



Gleanings
For The **Hungry**
A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

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Merry Christmas to all our family and friends who made 2018 great.



**For unto us
a Child is
born,
Unto us a
Son is given**



DTS in Israel

In February 2018, our Gleanings DTS team partnered with Serve Nazareth, Operation Mobilization, The Beautiful Land Initiative, and the Joseph Project in Israel to share the love of Jesus with a people so dear to His heart.

The first stop was in Nazareth, where we joined Serve Nazareth, a ministry that shows what life was like in Jesus' day. Dressed in the clothing of that time, we tended sheep, raked rocks, and cleaned up the lunch served to the tourists. Nazareth Village shares the gospel with over 95,000 tourists per year. It was a privilege to join them!

Next, we stayed in Tiberias near Capernaum, where we visited many kibbutzim, Jewish communities, and learned more about the Jewish culture and lifestyle. We also joined The Beautiful Land Initiative, an organization in Israel dedicated to cleaning up coastlines that have been neglected and filled with trash. Our group picked up over 600 pounds of trash from the shores of Maayan Tzvi beach on the Mediterranean coast of Israel.

Our last night in Tiberias was dedicated to singing worship songs in the rain on the Promenade near the Sea of Galilee—a very special memory for our team. Ana Lee painted a portrait for a young Muslim woman as we sang.

The final stop was Tivon near Mount Carmel. We cleaned up an old school building that was being transformed into a return center for Jewish people who had been scattered around the world to come back and live in the Holy Land. We met more Jewish families and had the honor of making several house visits. Ana Lee had painted a landscape of Mount Carmel and decided to give the painting away to Danny, one of the Jewish men we met. Ana told Danny that God wanted to reveal Himself to him again, the way He revealed Himself to Israel on Mount Carmel.

A special treat was our visit with The Joseph Project, an organization that helps the poor and needy in Israel. We saw how the Gleanings soup and quilts are distributed at community outreach events. Our favorite part of the whole experience was the way God surprised and delighted us with his love over and over again.



Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His Holy Name! Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits: We are so grateful to the Lord for the blessing and grace He has poured out on ***Gleanings for the Hungry*** this year! He has provided faithful missionaries to serve as staff; they facilitate the volunteers who come and coordinate the food going out. He has provided volunteers each week to process food, help around campus with building projects, maintenance and grounds work, in the kitchen, office and quilt room.

Who forgives all your sins... who redeems your life from destruction... who crowns you with lovingkindness... Week-by-week, the biggest miracle we see is God revealing Himself and His love to the backpackers who come, the volunteers, and the people we minister to here in the city as well as overseas. The fruit of salvations and people being disciplined is an eternal reward you share with us as you pour into this ministry. As we celebrate Christ's birth, we thank Jesus for coming to earth to redeem us and we bless the Lord for the children added to His family this year!

Who satisfies your mouth with good things...

As we feed the hungry, people receive God's love and understand His provision and care for them. From children in Kenya, to orphans in Cambodia; refugees in Athens, Greece, and those under siege in Syria; for the hungry families in disaster areas in Guatemala, to subsistence farmers in Bosnia, trying to make it through the winter. God has extended His hand of mercy throughout the world, using the ministry of ***Gleanings for the Hungry*** to satisfy people with food and the goodness of His love.

Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul! - From Psalm 103

Let us lift our hearts and bless the Lord this Christmas season as we remember Jesus sacrifice for us and honor Him for His graciousness towards us and all the things He has done this year!

Merry Christmas from all of us at Gleanings for the Hungry