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Gleanings For The Hungry

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A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

WELCOME BETHANY!

We would like to say an official welcome to our newest staff member, Bethany Waits! Bethany completed her Discipleship Training School in Northern Ireland in 2012. The DTS is the foundational school of YWAM and is a requirement for joining staff at any YWAM base.



Bethany has been coming to Gleanings since her middle-school days, when her church brought groups down during the summer from her hometown, Tacoma, Washington. Since then, Bethany has enjoyed several summers at Gleanings, and even helped supervise the Peach Plant last year while on Summer Staff. This summer, Bethany is managing the Peach Plant, as well as helping to oversee the Summer Staff Interns, and serves in the Soup Plant the rest of the year. Welcome Bethany!!

DTS FALL 2017

Discipleship Training Schools (DTS) are back at Gleanings for the Hungry!

Are you wondering what God's will is for your life? Are you ready for a change, and to discover exactly why God put you on this Earth? Have you always wanted to know God better, and to make Him known to others? If so, then a DTS is exactly what you need!

Join us on September 25th, 2017 for a five-month adventure that will leave you forever changed.

For more details, see our website, or contact dts@gleanings.org

Bring on the Peaches!

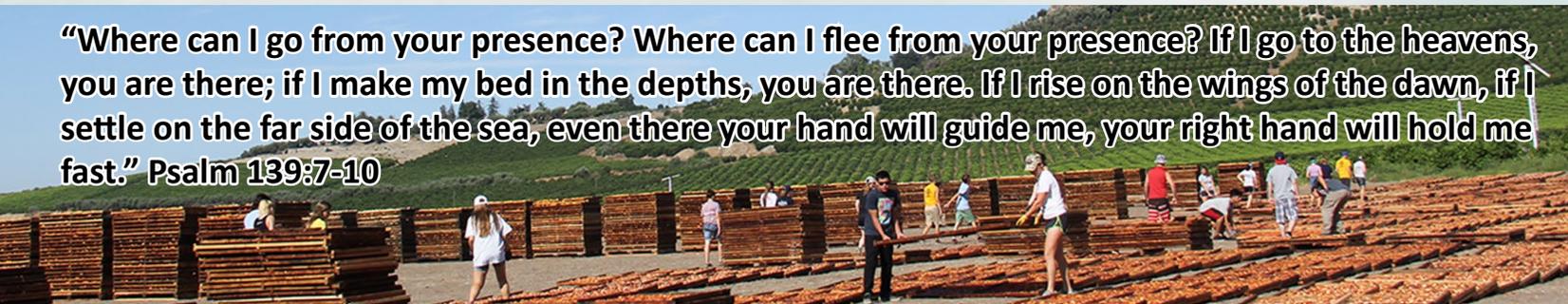
A new season has begun at Gleanings, and we are so excited! Summertime brings new tasks, new friends, and a whole lot of new peaches! The end of May we welcomed our first Summer Staff and spent an amazing orientation week getting acquainted, training them on Peach Plant operations, forklift skills, and how to lead devotions.

Our summer theme for 2017 is "Show Up!". Andy Rotunno, who is leading our Summer Staff this year, explains it like this:

"Show up!" can mean many different things. We use the phrase 'show up' to describe what a true friend did for us at important times in our lives. We remind ourselves to 'show up' and be more than physically present, to be attentive, mentally engaged, and 'really there' with people. We know the Lord has shown up for each of us and still shows up in amazing ways all the time... Everything changes when the Lord shows up! God showed up for us in Jesus, and because we are made in His image, things change when we show up too! You are invited to 'show up' this summer with us, with great anticipation of the Lord's presence."

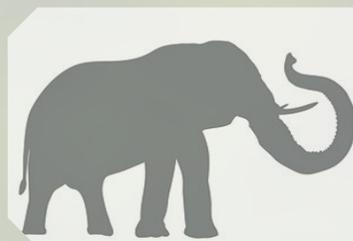
Andy and his wife Chelsea, along with their five kids, joined us at Gleanings for the Hungry as long-term mission builders this past January, and will be attending our Fall DTS (Discipleship Training School) as students in September.

"Where can I go from your presence? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." Psalm 139:7-10



Country Report

South Africa



Thank God for Soup and Gogos

Though we at Gleanings love receiving feedback from all our partner ministries, it is even more special when we hear back from ministries we know personally, and have visited on an outreach. This is the case with Container Ministry, based in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Our DTS (Discipleship Training School) class of 2009-2010 had the chance to work with Container Ministry in South Africa for several weeks, and to see first-hand the work they accomplish.

Container Ministry partner with yet more ministries, one of which is Bridge Ministries South Africa. Here is a thank you letter received from them:

“On behalf of Bridge Ministries, I want to say a big thank you, once again, for the barrels of soup mix we have received! We currently have two feeding schemes running which use the soup, along with some rice, to feed about 200 kids, three days a week! Without the soup you give us, this would not be possible! We also have several families and gogos who depend on the soup! Thank you, Container Ministry, for caring!

Krista Meisner
Bridge Ministries SA”



“Gogo” is the Zulu word for grandmother. Due to the AIDS epidemic still raging in South Africa, it is all too common for children to be left without parents and to then live with their grandmothers, or “gogos”. On outreach to South Africa in 2010, we had opportunity to work alongside several such “gogos”, and see first-hand their love, steadfast care, and devotion to their families.

Thank God for soup to feed hungry people, ministries to get it to them, and for “gogos” to love on and care for kids who so desperately need it!



Director's Corner

What a purpose we have at Gleanings! Our mission is to spend our time and efforts on behalf of the poor; not as if we give anything in our own name, but we do it in Jesus' name! To serve Him is our desire and He is present in our midst. As Jesus has given to us, so do we give to others; as He has loved us, so do we love others. Reconciliation is happening in every area where a lack has taken from us, has left us empty and lost, but through the cross, Jesus has brought us back into a full life. Truly, it's not that we have it all figured out, but we are on this journey to grow up in our walk with Him. I hope and pray good things for all of you, our dear friends and partners in ministry.

May Jesus be the Lord in your life,

Fritz Meier