmen company. One team member, Olivia, ended up talking with Carmen for almost four hours. When they weren't talking, Olivia read the Bible to her. For the first time ever, Carmen heard the book of Ruth and enjoyed every bit of the story. She also had a chance to hear her favorite Psalm, which brought tears to her eyes. It wasn't until later Olivia found out Carmen had been praying for some years that someone would come and read the Bible to her. To say all involved were blessed is a bit of an understatement, but blessed they were indeed. God not only moved on the lives of the Mexicans the team met, but within the team as well. The non-believing backpackers on the team were challenged to reconsider their views on God and the believers were challenged to live out God's love. It wasn't long before a backpacker came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, realizing God loves her as much as He loves the people of Mexico.



Team Picture



Septic Tank



Apauli & Carmen's House



Elementary School

Director's Corner

Dear Gleanings' Friends,

It seems normal for us, as Jesus' followers, to rush forward to fulfill our calling. Then we experience how God removes obstacles and provides our every need for the task He has given us. We seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these other things are given to us as well. Matt. 6:33. The spiritual things come first, and then the natural provision will follow. The last four months we have labored to make soup, sending it to ministries that provide the food to people with physical needs and give testimony of God's love for them. We just sent a container to Iraq, where the food will go to Syrian refugees. Our work will bring blessing to these people and they will know that the cup of soup in their hand is a gift in the name of Jesus. Praises be to God. Will you help us accomplish our vision to feed the hungry? It seems like all our costs are increasing and we trust God will financially bless us to continue strong. Please pray about becoming a supporter, or share with your friends about the ministry here.

Thank you for your sacrifice and your love.
Fritz Meier