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Gleanings for the Hungry

A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

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SUMMER WRAP-UP

FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Each Friday morning throughout the summer, we celebrated what God had done in our lives that week. Here are some quotes from our volunteers:

“Coming here made me realize how good God is, and how much he loves me no matter what.”

“God broke a barrier in my heart. The sky broke open and God reached down and grabbed my heart.”

“Life has gotten shallow, busy. I’m blessed to say God spoke to us at a deep level. I want to get back to that place where my walk with him is deep.”

“I was kind of a bitter person. I did not want any help. I’m learning to give it to God and ask for help. I am giving it all to him, giving him the glory... not focusing on myself, but instead, focusing on helping people.”

“I was praying for my family to heal from the past. I felt God speaking to me. It was so beautiful. I was praying for chains to be broken. I heard these words: ‘You are never too far gone.’ After my last prayer, I saw a ray of light shining on me. God showed me, ‘I’m here.’”

“I came here to find out where I stand with God. I learned that he is close, even when I don’t think he is.”

“On the peach line, I was thinking about myself—my burning back, my feet, how I didn’t sleep last night, peaches were talking to me. Then I was able to forget about myself and let God take over. And suddenly, I was with him, and everything was better. I was OK when I let go of myself.”

“It gives me hope for this next generation. I have so much hope now, being here, seeing the Holy Spirit working.”

FOOD PRODUCTION

We give God all the glory for the food we produced this summer:

Soup Mix: 99,409 pounds packed | About 695,863 servings of soup

Dried Fruit: 110,452 pounds packed | About 441,808 servings of dried fruit

Beans: 82,798 pounds packed | About 413,990 servings of beans

Total Product: 292,659 pounds packed | About 1,551,661 servings total

SHIPMENTS

In the months of June, July, and August, we prayed for 15 trucks going out. Here are the shipments sent this summer:

- Feed the Hungry in Guatemala**, 2 truckloads
- Convoy of Hope** to El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Philippines, Nicaragua, 5 truckloads
- Last Harvest** in Mexico
- Mujeres Nuevo Comienzo** in Mexico
- Feed the Hungry** in Nicaragua
- Feed the 5,000** in Venezuela
- Together Organization** in Sudan, 3 truckloads
- Heart for Africa** in Swaziland

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR NEXT SUMMER! WE NEED YOU!

FOOD REPORT: "SOPA DE DIOS" IN COLOMBIA

Two shipping containers filled with *Gleanings for the Hungry* soup mix arrived at Colombian shipping port, Buenaventura, on May 2, 2021. That same week, massive public demonstrations began in several major cities throughout Colombia. Large groups of demonstrators caused disturbances at the port, preventing trucks from unloading shipping containers.

Our Colombian ministry partners *Pueblo De Dios Pueblo De Todos* were able to retrieve the containers and move them to the first distribution site in the capitol city of Bogotá. Finally, the loads of *Gleanings* soup mix reached strategic distribution centers in Palmira, Bogotá, Cucuta, and Guajira. Networks of churches and Christian ministries picked up allotments of soup mix from the central storage point.

Since 2016, millions of Venezuelan migrants have flooded into Colombia to find relief from the catastrophic economic collapse of their country. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:

"People continue to leave Venezuela to escape violence, insecurity and threats as well as lack of food, medicine and essential services. With over 5 million Venezuelans now living abroad, the vast majority in countries within Latin America and the Caribbean, this has become one of the largest displacement crises in the world."

Thousands of Venezuelan migrants have settled into small makeshift shelters in a slum-like city called Soacha on the rolling hills outside of Bogotá. Several churches in Bogotá and Soacha are working together to visit migrant families, pray for individuals, share scriptures, bring hot meals, and provide bags of soup mix for simple nutritious meals for the weeks ahead. The migrants are welcomed to small, nearby churches where they can receive help and love from the body of Christ. Praise the Lord for His body of believers in Colombia.

The Gleanings soup mix empowers Christians all over Colombia to reach out to desperate Venezuelan migrants and impoverished Colombians to provide food and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Join us as we continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Colombia and Venezuela.



"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." ~2 Corinthians 12:9



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

The Correll family welcomed Ruby Marie Correll on August 14, 2021. She was born at 11:44 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, and 20.25 inches. Jesse, Elisabeth, and big brother Asher are enjoying spending time bonding as a family. *"We give glory to God for a healthy pregnancy and birth,"* Elisabeth said. *"We're humbled by His kindness and excited to watch Ruby grow into all God made her to be."* Congratulations Correll family, and welcome to *Gleanings* community, baby Ruby!