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# Gleanings For The Hungry

A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

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## A New Truck on the Road



Due to a new air quality bill, having taken effect at the beginning of the year, we realized it was time to upgrade our truck. We were told our truck was too old and would require investing approximately \$20,000 into parts. After much thought, the leadership team decided that a new truck was a better long-term investment than a short five-year fling. Our staff began praying for a new truck around the beginning of May. Fundraising started, and within three weeks we had \$36,000 and the paperwork underway. As the truck came in, the *Gleanings'* staff was excited to see that things had moved so quickly. We were proud to see our new truck on the road heading out to pick up the first load of peaches. It was an answer to prayer to have the truck in time for the beginning of the fruit season. Our God is so good!

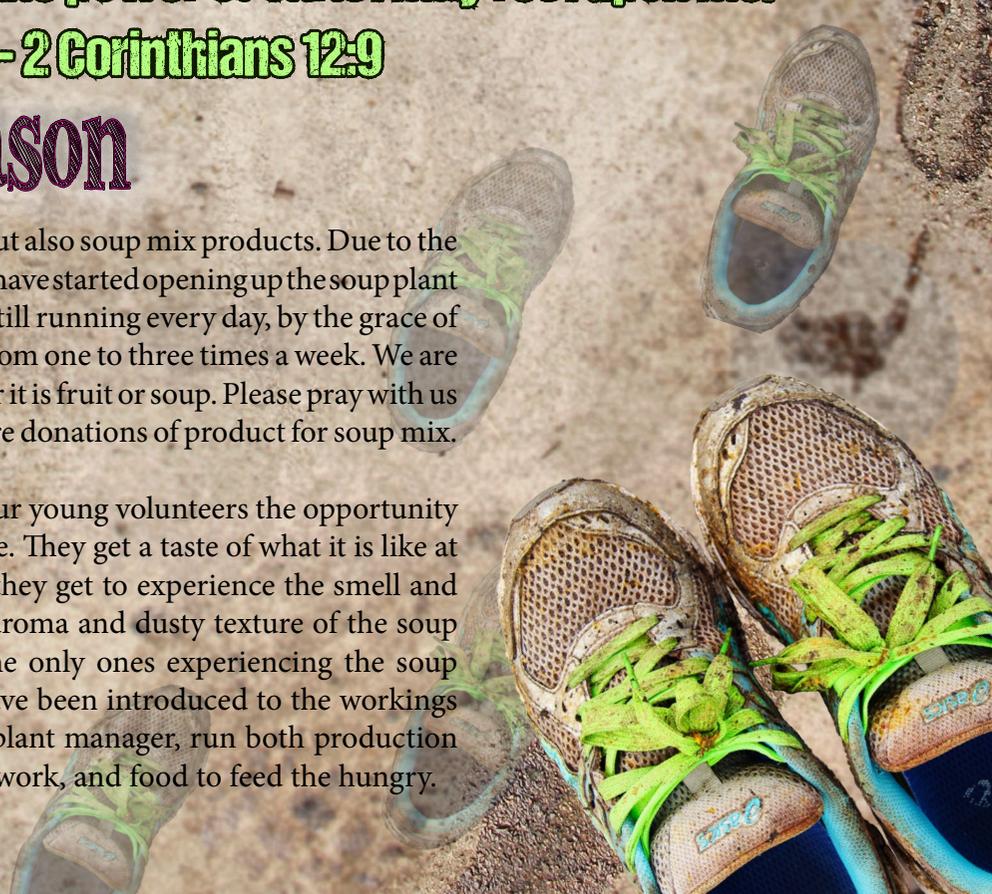
**“And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my weakness, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”**

**- 2 Corinthians 12:9**

## Fruit + Soup Season

Summer 2015 has not only brought in fruit, but also soup mix products. Due to the fact that it is getting harder to procure fruit, we have started opening up the soup plant when we have extra hands. The fruit plant is still running every day, by the grace of God. The soup plant is operating anywhere from one to three times a week. We are thankful that food is being produced, whether it is fruit or soup. Please pray with us for the supply of fruit to continue and for more donations of product for soup mix.

Opening the soup plant has given many of our young volunteers the opportunity to experience the soup plant for the first time. They get a taste of what it is like at *Gleanings* the rest of the year. Not only do they get to experience the smell and slime of the peaches, but take in the garlic aroma and dusty texture of the soup mix. The young weekly volunteers aren't the only ones experiencing the soup plant for the first time. Our summer staff have been introduced to the workings of both plants and can now help Rory, our plant manager, run both production lines. All in all, we have been blessed with work, and food to feed the hungry.



# FJI



**Gleanings'** soup mix has opened a huge door for **Alpha Ministries** (based in Canada) to reach Fijian prisoners and youth. In the years 2008 and 2010, **Gleanings For The Hungry** sent food after devastating tropical cyclones had destroyed both crops and homes. Word reached the Commissioner of **Fiji Corrections** about these two containers. Earlier this year, in January, the Commissioner requested more food to assist in their feeding programs. The **Fiji Corrections Service** was thrilled by the response and will oversee its distribution to all 14 prisons and youth detention facilities in the nation. This nutritious product will supplement the very basic diet of the inmates.

As a result, the gospel has been given through the implementation of the **Alpha Course** as the primary source for the rehabilitation of the inmates. Because of the food, and the subsequent visit of a small team from **Alpha Ministries**, every inmate will participate in an **Alpha** program within six weeks of incarceration. All the prison guards will also attend the course and be trained to lead it as well! Amazing fruits are already being seen and we thank God for another opportunity to make the most crucial difference in the lives of others.

## Director's Corner

Dear Reader,

Every so often I ponder where the ministry is going and what is necessary to get there. Then I think of our founder, Wally Wenge, and his wife Norma, and the call God gave them to feed needy people both physically and spiritually. We are striving to feed more kids, more widows, and more people, who do not have opportunity to support themselves. Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Matt 25:35. We believe God's call on our lives, to do just that, is as valid as the vision Wally and Norma had 33 years ago. God has been so faithful in every season of **Gleanings'** growth. Even this summer, when we don't know how much fruit will be available for the poor, we experience daily provision of the cull fruit to dry for God's glory. Sometimes I'm overwhelmed with the generosity of our farmers and packers who are participating in this cause with us. God is doing His will through us and He uses many who agree with our vision. We are grateful for every single one of you!

May the Lord's love be your source of joy today.

Fritz Meier

