In addition to processing peaches, a number of property improvement projects were completed this summer. Fired Up youth worked hard to resurface our playground. They pulled weeds, laid tarp, and applied a new layer of woodchips, creating a cleaner and more enjoyable environment for our children. Rock landscaping for the RV Sites has been a goal for some time. Thanks to volunteers from three groups, it's now a reality. Fired Up from Oregon, Nebraska Presbyterian, and Village Church from Burbank, CA, labored in the hot sun to clean out and beautify the remaining sites. What a blessing to have the property enhanced.

Kathryn comes from beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and has been involved with Gleanings since 2008. She has been a mission builder, a student, a school leader, and is now on full time staff. Since completing her DTS in 2009, she has travelled with Gleanings Discipleship Training School outreaches in South Eastern Africa, South America, the United States, and Israel. Kathryn is currently serving in the Bookings office. “My passion is in creating things with my hands. Cooking, baking, sewing, painting, refinishing furniture, and being generally crafty are all things that make my hair fly back!” -Kathryn

Gleanings has an opportunity to install solar power on the property. Solar power will save us about $100,000 per year! Our dear friends, Wilshire Avenue Community Church, in Fullerton, CA will be hosting a benefit concert to raise funds for this project. We would be honored if you could be a part of this great event. You can join us on Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 pm, at 212 Wilshire Ave, Fullerton, CA. Please check www.wilshireave.com for full details. Of course, you can also donate to this project; just write in “Solar Project” beside “Other” on the response card.
SAVING LIVES FROM MALNUTRITION

Baby food donated through *Gleanings For The Hungry* literally saved a baby’s life. His mother, hospitalized since giving birth, was unable to nurse, so the baby boy lived on baby food given to *Hope For The Nations* in Guatemala. *Gleanings For The Hungry* bridges the gap between generous contributors who supply food, and those in need. As the food is distributed, it is a huge blessing for both the missionaries and the poor.

God has been opening many doors, and taking missionaries to different communities that suffer from malnutrition. *Samaritan’s Ministries* found six indigenous communities in Nicaragua belonging to a religious sect called “Brownistas”. No one is allowed a Bible, or contact with people outside their community; breaking these rules carries a risk of being murdered. Missionaries met the father of a malnourished two year old son. The son’s condition was so severe that he could not move his feet. He was fed regularly, and the gospel of Jesus was shared in secret. After receiving food for 30 days the boy started to move his feet! As the father told this miracle, one of the sect leaders was listening, and replied, “I want to hear this famous gospel and know about the food you are taking”. Praise the Lord! In one community 300 people started to be fed, and the gospel and love of Jesus was shared.

The missionaries also found a man who sought help for his 11 year old son who weighed only 22 pounds. The love of Christ, and food, was provided for the family. As the message of salvation was presented to the father he accepted Jesus and is now sharing the gospel in his community. God saves lives, as well as souls, through the food.

**Dear Gleanings Friends and Donors,**
The ministry of *Gleanings For The Hungry* has always focused on caring, and feeding people. Some of the strongest attributes that describe *Gleanings* are the gifts of service and hospitality. Almost everyone who volunteers here is blessed by the community and the spirit of giving and serving. Matthew 7:24, “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” It’s the one who does the word of the Lord, not just reads or memorizes it, who will be blessed. *Gleanings* offers a beautiful opportunity to participate in what Jesus called us to do, as we forget about ourselves and our comfort, roll up our sleeves, and help people in need.

If you have never been here, why don’t you sign up for a day, or a week, and come join us!

Thanks for reading this newsletter, and for your friendship. May the Lord bless you and help us all to be better doers!

_Fritz Meier_