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Gleanings for the Hungry

A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

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BELOVED SUMMER LEADERS PRODUCING GOOD FRUIT

A wonderful team of young adults has taken peach production to a new level. *The 2023 Summer Leaders Team* launched in June with outdoor activities, fork-lift training, a team covenant, and more, led by Summer Staff Director Britta Jones and her Empowerment Team. "More than peaches are produced in the peach plant," is the new motto. Good fruit is also growing in the lives of our young volunteers.

Summer Leaders are young adults who give their summer to serve the



Lord, live in community, and grow in their faith. They work hard to serve the poor and needy, and they build life-long friendships while doing so. This year's team shows great initiative and maturity. We are so proud to have them here!

Thank you for serving the Lord with us, beloved Summer Leaders!
Harley Hicks, Bethany Jacks, Niks

Mals, Madalyn Gerig, Sebastian Flores, Heather Rosenberg, Kerianna Driver, Milana Timonina, Abigail Herskowitz, Sierra Atchison, Andrew Hohberg, Jefferson Shaw, Megan Graham, Noah Semsen, Azariah Pekary, Iam Kimbrough, Skyler Atchison, Isaac Matson.

RAISING THE BAR WITH THE EMPOWERMENT TEAM

The Empowerment Team is a trio of summer leaders whose main goal is to empower the rest of the team to succeed. They look for ways to challenge, sharpen, and raise the bar in work ethic, integrity, and faith in order to promote unity and growth in the summer leaders. This year we have amazing young adults on the team: **Bryn Baker, Emily Warrington, and Houston Hicks.**

Bryn Baker, 22, is from Santa Cruz, CA, and her verse for the summer is Psalm 1:3. She has been

serving at *Gleanings* for many years, and this is her 5th year as Summer Staff. Bryn also completed a Discipleship Training School in Romania. "God has given me a passion for people," Bryn said. "He is constantly bringing me opportunities to lead with compassion and be a friend who understands. Sometimes it's hard to find that in the world."

Emily Warrington, 25, is from Olympia, WA, and her verse for the summer is Psalm 23. Emily just received

her bachelor's degree in organizational management with a minor in ministry from Northwest University. "I've known since I was 12 that I had a call of ministry on my life," Emily said. "God called me to full-time missions last year. He's shown me a lot of things I'm passionate about. I love to develop and disciple people."

Houston Hicks, 20, is from Port Hueneme, CA, and his verse for the summer is Isaiah 40:30-31. "I want to be in a place where I need

that verse," Houston said. "From the age of 15 I knew God wanted me to do His work. I don't want to be in a place where I think I can do it on my own." Houston works at Forest Home in the recreation crew, and he hopes to do a DTS in the near future.

Please say a prayer for our beloved Empowerment Team as they bless the *Gleaning's* community and grow in their God-given leadership abilities.



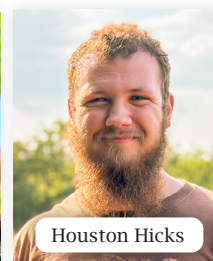
Britta Jones



Bryn Baker



Emily Warrington



Houston Hicks

NICARAGUA

- Country Report



Five **Gleaning's** staff and three Empowerment Team leaders traveled to Managua, Nicaragua in May 2023. During the five-day tour, the team was able to visit various programs supported by **Convoy of Hope**: children's nutrition programs, women's empowerment facilities, early initiatives serving infants and mothers, and sustainable agriculture farms. A highlight of the trip was visiting the **Convoy of Hope** warehouse in Managua where pallets of **Gleaning's** soup mix and peach buckets are stored, ready to be given to various programs overseen by **Convoy**.



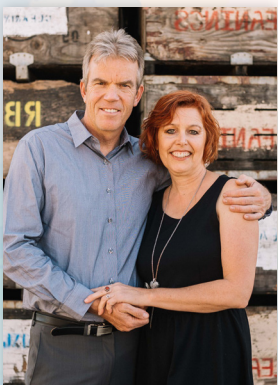
In a community called Ticuantepe, our group participated in a feria alimenticia, a food fair, showcasing different recipes for preparing **Gleaning's** soup mix and peaches. One of the popular items to taste was a cold, refreshing drink made from dried peaches. During the visit to the infant program, mothers and infants used **Gleaning's** food boxes with plastic balls to play an interactive game. The team was able to pray over these programs while they were there and build relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ.

On the last day of the trip, the team traveled outside of Managua to meet up with Kendra on the 40-acre property where **Feed the Hungry Nicaragua** is located. They helped pack 20 different pastors' vehicles with food. "We love to work with people who no one else is helping," Kendra said. "These pastors will take this food out to their churches and share Jesus with them." **Feed the Hungry** gives food to approximately 90,000 children in communities in the mountains, coasts and remote villages of Nicaragua. "We love giving oatmeal. Keep sending oatmeal!" she said. While the **Gleaning's** team was visiting, a truck arrived with a container of food that left California in February 2023. Director Fritz Meier and staff member Jesse Correll opened the doors of the container and began unloading pallets of food into the **Feed the Hungry** warehouse.



Both partnerships are dear to the heart of God. It was inspiring to see the mission of **Gleanings for the Hungry** carried out despite national challenges. The Kingdom of God is advancing in Nicaragua. Our God is good.

Directors Corner



Dear Friend,

I had the privilege to travel to Nicaragua last month. Since the COVID pandemic began I have not visited any **Gleaning's** partners, so I was excited to once again be with the people who use our food. Nicaragua is a beautiful country with many poverty issues. The two organizations we visited provide food for over 150,000 children in their feeding programs. We saw our peaches and soup mix at every place we visited. I felt the Lord speak to me about going as a servant. If every glass of water given to a poor person is given as unto Jesus, then I work for these people because I live to serve Jesus. Instead of coming as the person who donates food, I related to people as someone who loves them and is committed to making their lives better in any way I can. It was a precious time. The Lord connected me to some beautiful people in a deep way.

Fritz Meier