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## in with the new

One of the biggest struggles at the warehouse was the old fumigation tunnel. Made from an old shipping container, the tunnel was too narrow to accommodate a full load of product. Another problem arose when fumigating the 2,000 lb. totes in which we receive the bulk of our soup ingredients; the totes would occasionally snag on the walls, causing horrible spills.

The fumigation process is a health precaution. The tunnel is filled with gaseous fumigants to rid the product of any live pests, and is a necessary part of soup production. Thus, the construction of cement block tunnels commenced. The new tunnels have enough space to not only hold an entire shipment's worth of product, but are equipped with side-rails that guide the forklifts to prevent scraping the totes against the walls.

Construction is now completed; we are grateful for all the experienced help and hard workers the Lord sent our way at just the right time.



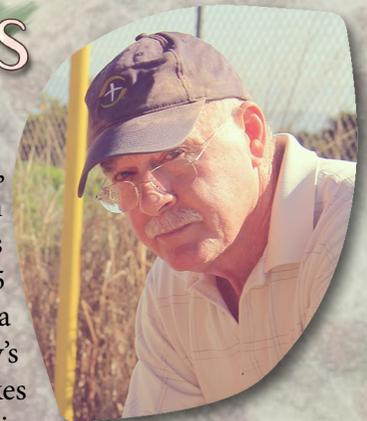
Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. *DO NOT FEAR THEIR THREATS; DO NOT BE FRIGHTENED. 1 Peter 3:13-14*

## Containers In Transit

Nicaragua  
Uganda  
Philippines  
Moldova  
Ukraine  
Ghana  
Haiti  
Cuba

## Larry Hicks Mission Builder

We are very blessed to have our friend, Larry Hicks, regularly volunteer as a mission builder. Larry first heard about Gleanings through friends he made during his 2005 Crossroads DTS. Since then, he has served as a mission builder for three months every year. Larry's professional background in construction makes him the perfect candidate for many jobs that arise, including supervising the brick-laying for the walls of the new fumigation tunnels. Larry has been blessed, in return, by the many friendships he has cultivated through the years. "I remember when I first came to *Gleanings*," he says, "Rick O'Dwyer, [the former director,] said that 'it doesn't matter if you're in the soup plant or sweeping the floor, you're a part of the ministry.' That really spoke to me." He is thankful for the Lord's faithfulness and for an opportunity to be part of the ministry by using his skills.



# South Africa

## KwaZulu-Natal Province

African non-profit *The Container Ministry* recently transported 112 barrels of *Gleanings'* dried soup mix to South Africa, which was distributed by 156 missionaries and agencies, bringing relief to the poor throughout the Kwazulu-Natal province and southern Mozambique. This is of particularly special interest to us here at *Gleanings*, as the outreach from our 2009/2010 discipleship school worked in these areas, with this very ministry. The soup, along with other food, has benefited schools, hospitals, clinics, orphanages, slum areas, and the rural poor. A large portion of the soup mix is being distributed to people who are in home-based care, including AIDS victims and parentless households.



One of the agencies to benefit from this abundance is *Crossroads Child and Youth Care Center*. The arrival of the food, packed into "Joy Boxes", was well-timed, since as of late, the care center has had trouble receiving their grant from the government. *Crossroads* typically uses these products exclusively for rural families and a local clinic, and this shipment gave them enough food for these purposes and beyond. Praise God!

A common prayer of our staff and volunteers is for the Lord to multiply the food we send from *Gleanings*. According to the report we received from the *Container Ministry*, 115,762 people are being fed partially, if not primarily, by the soup mix. Please join us in prayer, believing this food will feed beyond its natural capacity.

*The photo on the top left is of several of the students from the 2009/2010 Discipleship Training School distributing Joy Boxes.*

## Director's Corner

Dear Newsletter Reader,

Thank you for your interest in the ministry of Gleanings For The Hungry. I know many of you are praying for us, and for your own return to volunteer in the work of feeding the hungry. I do not want to take anything for granted, but with faith expect every blessing and increase from the loving hand of God. Prayer, I believe, is one of the main forces of blessing to us, as God moves on our behalf, and changes our own view towards things and people as we pray for them.

Some days we are absolutely stunned at God's timing and provision of food that is released for us to give away - God really cares for the needy and helpless and we are able to witness crazy favor! And then there are the amazing volunteers that come every week; we gather together every day in worship and a devotion before we head out to serve. This fellowship, including meals enjoyed together, reminds me of the church in the book of Acts. Thank you Lord Jesus for your presence!

In His love,

*Fritz Meier*