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# Gleanings For The Hungry

A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

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**"I TRUST IN GOD'S UNFAILING LOVE FOR EVER AND EVER. FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE I WILL ALWAYS PRAISE YOU IN THE PRESENCE OF YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE. AND I WILL HOPE IN YOUR NAME, FOR YOUR NAME IS GOOD." PSALMS 52:8-9**

## Meet Gabe Santos: A Backpacker's perspective

"Today I see the world in a different way," Gabriel Santos – International Traveler from Brazil, "not egotistically, but that the best way to live is to help others."

More than 100 international travelers discovered Gleanings for the Hungry this past year, on various "backpacker's" websites. These young people desire to experience different cultures and do something productive. Gabriel chose to work at Gleanings for three weeks during the summer

fruit season, but his stay was so unique and meaningful, he absolutely did not want to leave. He requested to spend the remainder of the summer with us and became our woodshop supervisor. Gabriel was a huge blessing, conscientiously organizing and cleaning the woodshop, and directing the young people who worked repairing fruit trays.

Gabriel continues his testimony, "My future plan is to be a mission builder. I will go to different Youth with a Mission bases to serve for the next few years. This place presented me an opportunity to have a different experience in my life. I am now a different person, better than before, and I am very happy. I thank all the staff and summer staff at Gleanings for all the friends I've made here."

Our staff at Gleanings are thankful for the many opportunities afforded them to impact the lives of those who serve with the ministry.



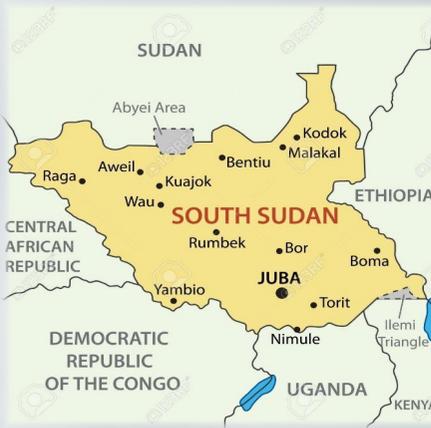
## Moving on

Jamie Taylor served as a staff member in the kitchen and housekeeping department, and also created our prayer room. She and her daughters, Ashton and Naomi, moved in August, and Jamie is currently attending a leadership school on the California coast. Thank you, Jamie, for your faithful service and hard work!



# Wings of HEALING

## SOUTH SUDAN



“United we stand, divided we fall.” This is the message Amanda Samrani preached as she distributed Gleanings’ soup mix in her native South Sudan a short time ago.

Founded in 2011, **The Republic of South Sudan** is struggling to find stability and peace as its people suffer under the ravages of war, poverty, and famine. Recently, **Gleanings’** partnered with “**Wings of Healing**”, a ministry in Kajo-keji, near the nation’s capital, Juba. The soup was distributed to many people in need, the majority of them senior citizens. “There is no healthy aging in South Sudan in general,” Samrani writes. “Some of them are chronically sick, with no proper medication; poor feeding alone leads to poor health,” but after receiving the **Gleanings’** soup mix, “the malnourished elderly people improved.”



The goal of **Gleanings for the Hungry** is for every shipment of food to go out with the Gospel message, in the hopes of feeding both soul and body. “In every distribution center we attached church ministers to share good news with the groups that came to receive the food, and prayers were offered. We witnessed comfort and revival among them.”

Reading from Acts 4: 32 - 35, she urged those listening to be united in heart and mind, to follow the early church’s example in giving generously and sharing all that they had: “...the apostles became successful in their mission because they were united in heart and mind. My fellow

countrymen and women, we are living in a difficult world and have ups and downs in our families, communities, counties, states and in South Sudan in general. Hence, if we emulate what the first believers did, we can overcome all the challenges facing us: hunger, poverty, discrimination, ethnic divisions... we should have stopped fighting each other! The motto is ‘United we stand, divided we fall’. We must preach unity in all our communities so that we can build this new young nation, The Republic of South Sudan... My dear friends, are you sharing the little you have with your neighbors?”



### DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

A group of 18 of our staff and children had the privilege of traveling to Kansas City to attend a big YWAM gathering. We heard some incredible teaching. There was time to connect with numerous missionaries and various works of God around the globe. One of the most encouraging trends I encountered was the unity among the body of Christ, and the joy to fulfill the Great Commission Jesus gave us. Did you realize that in the next five years, work to translate the scripture will be under way for every major language on the planet! There are also many advances in technology which help distribute the Bible and bring it to the ends of the world. There are Bible apps and Jesus Film projects; creative people invest their lives to achieve what Jesus called us to do. These are exciting times, with opportunities like never before. If you are interested in some of these resources, download the Sourceview Bible app and start exploring the Bible in new ways, or check out [endbiblepoverty.org](http://endbiblepoverty.org).

I pray that you are having increased hope for these times, as God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and love and a sound mind. We are on the winning team!

*Fritz Meier*