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Gleanings for the Hungry

A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

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In February we welcomed seven students to the base for the 2022 DTS at **Gleanings**: Joash Anaminyi from Kenya; Jonathan and Andria Blaser from Switzerland; Sarah Ezzaaraoui from Belgium; Stephanie Goei from Shoreline, WA; Abigail Herskowitz from Burbank, CA; and Maria Clara Lacerda from Brazil.

This diverse group represents five different countries, four continents and five languages. If you include the DTS staff members, the whole group represents seven different countries, five continents, and eight languages.

The theme of the 2022 DTS is *"God of the Impossible."* This theme is from a teaching of Jesus in Mark 10:27, Matthew 19:26, and Luke 18:27. Jesus says it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God. The disciples ask, "Who then can be saved?" And Jesus answers, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God" (Mark 10:24-27).

Lecture phase, which runs from February through May, will include teachings on Listening to God's Voice, Evangelism, the Character and Nature of God, the Father Heart of God, Identity and Intercultural Missions, Lifestyle of Repentance, Healthy Relationships, the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit, Spiritual Warfare, the Foundations of

Discipleship Training School

GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE



a Biblical Christian Worldview, Missions and Children at Risk. The outreach location is supposed to be Colombia, but this may be affected by visas. Please pray for the outreach phase, which will be in June and July.

Another interesting fact about this group of students is how they came to **Gleanings**. For example, Andria was previously on staff at **Gleanings**, but she wanted to do the DTS again with her husband Jonathan. They met at **Gleanings** while she was on staff in 2011-2012, and were married nine years ago. God led them back here after eight years in Switzerland. Three of the students, Sarah, Maria, and Stephanie, were originally backpackers at **Gleanings**, and they decided to come back for the DTS.

Abby was a volunteer as a young adult, and a former Summer Staff intern. Joash heard about **Gleanings** from a friend and joined the DTS without ever having been here.

We are so thankful for the staff and students who have committed to this DTS. Please pray for financial provision, safe travel, and for doors and hearts to open during outreach in June-July. We have faith that God will accomplish the impossible.

We would love to hear from you! What has God done in your life that you thought was impossible? Send us an email at info@gleanings.org

Staff Spotlight

Introducing the 2022 **Gleanings** DTS staff: Eliane Erickson, Ilze Janberga, Mahammadjon Mamatkulov, and Mark and Dede Shour (parents of former **Gleanings** staff Isaiah Shour). DTS staff are committed to giving their time, attention, and mentorship to the DTS students, as well as looking after the practical and technical side of running the program. Staff will meet with students one on one, lead intercessory prayer, plan outings, and prepare for ministry opportunities and outreach.



SUMMER PROGRAM

HELP THE POOR AND NEEDY THIS SUMMER!

Please join us, and bless the nations! We invite you to help feed the poor and needy this summer. We need weekly volunteers, three-month volunteers, and Summer Staff Interns, which is a minimum one-month commitment. We especially need volunteer groups for the first two weeks of August. If you cannot serve at this time, please pray and give, if you feel led.

COUNTRY REPORT:

"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"

MATTHEW
19:26

FOOD AND QUILTS ON THEIR WAY TO UKRAINE AND BORDERING COUNTRIES

For years, **Gleanings** has partnered with Christian ministries to send food to Ukraine and other eastern European countries. **Last Harvest Ministries**, based in Sacramento, is one of those partners. **Mission Without Borders** is another ministry partner who sends food to Ukraine.

At the end of February, with the news of the war in Ukraine, the needs became even greater. *"We reached out to our partners to see how we could help with the current situation,"* Andy Rotunno said.

Two organizations requested food immediately: **Last Harvest and Purpose and Legacy**, both based in Sacramento. They asked for shelf-stable food—pasta, rice, and soup mix. The need for food was very clearly for the growing refugee crisis in Romania, Poland, and Moldova, in addition to the need for food and aid in Ukraine itself. **Gleanings'** ministry partners have focused on both.

Purpose and Legacy also requested **Gleanings** quilts. The churches in Romania that were taking in refugees specifically asked for blankets. *"We were able to immediately send 167 quilts,"* Sue Ross said. They are headed there now, and will arrive in April.

Early in March, the two truckloads went out. *"As our volunteers were praying for the two trucks, we found out that both of the truck drivers were Ukrainian,"* Andy Rotunno said. *"We were able to meet with them and pray with them."* The truck drivers were volunteers, doing what they could to help their home country.

Bryn Baker, former Summer Staff Leader, just finished her DTS in Romania, and was visiting one of our backpackers, Kate, in Poland, when Kate's family took in three Ukrainian families—just the women and children because the men had to stay in Ukraine. Refugee women and children have to walk long distances in below-freezing weather in order to cross the border. Bryn, who had been delivering supplies and aid to ministries at the border, said the greatest need right now is shelf-stable food, sleeping bags, diapers, hygiene items, and medicine.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support in this desperate time.
If you would like to help, please contact info@gleanings.org



Director's Corner

Our Dear Friends,

It is the season to be ready for anything! I feel like our emotions go on overload when we try to relate to world events. At the same time, I am reminded that my peace and strength come from the God who never changes. In Him there is no shadow of change. Romans 5:5 in the Message translation reads: "In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary—we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!"

As I keep my focus on Jesus, I feel like that. There are no words to fully express how good God is. I am excited to serve in a ministry where we are a conduit, a channel of His amazing blessing to a world in need. We are grateful to be shipping containers of food that will provide aid to the Ukrainian people during the current crisis. Thank you, Lord, for our amazing Gleanings family. Blessing to all of you!

Fritz Meier