



## MEET JESSE AND ELISABETH CORRELL



God continues to bring servant-leaders to the community of *Gleanings*, and we are thankful to serve together in the body of Christ. Jesse and Elisabeth Correll, and their one-year-old son, Asher, from Burbank, CA, joined full-time staff in April. Jesse first volunteered during peach season in 2008 with *Village Church*, and he served on summer staff in 2010. He and Elisabeth led teams from *Village Church* each summer from 2017-2019. This past year has been a season of transition for them, as they moved on base to attend DTS. "I'm learning the lesson of obeying first," Jesse said. "I am surrendering my right to be ahead of the game." As the new production manager, Jesse will oversee all phases of soup production, warehouse, and fumigation. He is a recently certified Qualified Applicator (QAL), which is essential for our soup mix fumigation procedure. "I'm excited to be a part of the team that is following the Lord's call to what *Gleanings* is becoming in 2020," Jesse said. "I want to help God move things forward in His will for this ministry."

Elisabeth, in addition to taking care of Asher, serves in hospitality, housekeeping, and other departments as needed. "The discipleship culture of *Gleanings* is what I'm most excited about, whether it's informal conversations or more formal learning experiences," Elisabeth said. "I'm excited to feed people both physically and spiritually."

## WELCOME KAREN ADAMS

Karen Adams is another recent DTS graduate who has now devoted her life to full-time missionary service. She has served as a full-time staff member at *Gleanings* since April. Originally from Stockton, CA, Karen first came to *Gleanings* as a volunteer in 2018 and then as a long-term mission builder. She felt a call from God to complete a DTS when she heard about it. "I had been serving here, and I knew that I would experience some real growth if I did the DTS," Karen said. "I thought it would be the experience of a lifetime—and it was." Karen works in the kitchen, helping prepare and serve food to the *Gleanings* community. "I'm learning what His desire is for me in my role here," she said. "It's just an honor to be able to be involved in God's work."



**Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations  
Ephesians 3:20-21**

# For Such A Time As This

Here at **Gleanings**, we see the marvelous provision of the Lord so often and in many ways. We also experience how others are blessed. Who would have imagined **Gleanings for the Hungry** would be able to release thousands of N95 face masks directly to front-line medical doctors both in China and the U.S.?

In February before there was a pandemic, we had a **YWAM** family visiting the base, praying about the next steps in their missionary journey. They are from China, with family and friends in the Wuhan area and were quite concerned about a lack of masks, especially for medical professionals. We discussed a formulating idea. Could **Gleanings** partner with them to get lifesaving masks where they were most needed? **Gleanings** had received a pallet of N95 masks more than a year prior, but the masks remained largely unused. We felt God was showing us these masks could be a huge blessing for those otherwise unable to acquire masks. At the beginning of March – just as California was closing down, **Gleanings** staff member Mark Ragains and his son Alex delivered 41 boxes containing about 8,200 N95 masks to the missionary family. In turn, the family was able to prayerfully send or deliver these masks where they felt they were most needed. Some went to Wuhan, China, while others were delivered to doctors here at home when personal protection equipment was getting scarce. God had a plan for **Gleanings** to be able to release these masks long before we were even aware of the need!

## Jesus' Love, Locally

During March and April, with the shelter in place order in effect, **Gleanings** made some new partnerships with amazing results. **Gleanings** partnered with a few local churches reaching out to people having difficulty getting food from stores. **Clovis Christian Church** was one of the churches and they had great stories to share from their outreach. Church volunteers had driven to targeted homes in a local neighborhood and thought they were done when they realized there was still one bag of groceries left. Laura Unruh shared the following story about the extra bag of groceries as an example of the food being a conduit to share the love of Jesus.

Laura said they felt God was directing them to take the bag of food to a certain house where they were met by David. She wrote: "David was so thankful and poured out his story and his hard week to us. He had been feeling very sick because of high blood pressure and was unable to get any groceries because of it. We asked David if we could pray for him and he was eager to receive it. The next week we made them a bag as well as went back, and he was so excited to see us and to tell us that he was feeling so much better!" It has been exciting to hear all the stories of God touching lives in new and marvelous ways right here at home.

### Director's Corner



Dear Friends,

What a season of reset this has been. Everything we do is being evaluated according to health/safety and if it is essential. So, life at **Gleanings** looks a whole lot different than I have ever experienced. There are no introductions on Monday morning and no daily chapel meetings! All of us meet in smaller groups around the base... What does not change is the call of God to feed the needy. Our staff have done an outstanding job continuing to run the soup plant and bagging product. We are sending many truckloads internationally and domestically. Opportunities come up almost daily; we will share these new initiatives as we get feedback from them. I think we are all overwhelmed with God's blessings, and we are finding new ways to meet critical needs. God has us here for such a time as this!

We miss you and the fellowship of all the teams we so enjoy.

May the Lord keep you healthy and safe,

**Fritz Meier**

