



Ragains Family Ministry Update

May 2018

So much of our time at the base and in other countries is spent in small but open doors, connecting with one person, lending help where needed and showing Jesus' love. Your friendship and God's love are the invaluable foundation from which we grow and give. We've worked at Gleanings for 2-1/2 years and have been given a deadline to raise our baseline budget by May 11th for us to continue working here. As our ministry changes season to season, we wanted to share a little of our current and future focus:

A Gathering Place-With our family's gift of hospitality and embracing, and experience walking through life situations and crisis with people, our home, offices, and around the dining room tables are intentionally focused on welcoming people, listening to their stories & needs, encouraging and praying with them, and getting them help and resources, as needed. And of course, food & fun! Our friends who came to spend the night commented that we always have a lot of people who come to our home. That weekend we had about 20 people come; single's, couples, groups of kids. To us, this is how Jesus disciplined, caring and teaching as He walked along the road with them.

Feeding- By filling key staff roles at YWAM-Gleanings for the Hungry, we help facilitate the food being processed, which is distributed locally and globally, for ministries to feed people as they share the Gospel. Mark manages all the ministry's IT, web, social media, and newsletter production, which directly affects our procurement and distribution department, all aspects of our volunteer ministry, and our donations. Lori is a staff cook and cooks meals for the 75-200 volunteers and staff that work at the base each week, and for weekends and celebrations, we feed and love people in our home.

Internationally-The last 4 years, our main international focus has been ministry to refugees in the U.S. and in Athens, Greece. We've worked in Athens for the month of January the last 2 years, as well as facilitating over 700 ministers to work alongside us or in the interim between the large outreaches. We have seen fruit in 40+ salvations, 175 physical healings, 13 people baptized, 100's of people fed and cared for with their medical needs, this January alone. God is moving! We've also been asked to return and continue working in Athens, as well as teach in the Bible School for refugees who are new believers. We'll go as The Lord provides funds for these trips.

Ministry to Ministers-God continues to give us favor to help and speak into the lives of ministers, missionaries and leaders. We're currently working on a resource network which would connect them to people and help, as they need it to grow their ministry or help them personally.

Sharing Jesus Walking in Unity Expressing Love

Family~

Our family is growing and going in new directions. Amie started her senior year in January and is turning 18 in May. Katie is 14 and is getting ready to start high school. Alex is 22 and began a new job working at Wal-Mart in the warehouse in Dinuba. We celebrated our grandbaby Asher's baby dedication in April, alongside his mom & dad, Kiersten & Dakota. February saw our adopted daughter Vanessa's son Hunter turning 1. A few weeks ago, after the family spent a fun day hiking in Sequoia, Amanda's boyfriend, Sean Kitada, asked her to marry him! Also, our adopted daughter Kristie will be graduating in May, and has a new fiancé, Justin Villa. Wedding bells will be ringing soon! We'll have a short break in May, then be jumping into Summer Season with both feet!!!



Thank you for your love for our family and support and vision for us as we minister to the lost and needy of the world. We could not do this without you, and really value your partnership at this time. You are truly a blessing to us!

Love Mark, Lori, Alex, Amie, Katie & all the Ragains Clan

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