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UNTO US *A Child* IS BORN



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From Our Gleanings Family

Feedback From South Africa

As we enter this Christmas season, we are grateful for the kindness of the Lord, and the gift of His abundance and blessing on our *YWAM* missionaries and ministry at *Gleanings for the Hungry*, as the need for food has increased worldwide this year. God has blessed *Grace Family Church*, a large multi-campus church in South Africa. Their Missions & Justice arm focuses on relief aid and community development. They import shipping containers of food, medical, school, sewing and household supplies, as well as baby equipment and other miscellaneous items. These goods are then distributed to mission partners throughout KwaZulu-Natal, Zululand, and Southern Mozambique. *Gleanings for the Hungry* provides containers with soup mix and dried fruit to be distributed in their community network. Below are some testimonies of the life-changing impact *Grace Family Church's Container Ministry* and *Gleanings* are having in this area.

“Thank you so much for the wonderful donation of *Gleanings for the Hungry* soup mix. We will use it in the care and support of people with cancer. Our care home houses up to 27 people with cancer and our social workers also give out food parcels to people in our community with cancer who are struggling financially. Donations of this kind are so welcome and so important to us – thank you most sincerely for including *CANSA* in your thoughtfulness.” Linda Cipolla *CANSA Mkhula Care Home*

“It is through your understanding of the nature of the work here at *Stella*, your love and extreme kindness, that we are able to bring not only good nutrition and primary health care to the children, but also joy and excitement into our school, creating a loving atmosphere conducive to nurturing these little ones to learn with much enthusiasm.” *Stella Pre-Primary School & Care Centre*

“On behalf of *The Seed Fund*, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your organization for the incredibly generous donations we have received over the past few months - the soup mix and more recently the buckets of dried fruit.” Arianne Hayes-Hill *The Seed Company*

Partners are still collecting and distributing their allocations. I think the food from *Gleanings* will be especially helpful at this time.” Dave Richter Missions & Justice Director *Grace Church*.

We are honored to be part of God's supply chain as He uses *Grace's Container Ministry* in these South African communities. Thank you for your continued partnership and the seed you planted this year through your prayers, service, and donations to *Gleanings for the Hungry*. We love you! May God receive all the glory this Christmas season.



Director's Corner

A few days ago, I had a picture in my mind as I was worshipping. I saw myself at a store and I went straight for the rack with the pants that had my size. I knew what I needed and that was the only thing I was interested in.

As I was thinking about this, I felt the Lord challenge me not to come to Him the same way I go shopping! Even though I know my preferences and giftings, I am not limited to receive from the Lord only in those areas. In the Spirit, God has given us access to the **whole store**. I want to wear what He has prepared for me, not only what I see myself wearing.

As we come to the end of 2020, I feel compelled to just worship God for who He is no matter what is happening around me. He is the same no matter what the world and my circumstances look like. I want to thank all of you who have prayed, given, and volunteered with us this year. *Gleanings* is doing well. It was a difficult year financially and work wise since thousands of volunteers did not come and participate in our mission. But we feel blessed and confident for the new year – God is with us! I wish you all the best in this season when we celebrate the birth of our Savior together. May the Lord be with you to receive all that He has for you. Blessings from the whole *Gleanings'* family

Fritz Meier