



## Trade Show Missions

Ron and Shirley Wagner and Andy and Chelsea Rotunno have been to three different food conventions this season, focusing primarily on procuring peas and lentils for the Gleanings soup mix. During their most recent trip to Minot, ND, God spoke to Andy's heart and told him to minister to the farmers. "I realized that this is missions too," Andy said. "There is ministry to the nations with the food, but I have an opportunity to show God's love to the farmers as well." The farmers in Minot are excited about what's happening at Gleanings. Andy will be following up with about 40 new connections.



## Last Year

Gleanings delivered 71 containers of soup, dried peaches, and various donated shelf-stable products, about 3 million lbs. of food. Our quilt ministry added 700 quilts. Countries blessed included: Cambodia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Haiti, Israel, Kenya, Mexico, Moldova, Nicaragua, North Korea, Panama, Philippines, South Africa, Syria, Ukraine, USA, and Venezuela.



## Surprise Blessings From DTS Outreach

A big congratulations to Bianca Mangipano and her DTS leaders, Cheryl Knight and Sue Ross, for completing Bianca's Discipleship Training School outreach! Bianca, her husband Anthony, and their daughter Valencia, moved to Gleanings in August, and Bianca began the outreach phase of her DTS, serving in the cities of Dinuba, Orosi, and Cutler. "It was a gift to be able to serve in the local communities here," Bianca said. "We are so thankful to God that I got to have that experience."

Bianca served with Open Gate Ministries, a shelter in Dinuba that distributes food and supplies to people in the community. Bianca handed out food, sorted clothing and donations, and cleaned and organized the Open Gate Thrift Shop.

On base, Bianca enjoyed learning to sew in the quilt room. One of her favorite parts of her outreach was learning to use a sewing machine. "I'm still learning," she said. "But I can help make quilts now."

In true DTS fashion, the best part of the outreach was the personal growth she experienced. The highlight overall, according to Bianca, was the marital counseling she and Anthony received once a week. "Both [Anthony and I] grew up with dysfunctional backgrounds. Yes, God has changed our lives, but there was a lot more we had to learn--and unlearn. The counselor helped us do that."

Bianca says their marriage was transformed by the hand of God while they were here, and she is so thankful. "We got to know more about each other. It was so good to see Anthony receive healing because of our time at Gleanings. That was definitely a joy for me."

We are blessed to have the Mangipano family stay awhile longer. Bianca, Anthony, and Valencia decided to finish out the school year here, and they are praying about what will be the next adventure for their family.



**Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.**

# Gleanings Missions Trip To Haiti

Fritz Meier, Gleanings' director, was pleased to lead our fourth annual outreach to Haiti. Mission of Grace in Carries expressed: "...a big thank you to Gleanings' team for serving with us the past nine days. They brought a large team of 23 people and touched many hearts. Gleanings supplies soup to our soup kitchen; we feed over 200 people per day. This team put our solar system back together at the medical clinic; we are back to running full force. Crafts with the school kids, serving at the soup kitchen, evangelism in the community, putting the roof on our boys' house and so much more. We were sad to see them go, but have them booked for next year. We are thankful to each one, for all your prayers and support."

Impressions from team members:

"My highlight of the Haiti trip was spiritual growth and personal reflection. I didn't realize the trip would affect me so much in this way." Tami F.

"Goes to show you're never too old to do God's bidding. My heart was for the grandmas' house, such beautiful souls who love God." Cheryl L.

"Once again, walking to the orphanage to see the child we sponsor and see him light up as he sees me...and his twin sister too! What a joy. In the Grammas' house, to get hugs from precious friendships over several years...the hugs that hang on and the joy they express at recognizing an old friend." Kathy H.

"What a wonderful team bonding time as family in Christ! The after-supper worship time singing hymns by memory, and in four-part harmony, was heavenly!!! I am so impressed with the vision of Miss Lynn, founder of Mission of Grace, to impact all ages in the whole town of Carries, giving hope, jobs, security, education, free medical care, the gospel, ... to an impoverished people." Marv W.

"What a place to choose for my first mission trip! An impactful moment was hearing the school principal express his deep gratitude for the Bible stories and crafts. I listened intently when he sounded a little emotional. He explained, "You told the children they are IMPORTANT!" The adult helpers seemed to appreciate having a craft to make as much as the children; even a guard in uniform wanted to wear a foam crown with stick-on jewels! I suspect our team ministered to more than we intended. It was a delight to realize the Lord used my hands and feet and eyes...and hugs...and words...and smiles...

Maybe the person and place that stirs the deepest within me is Madam La Fleur and her little bare bones place, God's Plan Orphanage. Her prayer melted me, "Jesus, I need your help. I am suffering, and I am still holding your babies' hands. I need your help to take care of them." Kathy W.



Dear Gleanings Friend,

Thank you for your interest in our ministry and lives. This trip to Haiti was my 10th year to visit this wonderful island. We started sending food for the immediate need after the earthquake in 2010. Now we support specific ministries that serve children and the elderly. Over the years I have built relationships with the people and consider it a privilege to revisit these amazing individuals who live with many hardships. The country seems to have not changed much, but in the city of Carries there has been an outpouring of help and blessing through Mission of Grace, as this newsletter represents. We are planning to go back next January. Maybe you want to join us on this adventure and bring the blessing of your friendship to the Haitian people who need encouragement. Let me know if you are interested.

May the Lord bless you and give you favor,

*Fritz Meier*