

# LAWRENCE LOG

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### From the Lawrence Family

This year has been one of traveling for us! In February, we traveled to Guatemala to visit and help our friends Eric and Lisa Rivera in their ministry, Hope for the Nations. We were privileged to come alongside them as they minister to the marginalized of that nation.

We have been at Gleanings almost 15 years! We took a three - month sabbatical from the beginning of April to the end of June, with the majority of it spent in Canada. We were incredibly blessed to see family and friends!

We were back at Gleanings for the summer fruit season. I think it was our best fruit season ever! So many lives were impacted, both on campus and worldwide.

In September, we traveled with other Gleanings' staff to Washington to help at another Youth with a Mission base. It was fun connecting with others who share a vision similar to ours, feeding the hungry both physically and spiritually.



TOP: Rod and Colleen on a date

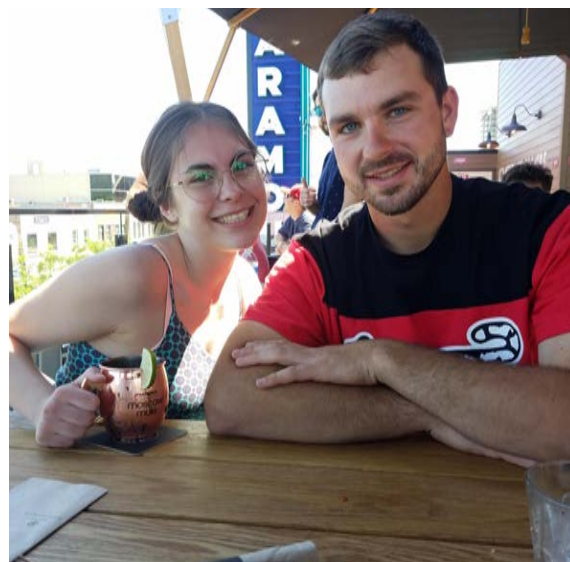
BOTTOM: Colleen with the backpackers from China and France

Our fall soup season also went very well! Millions of servings of soup were produced and shipped. We are even managing to get food into Venezuela! I now work in the office and on special projects. I also continue to be on the leadership team. We are looking for skilled staff. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, contact us ASAP.

Rod is busy in the shops and being dad to our international travelers. He is busy building a rat rod from scratch. Rod is extremely thrifty, and scours the countryside for all the parts! He has invested virtually no money, but rather more time than anything else!!

Kent continues to live and work in Kelowna, British Columbia. He is doing so well! He has a lovely girlfriend named Layne.

Kaleigh is graduating in May of 2020 with her Bachelor of Social Work degree. It's hard to believe she has been away for four years. She's not exactly sure what the future holds, but she is interested in pursuing social work in hopes of working with human trafficking survivors.



TOP: Backpackers at our local river  
MIDDLE: Kent and Layne  
BOTTOM: Kaleigh at university



Our girl Kim is currently in Kona, Hawaii and will be doing a discipleship training school offered by Youth With A Mission in January.

We are currently in Canada once again! We are spending Christmas with family in Vancouver and Grande Prairie.

It's been a year of contemplation for me, and attempting to live in the moment and not missing what God has for me on a daily basis. Rod is much better at that than me, but I am slowly learning the value of 'the unforced rhythms of grace.' Matthew 11:28-30 The Message translation. I love this passage!

All Our Love,

Rod & Colleen

TOP: Kim in Texas  
MIDDLE: Kent and Kaleigh  
BOTTOM: Rod and Kent in Kelowna  
BELOW: Rod's Rat Rod

