

DONOR BANQUET

Gleanings has held an annual Donor Banquet for the last several years, with the intent to bless and honor those who support our ministry. More than 60 farmers and representatives of the companies who have contributed product and financial aid came to share a delicious meal, and had a very special opportunity to hear from Loren Cunningham, founder of Youth With A Mission. The donors make our mission of caring for those around the world possible. We are grateful for the continual blessing they have been to *Gleanings for the Hungry*.



LOVE ONE
ANOTHER
WITH BROTHERLY
AFFECTION.
OUTDO ONE
ANOTHER IN
SHOWING HONOR.
ROMANS 12:10



RECREATIONAL ADVANCEMENTS

To fulfill a desire to enhance community activities, we are expanding our recreational capacity. A lighted basketball court and new volleyball court are currently being developed. Volunteers with the necessary experience and knowledge arrived in November, when the project began.



DTS Presses Forward

This past December our Discipleship Training School ended their three month lecture phase. The time was faithfully filled with the students learning God's truth in their lives and growing together as a team. The class attended several in-state outreaches. Weekly trips were made to Visalia, as well as a weekend excursion to a YWAM base in San Francisco; they ministered to the homeless in both locations. For their outreach, the DTS is headed to Kenya, following several containers filled with food and equipment sent in the months of October and November. The team will be led by Base Director Fritz Meier and his wife, DTS Director, Cindy, Jenny Bruce, and Olivia Meléndez. They are planning to work with Warm Blankets and Sower Kid's Ministry, as well as others.



Bread of Life Romania

Bread of Life is a ministry that believes in the evangelism of kindness; they share the gospel by first demonstrating Jesus' love in their deeds. From there, His Word advances. Every day, they distribute food to thousands of poor children and families through their many feeding centers all over the country.

North of Bucharest, in the Carpathian Mountains, *Bread of Life* began an orphan ministry in 2003. The orphanage has become a circle of light in the midst of extreme poverty; there's a spirit that cannot be missed. It is a haven for children of all ages who have lost their families, or whose parents simply could not care for them. The children's gratefulness can be seen each day as they all dedicate a time to sing and pray to their loving Father.

As a non-profit organization, *Bread of Life* relies on God's provision through donations. Recently, a container from *Gleanings* came their way, filled with both dry soup mix and dehydrated peaches. They found the soup mix to be an excellent new source of nutrition for the children and families who are fed on a daily basis, a welcome change from the normal rice and soy meals. The soup mix has also given them the ability to provide a healthier balance in nutrients, beyond what they previously served. The peaches have been an even bigger hit. 'Compot' is prepared by boiling the peaches and then adding sugar to the mixture before serving. This dessert is both a sweet treat and a wholesome snack. Alin Panic, director at *Bread of Life International*, thanks everyone at *Gleanings* for joining their efforts to assist the poor in Romania.

Prayer Requests

A covering of prayer would be appreciated for the following:

The DTS is ministering in Kenya and a container is en route.

A second container is headed to Liberia, in the heart of the ebola crisis.

The means to install solar panels to eliminate the high cost of electricity.

Provision for more soup product.



Director's Corner

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

I'm reminded of this Keith Green song today, as we prepare to enter into 2015. Everything we do is affected and covered by the redemptive power of Jesus. He redeems the most broken and desperate people. He redeems buildings and properties for His glory. We have hope in the most challenging situations, because there is a Redeemer who is capable of doing things we cannot even fathom. God has a plan for each one of us. This plan includes exchanging our limited selfish ability for becoming God-centered and God-empowered followers of Jesus. I pray that you, my dear friend, would be all that Jesus has destined you to be - equipped for every good work in His Kingdom. May we, as the church, come into a fullness of growing up into Him, reflecting the redemption of the Holy One.

Have a great new year,

Fritz Meier