



WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER ROCHELLE PERRY



Thank you for your prayers for our newest staff member! Rochelle Perry has been a part of the **Gleanings** community since January 2019 as a Mission Builder, using her skills as a chef to serve the Lord. She completed her YWAM DTS in July 2021 and joined staff in November 2021.

From Lodi, CA, Rochelle had a career in training and management developed in universities, hospitals, city governments, and banks. After an early retirement, she carved into her lifelong interest in cuisine and went to cooking school, which led to working as a chef for seven years.

Now she serves the Lord as a missionary in the **Gleanings** kitchen, making delicious meals for our community. We are very excited to welcome Rochelle to the team.

FAREWELL DANIEL and ALEXAS DAVENPORT

January 2022 marks a new season for Daniel Davenport, who served the **Gleanings** mission faithfully for over two years. Now, Daniel and Alexas will move to Oregon for two months and then Montana, where Alexas is enrolled in a mission-minded midwifery school called Go



Midwife. It is a three-month school with an outreach in a third-world country. When Alexas helped deliver a baby in Uganda on her DTS outreach in early 2020, she was inspired to become a certified midwife so she could help more women.

Daniel is an excellent team member and servant of God. In addition to running the machine in the soup plant and directing the peach production, Daniel served on DTS staff, housing committee, empowerment team, and maintenance team.

With many opportunities to develop as a leader, Daniel grew in that gifting during his time at **Gleanings**. "I think the biggest thing I've learned during my time here is to be more confident in my gifting of leading," Daniel said. "As much as I've learned how to lead, I've also learned to act on it."

When we asked Daniel what he will miss most about **Gleanings**, he said, "The **Gleanings** family. I'm going to miss being a big brother to the staff kids."

We will miss Daniel and Alexas as well. Please pray for the Davenports as they launch into their next adventure in Montana.

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"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible"
~ Matthew 19:26

FOOD | COLOMBIAN MINISTRY REPORT: PARTNERS VISIT GLEANINGS



In the fall we welcomed Colombian ministry partners Julian Camargo and Doris Alvarez of **Pueblo De Dios Pueblo De Todos** to visit the **Gleanings** community here in Dinuba. Julian and Doris stayed for two months, volunteering in the soup plant, sharing ministry stories, taking photographs for staff families, and practicing English. It's always a special treat to have missionaries from other nations in person at **Gleanings**. Hearing first-hand reports about the distribution of **Gleanings** soup mix in Colombia inspired many volunteers to continue the hard work.

Pueblo De Dios Pueblo De Todos (PDDPDT) is a ministry of Colombian Christians whose motto is "The people of God bless the earth." Julian is a key leader in this ministry, networking with believers in all sectors--the church, business, academia, agriculture, government--to rise up together and share the Gospel with acts of mercy to those in need. Just before his visit to **Gleanings**, he engaged Christians in the shipping industry and helped to free our containers from being stuck at port. He then secured the help of Christians in the Colombian Air Force for a special transport of the soup mix across the country by C130 Hercules military airplane to people in the northernmost region of Colombia, called La Guajira. Since 2020 **Gleanings** has shipped four containers of soup mix to PDDPDT, and Julian and Doris helped pack the next shipment of soup during their visit.

Julian also traveled with **Gleanings** staff member Andy Rotunno to an event hosted by the Northern Pulse Growers Association called Montana Pulse Day in Great Falls. It was a unique moment where key contributors to the miraculous supply chain were represented: farmers, grain mills, **Gleanings**, and distribution ministry partner. Julian and Andy met new farmers and invited them to donate grain and "bless the earth." They visited farms and witnessed the horrible drought conditions many farmers are facing. Even so, many generous farmers committed to donate ingredients for our soup mix. This is what our Colombian brothers and sisters call the "Soup Miracle." Join us as we pray for Julian and Doris, North American farmers, and grain mills as we all do our part to participate in the Lord's soup miracle.



...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:2-3 NIV

Director's Corner



*Dear **Gleanings** Friends,*

*Wow, it's 2022! Let's grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus. This year is very special for us since **Gleanings** began in 1982, exactly 40 years ago. For a few years Wally Wenge operated out of Yettem, about six miles from our current location. In 1986 and 87 we purchased the property we now own. After forty years of producing food for the poor, thousands of shipments have gone out to find the one in need. It is truly amazing to think about all the work that has been accomplished through the millions of volunteer hours and the faithful givers who supported the mission. We are looking forward to sharing the stories of our own experiences and hearing from the people who have been involved with **Gleanings** before us. This is a year to celebrate and to remember God's work through His people. Do you have a special memory in connection with **Gleanings**? Please send me an email with your story and we will share it with our volunteers (fritz@gleanings.org). With a grateful heart we send you our love and pray for a blessed year for all of you.*

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