



WELCOME NEW STAFF: SARA BARTEL



As the daughter of **YWAM Bogota**, Colombia base leaders Steve and Evie Bartel, Sara Bartel grew up in **YWAM**, and now she is the newest staff member at **YWAM Gleanings**. After serving as a Mission Builder for nine months here, Sara applied to take on the role of Housekeeping Department Leader—a position that has not been filled since our last housekeeping leader moved away in 2019. Sara's "Yes" to this mission is an answer to years of prayer, asking the Lord who can fill this role—and the timing is perfect, as we welcome more volunteers for a full peach season this summer. We are so thankful for her commitment to the ministry.

"It was an act of obedience," Sara said. "I had other plans, but all those doors closed. I was in a season of waiting and I didn't know why. I felt like God was saying, 'OK Sara, apply for staff.'"

A hard worker who has a gift for accomplishing tasks and loving people, Sara jumped right in last summer. Over the course of the year, Sara led housekeeping and naturally befriended every international traveler who came through our doors. *"It's very easy for me to reach out to them," Sara said. "I understand their experience of being in a different place, a new culture. I feel like they understand me, being away from home."*

Sara did her DTS at **Gleanings** in 2018, completed a primary healthcare school in New Zealand in 2019, and then studied and worked as a daycare teacher in Texas. In June 2021 she came back to volunteer at **Gleanings**. *"God is teaching me to take life one day at a time, and just be faithful day to day," Sara said. "I can step back and let God do what He does."*

In this season, Exodus 14:14 has been Sara's favorite verse. It says, *"The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."* Please pray for Sara as she does the hard work of cleaning, washing, folding, mopping, and leading others in the housekeeping department—servant-leadership at its finest. Welcome, Sara!

Sara is building her support team! If you would like to support Sara, please visit [gleanings.org/staff-support-gallery](https://www.gleanings.org/staff-support-gallery) to give a one-time gift or ongoing monthly support.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: HENRIJS AND ILZE JANBERGS

The Janbergs have been serving faithfully at **Gleanings** since 2007. Henrijs is now in charge of grounds, and Ilze is finance manager and staffing the DTS.

Henrijs went to Mexico with our team in February, helping build the roof for **Mujeres Nuevo Comienzo** in Baja California. While he was there, Al shared a verse that has been on Henrijs' heart: *"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:10-11).*

As Ilze helped with the Discipleship Training School, she was reminded of the verse, *"Render your heart and not*



your garments" (Joel 2:13). She reflected on God's healing in her own heart and how she wants to share that truth with others: "He heals the broken heart, and the joy comes," she said. "He gives us freedom from lies. He heals our hearts and the things that we believe."

Magnuss (13) and Stella (9) are doing well, earning straight As in school and excelling at swimming.

Prayer Request: Please pray for Ilze's shoulder, which has been hurting for a few months now. Nevertheless, she serves the Lord and her family every day. Thank you for your prayers for the Janbergs.

SUMMER PROGRAM

starts soon!!!

Peach production is around the corner!

May 1 - Summer Empowerment Team Arrives
May 16 - DTS Outreach Begins
May 29 - Summer Staff Arrive / Summer Kick-Off
May 31 - First Chapel of the Summer Season
June 6 - First Volunteer Teams Arrive

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COUNTRY REPORT: BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO

At the end of February, a team from **Gleanings** went to Baja California Mexico to build a roof for a second-story restaurant and housing facility for **Mujeres Nuevo Comienzo (MNC, Women's Fresh Start)**. This ministry provides a safe home for abused, abandoned, and shattered women and their children, with a desire to see them experience healing through a personal encounter with God. **MNC** offers a safe place to live, recover, and gain basic literary and life skills in order to start fresh. They opened their doors in 2011 after recognizing the lack of available resources in Baja California Mexico for those who had been trafficked.

Gleanings has had a relationship with **Mujeres Nuevo Comienzo** for over ten years. Mission Builders Dan and Marylou Barthold have committed to bring food and supplies a few times each year, and the 2021 DTS team served there during their outreach. Sue Ross and Marylou set up a sewing room for them. *"We taught the women how to use the machines and how to make quilts like ours,"* Sue said.

This year's roof project team members—Al Gove, Henrijs Janbergs, and Jesse Correll, along with Mission Builders Allen Rockwell, Eric and Bev McCallum, and Dennis and Cher Reitema—were fortunate to be able to cross the border with tools and supplies without major issues.

Jesse Correll had the privilege of going for the first week to help put up steel beams on the 100 x 120-foot roof. *"The experience kept reinforcing how God's love inspires us to work hard,"* Jesse said. *"God's love is inspirational when we say yes to Him."*

The roof project took two weeks to complete. It was a lot of hard work every day, but the project was finished quickly and safely. *"I saw how organized the workers, staff, and the site leader, Dorothy, is,"* said Henrijs. *"They put God in everything. Work, prayer times—it is all very efficient. It is a good thing, a safe place for those kids and women."*

It is an honor to work alongside **Mujeres Nuevo Comienzo** and their network of support. If you would like to learn more, please visit mncfreshstart.org.

"For the spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline."

2 Timothy 1:7



Director's Corner

Dear Friend,
God's YES toward us results in His forgiveness of our sin and is the basis of our love relationship with Him. He accepts us unconditionally and gives us a calling according to His will. For us at **Gleanings** we strive to serve the poor and feed the hungry. As we have received God's YES, we also respond with our YES to the many requests of ministries around the world. In our hearts we want to partner with every Jesus anointed ministry that sends food to assist in a crisis situation. Of course, we are not able to help everyone, but we do victoriously celebrate every truck that drives out of **Gleanings**. We sing and pray over each load and, YES, more people will have hope and provision for their family. Thanks for being on our YES team.

Fritz Meier