



DTS To Start In January

Looking ahead to the new year, *Discipleship Training School* (DTS) will begin January 3rd. Students will devote five months to invest in their relationship with God and reach out to people in need of the gospel. The lecture phase will take place in January - March 2021, followed by a two-month outreach phase. Have you ever thought about doing a DTS? Do you know someone who would like to attend the DTS in January? We invite you to pray about joining us. Contact dts@gleanings.org for more information.



Welcome New Staff Rachel Hill

We are pleased to welcome Rachel Hill and her two children, Jude and Evie, to our staff family. Rachel is a strong communicator with skills in media and technology. She was a long-term mission builder and Discipleship Training School student before applying to join staff. She first came to *Gleanings* as a volunteer during peach season in 2007 and returned a few times to serve alongside her husband, Kevin. She and Kevin had two children before Kevin found out he had cancer. He passed away on Christmas Eve in 2013. Since then, Rachel has been on the road that only widows know.

"God is currently teaching me about trusting Him and living in that space between 'no longer' and 'not yet.' It's a time for growth, trust, and intimacy with God," Rachel said. Rachel organized kids camp for staff kids on base this past summer, which was a great success: tie-dye shirts, crafts, STEM robots, and more. "I am most excited about getting to use my creative gifts to serve God and serve others," Rachel said. Now she will use her design and tech skills to update the *Gleanings* website.

YWAM Yosemite DTS At Gleanings

It was a pleasure to host *YWAM Yosemite* students and staff in September. The team evacuated their base during fire season, but God provided the *Gleanings* DTS room so they could still hold classes. They served in the soup plant and went on local outreach with *Gleanings* staff. We were blessed to have the youthful energy and contagious enthusiasm in our community. By the time they left, it was like saying goodbye to family.



Gleanings Backpacker Now Leading DTS



Saku (front left) with students

A few years ago, Sakurai Hiroyuki (Saku for short) came from Australia to our backpacker program for international travelers. He met Jesus during his stay here, and he was baptized at *Gleanings*. After he attended a DTS of his own, he joined staff at a new *YWAM* base in Mexico City, Mexico. Saku is now leading DTS schools.

Lori Ragains, *Gleanings* staff member, had the blessing of teaching for two weeks at the *Hola! DTS* program this September. Praise God for His kingdom work and His ability to make us family through Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Please pray for God's blessings over the new base in Mexico.

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." —Proverbs 16:9

Bread Of Life Ministries In Colombia and Venezuela

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread Matt 6:11

Bread is a basic staple which keeps people alive in most societies throughout the world. However, as we all seek physical sustenance, many have never met Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, and walk hungry and without hope.

Bread of Hope ministries in Columbia and Venezuela has stepped into a society where 3-4 children are starving each day and families are desperate. They are providing 'Meals of Hope' and the love of Jesus to churches, communities, families and children.

Yoilen and her husband Jose, a nurse and doctor in Venezuela, found themselves working two jobs each and still unable to provide enough food to eat daily. Yoilen's brother asked them to join a short-term mission to the Wayuu tribe in Guajira, Columbia. They were welcomed into the community and connected well with the Wayuu people.

Returning to Venezuela, the situation worsened, and work was inconsistent. An older man knew of their struggles and shared a bag of **Gleanings'** soup mix with the couple. A few weeks later, Yoilen's brother came to visit and thought the soup mix could help in **Bread of Hopes'** feeding ministry. Thus, a partnership began through **Bread of Hope** and **Gleanings for the Hungry**. "I'm amazed to see how one person's need can open the door to someone else's provision. God works in mysterious ways." Yoilen and Jose now work with **Bread of Hope**, providing the Wayuu children care and education.

The Wayuu people of Columbia and Venezuela are a tribe of approximately 800, 000 people. Please pray that the shipments of food will arrive intact to **Bread of Hope** and that God will provide the petrol needed and protection as the workers deliver the food. Please pray that the hearts of the Wayuu people will be open to accept the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, who is the only one who can satisfy their souls. We bless the Lord for His provision and the work and partnership of those involved in reaching the Wayuu people of Columbia and Venezuela.



Director's Corner



"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love him. These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit." 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

I am thinking about God and His ways that are so much greater than ours. Today, there has been so much change compared to a year ago that it is hard to grasp. This is only in the natural. Here in this scripture we have a promise from God that He has prepared things for us which no human mind can conceive. I am blown away by the natural things; how much more will the things God has prepared for me astonish me. In this light, I see a lot of miraculous things right here at **Gleanings**. The provision and timing of product and equipment. And volunteers who have lost their jobs now serving in our mission having a transformed mindset of how they want to live their lives. Jesus is on the throne of our hearts. Let us give Him room to show us what He has for us even if we have never seen anything like it! Blessings to you all.

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