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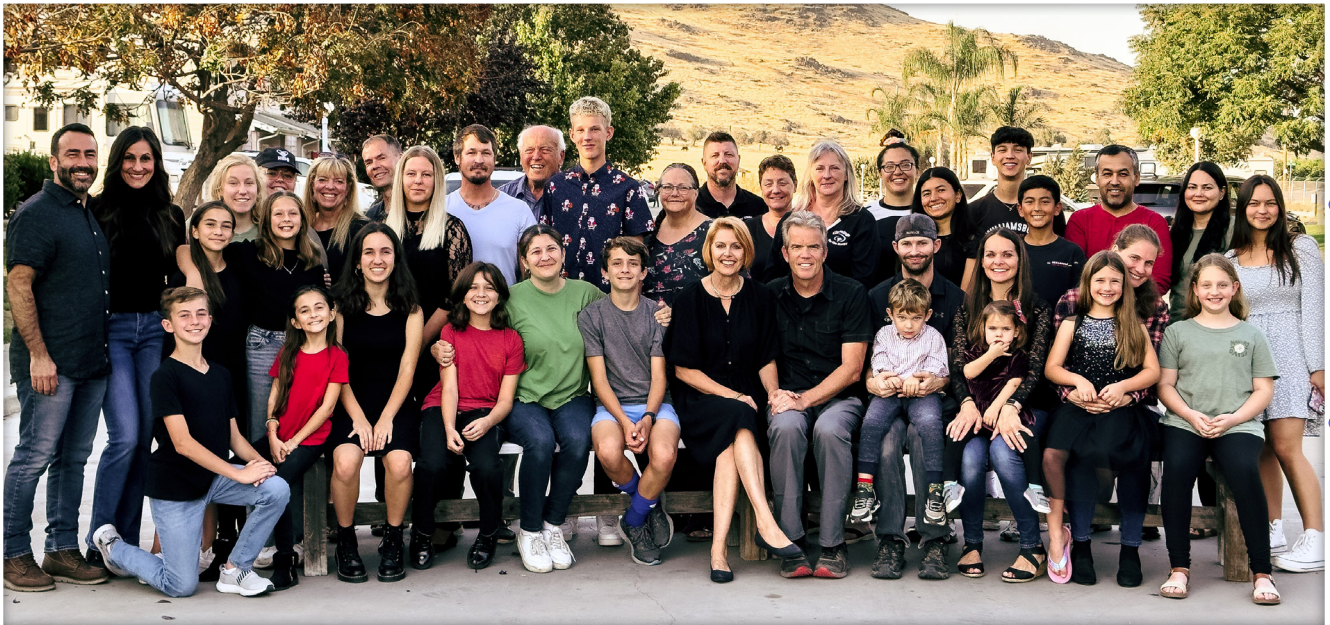
A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

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*Happy December to all of you, our dear friends. There are a thousand things we could name for which we are grateful. But this is the season to ponder and celebrate the greatest Gift of all times – the birth of Jesus! Receiving Him and being filled with the Holy Spirit leads us into a life of faith. By faith we do not need to strive and control, but we surrender to the will of God by listening to the Holy Spirit. Sometimes it feels like going into a boxing match with hands tied behind our backs. If Jesus does not fight with us, we will be knocked out. And suddenly we stand in the ring and wonder what happened. Jesus, our Champion, won the battle for us. At **Gleanings** that looks like trusting the Lord for all the resources and people, then seeing Jesus provide everything to send millions of meals around the globe.*

We pray for the joy of the Lord to rise up and for a continued excitement to walk in faith.

Fritz Meier



M E R R Y

Christmas

Welcome Eric and Bev McCallum

We are excited to welcome a kind, compassionate, resourceful couple from Dawson Creek, BC, Canada: Eric and Bev McCallum. "We've always wanted to be here," Bev said. "But God just released us to be here. This is God's timing."

In January 2019, Eric and Bev came to **Gleanings** for the first time. "We signed up for a week and ended up staying a month because we didn't want to leave," Eric said. "We fell in love with the people and the mission. We had such a warm welcome, especially from Rod, the big papa bear."

The couple has always had a heart for missions. They went down to Mexico for a month and a half. "We worked in the orphanage there for a couple weeks, and then joined Al Gove's team putting the roof on the women's home in Vicente Guerrero. Then we went to Puerta Penasco and helped out with a YWAM base there. We also worked in a soup kitchen and had the pleasure of serving **Gleanings** soup. We got to take that first load, ten boxes, to

Phoenix, for a new ministry partner."

After completing the DTS lecture phase at **Gleanings** in 2020, Eric and Bev were forced to go back to Canada and graduate from DTS without an official outreach overseas due to the pandemic. "We wanted to be at **Gleanings**," Bev said. "However, the timing did not work out. I had to wait on the Lord. God is teaching me that his timetable is just as important as his word."

In 2023 the McCallums knew it was finally time to apply for full-time staff. "God told me we were coming, and then God gave Eric a verse a few weeks later: Psalm 2:8 'Ask of me and I will make the nations your inheritance...'" Eric heard God saying, "Do you know how many nations are served out of **Gleanings**?" That was when he had confirmation of God's call. "God wanted us here at **Gleanings** to serve Him by serving the nations," Eric said.

Bev and Eric have four kids and six grandkids. Eric enjoys working with people, fixing electronics, working on



houses and anything hands-on. "I was an electronics tech for Canada's federal police force. I worked as radio tech." Bev is passionate about helping people get physically healthy. "I taught fitness classes and trained fitness instructors for the past 13 years," Bev said. "And I have a heart for the elderly."

The McCallums are currently serving as DTS staff. "We both love learning more about God. We are looking forward to growing."

Welcome to the McCallums!

Please keep them in your prayers. You can send a gift to support the McCallums by visiting gleanings.org/staff-support-gallery



WAREHOUSE EXTENSION PROJECT



Construction of the **Gleanings** warehouse extension project is progressing! As we experience more product donation and increased food production, our need for warehouse space continues to be very real. **Gleanings** has been granted a "Special Use Permit" by the local governing agency. Recent preparations for the new warehouse have included:

- 1) welding rebar cages to anchor the foundation
- 2) pouring cement for a retaining wall, and
- 3) constructing a fire wall.

We are still awaiting a final permit to approve construction of the 12,000 square foot warehouse and are hopeful it will come through as quickly as possible. In faith, our leadership is praying for favor, finances and volunteers to help bring this project to completion. Thank you for seeking the Lord with us as we trust God's timing for this new warehouse. The estimated total for the project—including materials, permits and rental equipment—is approximately \$185,000. We are still in need of about \$60,000. If you would like to give towards this effort, feel free to donate online at gleanings.org or make a check payable to "**Gleanings for the Hungry**," with the memo line, "**Warehouse**."

If you would like to volunteer to help construct the new warehouse in January, please contact booking@gleanings.org to reserve space and come to help with this project. Thank you for partnering with us as we prepare to build for God's kingdom and His glory!

