



## PEA AND LENTIL PROCUREMENT IN MONTANA



In June 2022, staff member Andy Rotunno went to Montana for two weeks, along with mentor Ron Wagner from Saskatchewan and ministry partner Julian Camargo from Colombia. As the head of Procurement and Distribution for **Gleanings**, Andy connects with farmers and mills to secure donations of peas and lentils that are essential for our soup-mix ministry.

"God provides the food through generous farmers," Andy said. "Most of our current donations of peas and lentils come from Hutterite farmers in Saskatchewan." Hutterites are

self-sufficient farming and ranching communities with a simple, modest style of living. They have a rich history of Christian faith and fleeing from persecution. Out of approximately 80 Hutterite colonies in Saskatchewan, 30 colonies currently donate to **Gleanings**.

"It was a privilege to get to see the soil where God's miracle begins," Andy said, "to see those beautiful, remote areas, and pray and ask God for favor on the soil where the peas and lentils are grown."

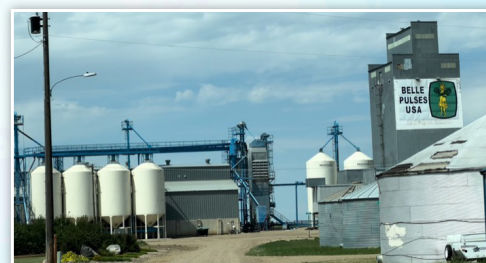
The purpose of the Montana trip was to build new connections with Hutterite farmers in Montana. The trio drove almost 4,000 miles and made a personal visit to 50 of the 58 Hutterite colonies in eastern Montana. "Most were gladly willing for us to contact them at the end of this harvest," Andy said. "A small handful said, 'Yes, we look forward to making a donation this year.'"

Peas and lentils need to be cleaned and processed in a mill. In the entire

state of Montana, there are only two mills that process whole dry peas into split peas, which is what **Gleanings** needs for soup mix. The team visited these two mills—**Belle Pulses USA** and **Columbia Grain**—and both said they are willing to receive donations on **Gleanings**' behalf and process them into a usable, clean, food-safe ingredient for our soup mix—free of charge.

**Convoy of Hope** will pick up the split peas and lentils from the mills, haul it to **Gleanings**, and in return **Gleanings** will fill the Convoy truck with soup mix for their relief efforts around the world. "It's a miracle every step of the way," Andy said.

**Thank you for your prayers for the people who give. Thank you for being a part of the soup-mix miracle.**



## WHY JOIN SUMMER STAFF?

Abigail Lane from London and John Hurford from New Hampshire signed up to serve the whole summer--without ever having been to **Gleanings**. We decided to interview these interns and find out how their summer is going so far. Here is what they said.

**What was your first impression of Gleanings?** "The sweet-smelling morning air, the warmth of the people, everything pointing toward Christ," Abigail said.

"The atmosphere is pretty amazing," John said. "Everyone is so welcoming."



**What has God been doing in your life?** "God is excavating a lot of things about my character," Abigail said. "He is helping me to practice being still, which goes hand in hand with contentment."

"I've seen a lot of healing in myself since I've come here," John said. "I'm letting go of past hurts, reading the Bible more, and enjoying living in community."

**What kind of person would enjoy Summer Staff?** "Someone who has a fire in their heart for Jesus," Abigail said. "Maybe it's a tiny candle wavering in the wind, and they want to reignite it. Someone looking to encounter a close-knit community of other young Christians."

"A person who wants to grow in their faith and has a passion to feed people," John said. "I think anyone can do this, but they need a good work ethic."

**To Abigail, John, and the whole Summer Staff team: thank you for choosing a summer of service for the glory of God.**





## Ukraine Relief Update

**Gleanings** has sent eight containers totaling 299,000 lbs. of food for the relief effort in Ukraine and the surrounding countries of Poland, Moldova, and Romania.

**New Manna Ministries'** Director Fred Ilyin, one of our ministry partners in Ukraine, went on a trip in June to see how he could help. **New Manna Ministries** has a building that they have been operating out of for the past 15 years in the now-devastated eastern part of Ukraine. Fred is in the process of purchasing a property in the western part of Ukraine and one in Poland in order to relocate and expand the ministry. They see a need to give people spiritual restoration in addition to giving them food.

Fred and his daughter Alisha brought 15 suitcases full of dried peaches and soup mix, which they gave to pastors and friends of the ministry. As they drove through Ukraine, they gave the dried peaches to Ukrainian soldiers stationed every 15-20 miles at checkpoints. "The peaches were the biggest hit with the army boys," Fred said. "They were ecstatic with the peaches, which we handed out in sealed plastic bags. They made sure we ate one first, and then they ate." According to Fred and his contacts in Ukraine, about 100-150 Ukrainian soldiers are dying every day. "We are in a battle, and we will not give up," one Christian pastor said.

Another container of **Gleanings** soup mix and rice just arrived in Poland. "Our people are picking it up from the port and taking it to Warsaw," Fred said. "Our trusted friends travel from Ukraine to pick up the food, and they will distribute it in the most devastated areas."

A home for restoration in Ivano-Frankovs continues to care for orphans. Their goal is to feed people who were brought out of dangerous areas and offer them a safe haven. "They arrive as godless kids, and they leave knowing God," Fred said.

An additional container of food will ship in early August. Please pray for **New Manna Ministries and the children, displaced people, soldiers, pastors, and leaders** in this difficult time.



### Director's Corner

Dear Gleanings Friend,  
God has given us our whole life and everything we own, and He wants us to steward them well. In the parable of the talents, we see that everyone received some money to work with, but not everyone had the same amount. As a leader at Gleanings, I steward the amazing people and resources that come through here. Sometimes the circumstances are beyond my control. This summer, our fruit hauling truck broke down, we were short on forklifts and had difficulty finding wood for fruit trays. At the end of the day the question is, "Did I do a good job with the resources I had today?" Doing my best but trusting the Lord for His provision and wisdom makes working at Gleanings exciting. He multiplies our efforts and reminds us that we do a good job. What are you stewarding today? I hope you experience His loving intervention and blessings today.  
**Have a great August!**

*Fritz Meier*

