

## New Staff Member Christopher Ralston

We are excited to introduce our newest staff member Christopher Ralston. Chris completed his Discipleship Training School in 2008, after returning from the outreach to Honduras and Guatemala. At the beginning of January, he joined full-time staff. Currently, Chris is working to help manage the soup plant. His many years volunteering at *Gleanings* make his arrival like welcoming a family member home.



## Off to Kenya

Distinct enthusiasm could be seen and felt as the 2014-2015 Discipleship Training School prepared to leave for their outreach at the end of December. Felicia, a student, said "I'm excited to go because I am ready to see God glorify Himself in us as a team." Students Charley and Tammy Picker are also taking their two young girls. Tammy expressed her anticipation "to operate as a family in hearing God's voice." Please keep them in your prayers. As they continue to minister in Kenya.



## Mission Builders

### Mike and Melissa Murray

The Murrays first volunteered in January 2012. Mike worked in the soup plant, then began helping with construction on the ten-plex when they returned in late 2012, building a reputation as a detailed and focused engineer. Last November, he took on the project of documenting the fruit plant's electrical motor wiring to simplify troubleshooting. Melissa initially helped across the base; after several projects, her skills and experience brought her to the office and reception. She also joined forces with Eliane Erickson to produce Christmas plays in 2012 and 2014.



"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him."

James 1:12

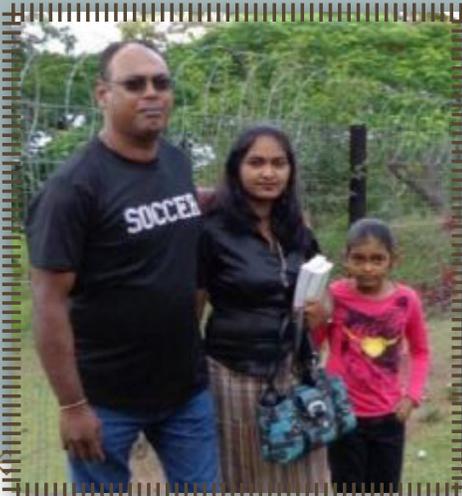
In an effort to reach wider audiences, the *Gleanings* media department recently launched a brand new YouTube channel, where you can view monthly video updates and other special uploads including *Gleanings'* original 2014 Christmas play. You can find it by typing 'gleanings for the hungry' into the YouTube search engine or following the link at the bottom of our website at [gleanings.org](http://gleanings.org).

# Smyrna Global Outreach

## Dry Fruit Testimony:

Our vehicle is old; we had a huge electrical problem and took it in for repairs to the auto electrician in Verulam. Once the vehicle was fixed, the owner of the workshop refused to charge for the job. I decided to bless them with something; I gave them a five liter container of dried fruit, a few bottles of shampoo, and bathing soaps.

The guys were sharing and enjoying eating dried fruit, except one who didn't want to eat because his hands were messy with grease. He decided to take his share of the dried fruit snack home, putting a handful into his pocket. When he got home, he left the fruit on the table thinking that he would have a bath and then eat. When he finished and came looking for it to eat, he found nothing. His wife had taken the dried fruit and shared it with her daughter and father-in-law. She enjoyed it so much that she asked her husband to bring more. He explained to her that he got the dried fruit when he repaired the pastor's vehicle. They refused payment for the repairs and the pastor gave them a container of the dried fruit in appreciation.



The wife loved the dried fruit so much that she kept on bothering her husband about it. He told his wife he had the pastor's number and she should phone the pastor and meet with him. She then asked her husband why she must phone or meet the pastor; she was born Hindu and would die Hindu! Finally, she changed her mind; she called the pastor and chatted. Over a time of talking and prayer, the entire family gave their heart to the Lord and they now fellowship with us at SGO church. Thanks to our partners for food support from *Container Ministry* and *Gleanings for the Hungry*. God bless you all!

-from Apostle Sardar Masih, *Smyrna Global Outreach*

## Philippines

When Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) hit central Philippines, *Gleanings* responded immediately, partnering with *Global Samaritan Resources*, in cooperation with *Feeding the Nations*. School children who survived the typhoon in the northern part of the province of Cebu benefited from our soup mix. Their health was quickly restored after receiving the valuable nutrients. They gained weight and became much more interested in their schooling and daily activities.



## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

*In an airplane flying to Africa with our Discipleship Training School outreach team is how 2015 began for me. For a week now, we have been ministering the gospel daily in schools, churches, hospitals, and on the streets, with everyone who would listen. I'm reminded every day of the awesome gift we have, and the responsibility to do as Jesus commanded, as many of the listeners receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. What a privilege to do God's work and see God's promise to mankind fulfilled – a life changed through forgiveness of sins and washed clean by the gift of God through Jesus. I dare you to pray for someone to get saved through your testimony, go out there and share about your life with Jesus, and how the truth has set you free. God wants to use you. Trust Him to lead you, wherever you are today.*

*May the Holy Spirit guide you and speak to you.  
Love and Blessings to you,*

*Fritz*