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"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

~ Matthew 25:40

## Congratulations DTS 2022 GRADUATES

Gleanings for the Hungry celebrated five students who successfully completed the YWAM Discipleship Training School. Congratulations to Joash Anaminyi, Jonathan and Andria Blaser, Stephanie Goei, and Abby Herskowitz.

As the DTS came to a close, Eliane Erickson, who directed the school and led the outreach, said she felt honored. My favorite moment of the graduation ceremony was when the students were leading us in worship, putting the Lord first, Eliane said. In that moment, I sensed that God was pleased, and He was ready to launch them into the next season.

During the lecture phase, one student decided to be baptized, and another accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. In addition, two students decided not to finish the DTS. We had our joys and challenges, but we came back to a place of unity, working together as a team, Eliane said. God was after the heart of each one of us. It was a transforming work that He was doing in our hearts.

The theme of the school was God of the Impossible.



Student Andria Blaser shared how God did the impossible in her life: *God began to grow self-control and gentleness in me exponentially*, Andria said.

Joash experienced what he thought was impossible: I thought I was going to have a lot of anxiety during the DTS, but I felt a lot of peace, which helped me enjoy my experience. Not feeling worried or anxious was a big breakthrough for me.

When the school came together, it consisted of people from all different backgrounds. *God hand-picked everyone*, Eliane said. *We are celebrating the Lord, His goodness in the school, and the impossible transformations that only He can orchestrate.* 

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATE GOD'S FAITHFULNESS



Every Friday during chapel, we celebrated the big and small ways that God worked in the lives of our volunteers. Fritz invited them to come up front and share in the microphone, declaring God's goodness, in an atmosphere of family time. Here is a glimpse of what our volunteers shared this summer:

"Gleanings is a place that allows people of all ages to express their faith. We can do mission work here."

"He's not just putting up with my prayers. He's a loving Father."

"Something He has been calling me to throw off is negative self-talk. It has to go." "God's been highlighting to me that I'm still full of excuses. In the moment, it's impossible to know the benefits of obedience. But God has asked me to do the job, and in the middle of that, God is making me the person He wants me to be." "If I can trust strangers making food for millions of people, I can trust the Creator of the universe."

"God brought to mind how judge-y I am,

and how critical. I'm 71 and I still have a lot to learn. God still speaks to my heart and He still corrects me. God never stops calling you to do His work; He keeps giving assignments."

"Undignified, sweating, covered in peaches, in our worst clothes—this is the opposite of our Sunday best. But somehow, we have so much fun, and God meets us in that work."

"God made a way for me to come here. It gave me a big opportunity to grow. It opened my eyes—my actions really do help other people."

"You think you give up a lot to come here. You never really give anything up because you get it all back from the Lord anyway."

### COUNTRY **REPORT** MOZAMBIQUE

# **66** Please pray for a miracle. The attacks continue growing. When we decided to

#### **MOZAMBIQUE NEEDS** IMMEDIATE PRAYER

"We have two different things happening in Mozambique," ministry partner **Dorlim Uetela** said. "Natural disasters such as cyclones left 100,000 people needing help. Then the country was hit by a terrorist attack from the north. Majority of the country is Christian, except for the Islamic region in the north. A few years ago, oil was discovered in that region. That was when the attacks began. El Shabab, an extremist international Islamic terrorist group, invaded the poor villages. The government is denying that the country needs help. But now 800,000 people are displaced because of this terrorist attack. When a village is attacked, the terrorists burn the straw houses and kill some men as an example to the others. Then they say 'Join us or we will do the same to you."

Shipment arrives in God's timing! Dorlim and her husband Onei connected with Gleanings during 2020-2021. At that time, the need for food in Mozambique was serious. They watched

God align all the details to send a container to Mozambique. "It's a miracle story. Every step," Dorlim said.

Once the container shipped, the need for food in Mozambique became dire. The first container of Gleanings food arrived in Maputo, in the south, on June 2, 2022. It was cleared on June 7 and left the port, transported by truck. It took 19 days but finally arrived in the north on June 26. "The problem was the distance and also the state of the road," Dorlim said. "Streets have such big holes that you can damage the car. The pastors are paying from their own pockets to get the food across the country."

That same week another village was attacked and destroyed. Missionaries and pastors prayed and decided to bring the food to that devastated village first before bringing it to the refugee camps that had already been established. "Three people

accepted Jesus as their Lord that first day," Dorlim said. "People are responsive to the gospel. We see God's hand in this. It's the church moving. They are assessing the greatest need and getting the food where it needs to go. They don't take it lightly.

They document everything, every box, every bag of soup, and where it goes. The organization is really responsive, they did all their paperwork. A missionary there from America, Jason, is an angel of

As we finish our summer fruit production, we are filled with gratitude for all

send food, a small section was under attack. Now, it has grown. We need a miracle. We need food. We need water. We need medicine. We need education for the displaced children.

~ Dorlim Uetela



God's provision. He is so active. He did the distribution plan. He is always on the front line and fundraising for their truck and repairs."

The legal recipient of the food is The Baptist Beneficiary Association, the registered Christian organization that signed the papers with the government to get clearance for free. An organization would normally have to pay a percentage of the value of the food if it was not through this organization. "The Baptist Church in Mozambique works all together," Dorlim said.

#### More food on the way!

"The greatest need is food!" Dorlim said. "Prayers and food." The Uetelas requested that we send more as soon as possible. We plan to ship the next container this fall. **Praise the LORD!** 

### Director's Dear friend, Corner

the amazing things we experienced the last three months. One of my favorites to <mark>remember is at the beginning of the summer. We w</mark>ere hard pressed because we did not receive the five or six forklifts that are normally given for our use during the summer. We were seriously concerned we would not have enough equipment to move all the fruit. As we reached out to friends of Gleanings, asking if we could borrow more forklifts from anywhere, we were blessed with an offer to purchase a used one. Because of the supply shortage it was difficult to find a used forklift, but we eventually found a good deal. We operated all summer with the one newly purchased lift and the very old Gleanings lifts. Even more amazing, with Rod and Sheldon gone, we did not have the usual staff that work on the normally recurring breakdowns. Somehow everything kept working. The Lord blessed us with well running old equipment. As the Lord meets us in our needs, I hope you experience the same in your life.

