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Gleanings

For The Hungry

A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

March 2017

September 25th is the starting date for the next DTS here at **Gleanings For The Hungry**. Grow closer to God through 12 weeks of life-changing teaching and an 8 week outreach. Experience first-hand the blessing of distributing **Gleanings'** food and sharing the love of Christ with the needy. For more information, email dts@gleanings.org. The Discipleship Training School is a multi-generational school and open to anyone 18 years of age or older.



DTS 2017-18

**Come experience God
and make Him known with us!**

Want to make an IMPACT?

SUMMER STAFF!!

**Ages 17 to 25
(Must be 18 this yr)**

**Cost \$100 a month
(covers food and room)**

**Fruit Season runs from
May 28th - September 1st**



Fond Farewell



Wes, Jenny, Elijah & Finn Bruce

“Give
praise to the
LORD, proclaim his
name; make known
among the nations what
he has done, and pro-
claim that his name
is exalted.”

Isaiah 12:4

What a joy to have had Wes and Jenny, along with their two boys Eli and Finn, as staff members in our **Gleanings'** community. During this time, Wes faithfully maintained and repaired **Gleanings'** vehicles. Jenny served in different capacities, including hospitality and managing the gift shop. She lovingly and wisely mentored our Summer Staff and was a constant member of the team for our Discipleship Training School. Jenny was also on the leadership team, and served as a board member the past two years. The Bruce family has returned to Vernon, BC, Canada; Wes is working as a mechanic and Jenny is enjoying being a wife and mum. Wes, Jenny, Eli & Finn, we love you all and you will be dearly missed. Thank you for building God's kingdom by serving at **Gleanings** the past four years.



Greece Outreach Report



As **YWAM** bases in California, we have wanted to journey together into the future with a strong sense of God's presence in our midst. God challenged us to not only gather together, but to go on outreach together. God directed our focus toward the refugees in Greece. Greece is a gateway nation into Europe for the people of the Middle East who have been displaced because of war and injustice in their nations. God directed us to stay the course to Greece even though this crisis would move throughout the nations. He spoke to us about this journey of togetherness, of recognizing and celebrating each other's strengths, and of our covenant to be united. This is how the concept of **YWAM United** came into being. Mark & Lori Ragains with Abigail Grysban and a team of **Gleanings** volunteers represented **Gleanings for the Hungry** as part of **YWAM United**!



Our prayer room was led by worship and intercession teams that were mixed groups from different bases. We ran an **IHOP** style prayer and intercession ministry the whole time we were there – setting the tone for ministry. Powerful intercession and a move of the prophetic went forth from that place, fueling the evangelists, the acts of radical compassion and softening the hearts of those that were ready to respond to the Gospel of Jesus! We had over 320 People – **YWAMers** from over 20 bases along with some other ministries and friends. At the end of our three weeks we had presented the gospel to 2,027 muslims, 45 of whom gave their lives to Jesus! We prayed for healing and 138 people reported they were physically healed. Thousands of people throughout Athens were touched by God's tangible love. Our teams were able to minister in five different squats—places that were considered impossible to enter before we arrived. Getting access to these squats allowed us to give food and warm blankets to more than 300 refugees who had no access to outside help. We ministered medical care, creative child ministry, repaired buildings, delivered food – and brought hope!



Director's Corner

Dear Friend and Fellow Worker in God's Harvest,

The apostle John states that he writes the letter of 1st John so our "joy may be full or complete", 1 John 1:4. We experience joy because of knowing the Holy Spirit and the word of God, not according to circumstances. When we are in communion with the Holy Spirit, joy is present. How could we be depressed when God is working for us? In the big picture, God is much bigger than any of our challenges.

We do want the ministry of **Gleanings For The Hungry** to grow and we desire to feed more people. Of greater importance, we want to be in a place of joy for God's people, the growth of the ministry resulting from having Jesus and His word in our hearts. Our expression of this joy is a desire to serve Him better. This is not just a dream, but the reality of our experience! People who serve with us are excited to invite Jesus into the week and have Him release Joy into their hearts.

God is so good and His Word is true.

Fritz Meier

