



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT AL GOVE



Al is an inventor, handyman, machine builder, veteran, and lover of God. He is also a writer who self-published his first book this year. It is called *I Feel So Loved: Walking with God's Health. Miracles, healing, divine health, and God's love—God is your primary health provider.*

Al Gove has been on staff at **Gleanings** for 20 years. He met and married his wife Norma 10 years ago, and they have been serving staff, and Norma is the kitchen manager.

## Talents Devoted To the Lord

We are so very grateful to have talented and generous brothers and sisters who provide for the needs of our community in specific ways. So far in 2021, God has provided through a few individuals who have left us with a sense of awe, appreciation, and great love.

For tax season, Cynthia Herrmann, CPA, does each staff family's tax returns. "I love being able to use the skills God has given me to serve the body of Christ," Cynthia said. "I love the staff, and I'm so happy to see them each year and reconnect! And I love hearing how God is working around the world."

Carol Hayward, a retired marriage and family therapist and RN, assists with individual counseling and marriage counseling. She listens, gives sound advice, and prays with bold faith. "I've been coming to **Gleanings** for years," Carol said. "I love **Gleanings**. I love the message of feeding the soul and the body, and I love YWAM."

Barbara Bellows brings the love of Jesus through her cooking. J.J. assists in washing breakfast dishes. Allen Rockwell washes dishes, sweeps, and mops. Karen Wright uses her skills in the finance department. These are just a few of the amazing people who serve faithfully in this essential business.

Long-term and short-term volunteers, in addition to many others, serve our community as they serve the Lord. Thank you for your valuable contributions, hard work, prayers, and love. Thank you for being a valuable part of the **Gleanings'** family. Are you interested in volunteering during the summer fruit-drying season? We are in need of cooks, housekeepers, and truck drivers.

## Ongoing Renovations

Even as volunteers pack the soup mix, and DTS students, staff, and special guests read the Bible, teach, and pray in the classroom, the **Gleanings'** team continues working on projects and renovations. For example, the foyer of the main building got a fresh coat of paint and updated purpose and value statements are up on the walls. The bottom floor of the 8-plex building has new flooring and a fresh coat of paint. The dorm laundry room has new washing machines.



On the to-do list: We plan to repaint the dorms and the courtyard where volunteers rest for snack breaks in the summertime. We also plan to make improvements in the dorm bathrooms. Staff housing improvements, big and small, are also on the to-do list. After a quick survey of each staff house, we learned that at least 10 large appliances are in need of replacement. This includes dishwashers, refrigerators, ovens, and washing machines. Please pray for us to receive donations of these items in the near future. We know that God will provide—He always does. Thank you so very much!

God, you know all our needs.

**“Every believer has received grace gifts, so use them to serve one another as faithful stewards of the many-colored tapestry of God’s grace.”**

1 Peter 4:10 TPT

# COUNTRY REPORT NICARAGUA



Nicaragua is not only the largest country in South America, with a beautiful country and culture, but also the poorest. One quarter of the population is below 14 years of age. Of the 11 million children who died last year before their fifth birthday, fifty percent died of chronic hunger which led to malnutrition and death. Nicaragua has also faced widespread hurricanes and flooding over the last six months, which has devastated the country.

God has sent *Le Sea Global* to share His love and provision with families and children in Nicaragua. Through nourishing food from *Gleanings for the Hungry*, they have opportunity to know Jesus Christ, as their physical needs are ministered to. *Le Sea Global Feed the Hungry* program provides love, daily meals, and emergency relief to people in need because of war, poverty, and natural disasters. *Their Every Child, Every Day* program provides daily, nutrient-rich meals to chronically hungry, vulnerable children at their feeding centers. In the community of Soto Caballo, in Rivas, the volunteers at *Le Sea Global* supplement the food with a healthy oatmeal drink for the children. They soak the oats in a little water for 2 hours, then add water, sugar, and ice to make a drink which the children enjoy after their meal. The pastors also pass out oatmeal with the boxes of food to families.

Because of the vision of the leaders at *Gleanings for the Hungry*, and the new bagging machine in the soup plant, we are now able to send products like bags of oatmeal and rice to countries, along with the soup mix. This provides alternate sources of nutrition to those in need.

‘We thank God and *Gleanings for the Hungry* for trusting us with their resources and being a blessing to the children here in Nicaragua. We pray God will continue to provide more abundantly than we ask or believe with the power at work in us. (Eph 3:20)’ We praise God for your continued prayers and support of *Gleanings for the Hungry*, as we continue to provide food for the most needy and vulnerable people all over the world.



## Director's Corner



“I lift up my eyes to the mountains-where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:1-2 This is my favorite Psalm declaring the Lord as our helper. I grew up close to the Swiss Alps. Lifting up my eyes to the mountains meant a breathtaking, beautiful sight. It is not just that our help comes from the Lord, but as we lift our eyes to see Him, we experience His goodness and beauty. This moment is compared to standing in front of a majestic mountain. We are planning for the summer fruit drying program and need help in many areas. *Gleanings* is not successful because of our great plan but because of God’s provision. “Our help comes from the Lord the Maker of heaven and earth.” May you also be encouraged to walk in faith today

**Fritz Meier**