



## WELCOME NEW STAFF: SHELLY WARNER

We are so happy to introduce new staff member Shelly Warner, a 2021 DTS graduate. Shelly works in the *Gleanings for the Hungry* front office and as *Gleanings* social media contributor. In her spare time, she likes to knit socks and grow food forest gardens.

From Everett, WA, Shelly found *Gleanings* when she was researching how to manage a food bank. When she finally visited in 2019, she knew she wanted to be here long term. She signed up for the 2021 DTS at the last minute, and found the seeds the Lord planted during DTS are continuing to grow.

Although Shelly grew up attending a Christian school, at 16 she decided to explore many different religions. She spent decades of her life searching. But when she was 52, she had an encounter with Jesus that left her weeping face down on the floor for months. She invested \$4 in a Holy Bible and spent two years reading it cover to cover. *"By the time I got to Revelation, I was baptized and made new in Christ,"* Shelly said.

As Shelly grew in her relationship with Jesus, she realized that he never left her, even though she left him. The more time she spent reading the Bible, the more she understood the love of God. *"Everywhere I looked, all I saw was love,"* Shelly said. Now, as a *Gleanings* staff member, her goal is to live with this awareness of God's love every day.

Shelly is currently building her support team. Please visit [gleanings.org/staff-support-gallery](http://gleanings.org/staff-support-gallery) to support Shelly with a one-time donation or once-a-month donation. Please pray for Shelly and all the *Gleanings* staff members in 2022!

Shelly's life verse: *And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left. (Isaiah 30:20-21)*

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: SHELDON AND CAROL MUNRO



Sheldon continues to serve on the leadership team and in maintenance department and leads outreach to neighbors in Sultana on Fridays, offering prayer and boxes of food. Carol works in bookings part-time, in addition to homeschooling Kaiden.

The Munros love being grandparents. Seth and Emma had a baby girl, Gracie Mae, on November 16, 2021. Reid and Elysia now have two kids, Rocky (3) and McKenzie (2). Alexis, who tragically lost a baby boy to SIDS in January 2021, just gave birth to a baby girl, Aleya, on November 25, 2021.

Kalina is a junior at Fresno State pursuing a degree in Animal Science with an emphasis in Equine Science. Kaiden is doing well, although he was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in November 2021.

*"The year 2021 was a series of valleys and mountain peaks for our family, with many ordinary steps in between the highs and lows,"* Carol said. *"God has heightened our awareness of His touch through every season."*

## GOD'S ABUNDANCE FILLS OUR NEED – 2021 NUMBERS

All glory goes to God for the following numbers that show the impact *Gleanings for the Hungry* had on the world in 2021. Thank you, dear Lord, for your faithful guidance, mercy, and miracles.

**GLEANINGS SOUP MIX PACKED:** 1,724,702 lbs of dry soup mix

**SERVINGS PACKED:** 12,072,914 servings of soup mix (one serving is 12-oz)

**TOTAL FOOD SHIPPED:** 1,981,523 lbs of food

**TOTAL SHIPMENTS:** 56

**NEW MINISTRY PARTNERS:** *Shared Blessings (The Gambia), Fawn Grove Compassion Center (Cuba)*

Thank you, dear supporters, donors, volunteers of all kinds, for the part you played in these miracles.

Because of you, almost 2 million pounds of food, gleaned from abundance, filled the needy in a desperate time. Thank you.





# COUNTRY REPORT

## HONDURAS

In November 2020, hurricanes Eta and Iota devastated hundreds of the small adobe earth houses in Honduras. Violent wind gusts tore off roofs. Mudslides and falling rocks caused major structural damage. Flood waters and mud rivers consumed entire neighborhoods. The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean reported more than 4 million people affected with 2.5 million people in need, 92,000 people in shelters and 62,000 houses affected. The Honduran president called the back-to-back storms the worst disaster to ever hit Honduras.

**Gleanings** collaborated with **Proyecto Aldea Global (PAG)**, **Project Global Village**, for an emergency shipment of soup mix to provide food and immediate assistance to many of these families.

A year later, November 2021, **Gleanings** ministry partner **PAG** continued to help displaced families who lost all their possessions in the storms. In Concepción Sur in Santa Bárbara County, Honduras, **PAG** celebrated the completion of new houses built to benefit these families. During the build, both the workers and the displaced families enjoyed eating **Gleanings** soup.

PAG Director Chet Thomas said many workers cannot afford to buy food because all their time is spent rebuilding their own houses. "More families are eating more soup than ever as they have become accustomed to your special mix during the construction period of their new houses," Chet said. "We began construction of another 85 houses in December 2021."

Please pray for our Honduran brothers and sisters as well as the **PAG** team as they work together to rebuild homes and share the love of Christ. Thank you, **Gleanings** family, for donating food, volunteering your time, giving financially, and praying faithfully.



"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble." --1 Peter 3:8

### Director's Corner



**'Psalm 9:9-10 says, "The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble."**

For 40 years **Gleanings** has been an expression of God's help to the oppressed in places where hunger and poverty prevail. Our founders Wally and Norma Wenge were deeply touched by the refugee crises in Thailand where thousands of Cambodians were fleeing from Pol Pot's regime. Seeing the need and hearing God's call, they were obedient to stop what they were doing to start the ministry of **Gleanings For The Hungry**. Still today we grieve with the hurting. Many have joined us to follow the call to serve like Wally and Norma did when **Gleanings** began. God's faithfulness to the poor and oppressed is what keeps us going. He is the one who uses us like a conduit to let His blessings flow. I love to be used by the Lord. To serve the least and the forgotten is a privilege!

Blessings to all of you.

*Fritz Meier*