



WELCOME NEW STAFF: JONATHAN AND ANDRIA BLASER

After meeting each other for the first time at Gleanings in 2012, Jonathan and Andria Blaser are back on staff. Andria previously held a staff role in 2011-2012. At that time, Jonathan came to serve as a Mission Builder. They met and fell in love, and were married in Switzerland, Jonathan's home country, on May 10, 2013.

The couple worked and traveled for eight years in Switzerland, and came to America a few years ago with the dream of starting a business. The plans fell through. "It was very humbling, coming thinking we were going to start our own business," Andria said. "The dreams got squashed, but God had another plan. Now we've done the DTS and are coming on staff. It's humbling but absolutely beautiful to be where God wants you to be, even if it's not your plan to begin with."

"My goal this time around is to serve well, with joy," Andria said. "No task is too demeaning. That is my heart for this two-year commitment. I've experienced the peace that comes when I drive through the gates at Gleanings. I want to bless the volunteers as they come through the gates."

Jonathan will be in maintenance, and Andria will help plan, organize, and execute special projects. She will also support the kitchen and maintenance departments. "I have the ability to see the steps required to bring a project to completion," Andria said.

"I've had a lot of experience in maintenance, and I can see how God was preparing me all along to serve in this way," Jonathan said. "If I see a problem or something to fix, I will find a way to fix it. I'm willing to learn new things. I'm just handy."



The Blaser's life verse is from Romans 5:3-5, which says, "We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

Jonathan and Andria are building their support team! Please visit gleanings.org/staff-support-gallery to support Andria and Jonathan with a one-time gift or monthly donation.

SUMMER 2022 WRAP-UP



Praise God for the Summer Staff, Mission Builders, international travelers, church groups, full-time staff, and volunteers who worked hard all summer. Praise God for the donors, farmers, processors, packers, truck drivers, ministry partners, supporters—everyone involved in the network of God's provision for the hungry. Thank you!

FOOD PRODUCTION | JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

In about 65 work days, Gleanings for the Hungry produced 166,278 pounds of dried fruit and 154,305 pounds of soup mix and beans, **totaling 320,583 pounds of food**. This translates to **1,720,089 large servings of nutritious food** that will be shipped out very soon to desperate people in countries like Ukraine, Romania, Poland, Moldova, Nicaragua, Honduras, Mozambique, Haiti, and Cambodia.

May God multiply every serving as it goes out with the hope of the gospel. To God be all the glory!

DTS 2022 OUTREACH REPORT

BISHOP, CA

After two weeks of food distribution and evangelism in the Dinuba area, our team loaded up a Sprinter van with soup mix and quilts and drove to Bishop, CA. We stayed at a Nazarene church and partnered with YWAM in Bishop, as well as several local churches. We built relationships in the community, and we learned about the Paiute people and the history of the region. We had the opportunity to help with



gardening at a preschool in the reservation, serving alongside of Glenn, a Native American. The children from the preschool help plant and harvest the crop which benefits their community. Near the preschool is the Elder Center of the reservation. This was the first place we brought some of our Gleanings soup to help those affected by poverty.

In the same neighborhood we joined a pastor and his family in a project of cleaning up a yard and painting a kitchen. We removed over 2,600 lbs. of debris from the property in only two days and gave their kitchen a new and clean look. The family was very grateful. Our team was invited to lead worship at the Nazarene church, and Abby Herskowitz shared her



The director of the Gleanings Discipleship Training School, Eliane Erickson, shares highlights from the outreach phase, which took place in the United States May 29 - July 20, 2022.

testimony. The night before we had done an outreach at a Pride event in town, where we gave out water, cold brew coffee, and the Gospel of John; two people we met at the event joined us in church the next day. God was touching their lives.

DENVER, CO

After two eventful weeks in Bishop, we took on a two-day journey to Denver, CO where we stayed at the YWAM base for four weeks. During this time, we served at Arvada Missions, a church ministry that reaches out to the homeless. Our team was able to do practical service, share some of our soup mix, pray over people, and sing worship songs. We also helped for several days at an African Church called Kingdom Connections. We all enjoyed the loving and welcoming culture of the African people and had fun serving alongside them at a huge food distribution. Andria Blaser and Joash Anaminyi shared their testimonies at the event, and many people responded when a pastor gave the invitation for salvation and prayer. We prayed over people and watched the Lord touch their lives. Over the next few days Stephanie Goei led us in evangelism in the city, and our team practiced boldness in talking with strangers about the Lord.

During our last evangelistic outreach in Denver, we gave out hot-dogs in a park, played music and even had the opportunity to bless two people with Gleanings quilts. One story

that stood out to us was the story of William. He served in the US military but has been homeless for two years. When we arrived at the park, he was speaking profanities and looked very angry. Jonathan Blaser started talking with him and invited him to get a hot dog. He came over, engaged in conversation, and was deeply moved when Jonathan prayed for him. William left a different person. Additionally, many other people came and shared their prayer requests with us, and left feeling encouraged and blessed. Among those people were the relatives of a lady battling cancer in the nearby hospital. We gave them a Gleanings quilt for their mom and sister as a comfort during this difficult time.



We are grateful for what God did during our outreach. He was working in each one of our lives. Jesus came to serve and not to be served (Matthew 20:28). In the same way, we had the privilege and honor to serve, often behind the scenes, and in the midst of it become more like Jesus himself.

Hello, dear friends. We are praising the Lord for all He has done in these past forty years, including the countless lives He has touched. Thank you for serving and supporting Gleanings For The Hungry throughout the years. Our staff would love to see you here for the Friends & Family Festival this month. You are invited!



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