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Gleanings For The Hungry

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A Ministry of Youth With A Mission



Bruce is from British Columbia, Canada. In 2009, he graduated from his Discipleship Training School in Kona. Bruce became involved with *Gleanings* in 2015; he helped the former director of procurement and distribution, Eric Rivera, establish a tracking system for donations and communications. He then took over the job during the summer as Eric's family were on sabbatical. Bruce joined *Gleanings'* staff as the full-time director for procurement and distribution in January. Bruce has three children and four grandchildren residing in British Columbia.

Welcome Bruce

*Out of my distress I called on
the Lord; the Lord answered
me and set me free. The Lord
is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?*

Psalm 118:5-6



Looking for something new this summer?

SUMMER STAFF

Ages: 17 (turning
18 this year) to 25

Cost: \$100 a month
to cover food and
rooming

Fruit season runs
from May 29th to
September 2nd



Hope of the Nations

After over eight years at *Gleanings For The Hungry*, Eric and Lisa Rivera and their two youngest children flew to Guatemala in early January to start a feeding ministry, *Hope Of The Nations*.

A news report from September 2015 reflects the country's great need, stating that 170,000 Guatemalan families have no food reserves left. This is the third consecutive year they have been hit by drought. Families in mostly poor, indigenous communities in rural areas are now eating only one or two meals a day. The extended dry spell is expected to last until March 2016, leading to a drastically reduced harvest that will destroy bean and maize crops, the country's staple foods. Families are at risk of losing between 50 to 100 percent of their next maize harvest.

A feeding center called the Nim Jay was built to combat severe malnutrition that was identified in Yalu, a small, rural Mayan village in Guatemala. Eric Rivera has come alongside Nim Jay to help feed 150 – 200 children a day. The *Gleanings'* family is looking forward to working with *Hope Of The Nations* to "Feed More Kids".

Please pray for the Riveras as they continue to follow the Lord's lead in their new home and ministry. Many new adventures and challenges have already come their way and we are thankful that our God is faithful to them as they are to Him.

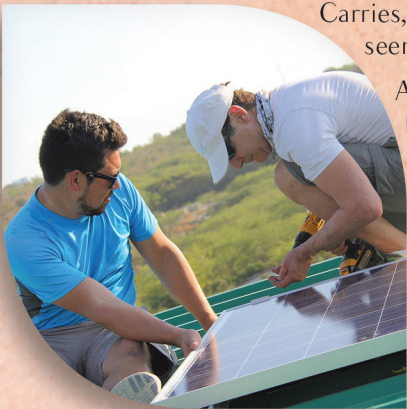
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Outreach Report

We headed out on Friday, January 15th, packed, pumped, and ready to go. Our team consisted of eight *Gleanings'* members and twelve others who have been involved with our ministry in various capacities. Although we hoped to be in Carries, Haiti, early the next day, flight delays kept us from reaching our destination until Sunday night. When we finally arrived, we received a warm reception from Miss Lynn and Miss Kim of *Mission of Grace*. By then, we also became well-grounded as a team, ready to take on the next several days.

Our number allowed us to help in several areas simultaneously. While in the mornings some headed up to the construction site of the elderly home to install the solar system and wiring, many others gave their assistance in the clinic or schools. For several of the team, their favorite place to be was at the *Children of Grace* orphanage, playing with the kids or loving on the babies.

For five of our team members, Fritz, George, Randy, Dan, and Mary Lou, this trip also gave them the joy of connecting with their respective sponsor children. And for those who had made previous trips to Carries, they had the chance to see and interact with children they had not seen in several years.



A few of the men were privileged to help unload a truck full of supplies from the *Gleanings'* container. It is one sort of beautiful thing to see the containers head out from *Gleanings* and quite another to be on the receiving side. About half a dozen Haitian men helped us unload computer supplies, furniture, and soup barrels. They were each given soup packets for their efforts.

During the time a few of our team members shared Bible stories in the school, twelve children committed their lives to the Lord. This opened the door to talk to the children's families, several of whom also accepted Christ's salvation.

Director's Corner

On this side of heaven, everyone has been given a life controlled by months, days, and hours. Time often seems short, but time gives us a ruler for God's blessings. We all steward the gifts and resources given to us. The measure of time allows us to put into perspective the increase and multiplication of living Godly lives. Having gone to Haiti recurrently with a *Gleanings'* team for five years now, this understanding has become real! Carries, the village where we minister, is a better place today. The people are understanding the love of God; the missionaries and the church are thriving in worship and Word. The malnourished babies from five years ago have become healthy and strong. Looking at these past five years gives me a desire to bow down and worship Him for blessing us to be a blessing!

May you receive feedback of your impact on others that will encourage you to give your time and resources, as a good steward does.

May the Lord bless you a million ways!

Fritz Meier

