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# Gleanings For The Hungry

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A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

***“With man this is impossible, but not with God; ALL THINGS are possible with God.”***

*Mark 10:27*

## People of Gleanings: Josh Olson

Josh, Christy, Madi, Spencer, Jacob, Lily, Jonathan, Grace, and Christian Olson have so many amazing stories of what God has brought them through. Their family has been living and ministering with us here at **Gleanings** the last few months. Josh has been serving us in the grounds department, and Christy has made countless, delicious homemade cookies and breads.

Josh Olson joined the Board of **International Discipleship Ministries (IDM)** last summer as the Director of Development to oversee and carry out the next season of kingdom work for **IDM**. Josh's vision is to see **IDM** return to its roots, building relationships with international students and discipling them to maturity. These students will then be equipped to make disciples when they return to their nations.

The Olson family is once again stepping out in faith, saying “Yes” to where the Lord is calling them. The family is moving back to the North San Diego County city of Escondido, CA. They will be hosting discipleship ministry to international students. In their most recent newsletter, Josh wrote: “As we walk in simple obedience to His leading, He is placing us in a position of radical dependence upon His character. He is placing us where we can be used instrumentally for maximum kingdom impact as a living, working model of hospitality and discipleship.”

Many of our staff have been participating in a class led by Josh. As he has been going through the teaching, updating the format, we have enjoyed his presentation of the material. We are sad to see the Olson family leave; they have brought so much joy and life to our community. However, we are also excited to see what the Lord will do through them in this next season. If you would like more information, or to donate to their ministry, you can visit their website/blog page at [www.openarmsinc.co](http://www.openarmsinc.co). Thank you, Olson family; you will be missed.



# COUNTRY REPORT - ROMANIA



God's goodness and faithfulness are displayed weekly as we hear reports of what He is doing through our ministry both locally and abroad. Mission Without Borders works in the six poorest countries in Eastern Europe, including Romania, Albania, and Moldova. Several years ago, Romania joined the European Union. The move resulted in soaring food prices and unemployment, threatening families with hopelessness and despair.

Mission Without Borders partners with us to bring hope by meeting basic needs and providing long-term practical support to individuals and families in rural and urban communities. MWB's recent shipment included 36 barrels for Romania, which fed 1,700+ children and 320 families.

These people find it difficult to support themselves due to unemployment, physical, or emotional handicap.

The Calbeaza family lives in Sibiu, Romania. Their desperate situation determined that the father go abroad and take temporary work in construction, which is not unusual in Eastern Europe. The family of six lives in a hut made of wood and adobe, with electricity and water, but it has no gas and the toilet is outside. Their home can't be inhabited much longer due to safety risks. Mrs. Calbeaza cooks on a wood stove which helps heat the two rooms. She has heart problems but commutes 20 km. to work as a laborer for a company that produces automotive systems. Her pay is a little over minimum wage, but she is grateful to have a steady job.



"I would like to thank you very much for your nice gift. Words are not enough to express my deepest appreciation for the parcels we just received but mostly for your care for us. It's a wonder to me that people living so far away think of us and make great efforts to assist us in our need. We pray that God will bless you and will richly reward your gesture. Now that we've tasted the soup, we can easily say it is delicious. Once again, God sent His angels to us, who provided for our needs. Thank you so much!"

The Ichimovici family were very poor, had little food, no jobs, and couldn't afford to send their children to school. Survival was their only aim. With your help, MWB met their urgent need for food and clothing, but the situation was not sustainable. With mentoring help, the father began to grow basic crops to feed his family and now has a small pig farm - a major step out of poverty toward self-sufficiency.

Thank you for your service and support of Gleanings for the Hungry as we provide food to ministries throughout the world, so they may further the Gospel.



## Director's Corner

Dear Gleanings' Supporter,

Blessings are everywhere, if we acknowledge them or not. The truth of knowing God and His Word should make us the most grateful people on the planet! Unfortunately, we get distracted and miss the mark - to give thanks in all things. We struggle to believe that all things are possible and that all things work together for our good. **Did I mention that our summer theme is ALL THINGS!** One of our values is to do first and then teach. This summer we will be challenged to lead by example in all things. Please pray for us as we have about 1,000 young people signed up to serve with us this fruit season.

Without your prayers and support Gleanings would not exist. Thank you for your sacrifice to feed the hungry. Blessings to each one of you,

*Fritz Meier*