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# GLEANINGS FOR THE HUNGRY

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## GOD'S ABUNDANCE IN 2023 *Gleanings Numbers at a Glance*



What does a bowl of soup mean to a 12-year-old girl in eSwatini?

What does a dried peach mean to a child in Romania?

What does a quilt mean to an orphan in Haiti?

While the numbers are impressive, God sees and loves each individual who ate a bowl of **Gleanings** soup, a dried peach, or received a quilt in 2023. We have no way to measure the stories represented by these numbers, and the miracles that only God sees, but we can imagine the glory it brings to Jesus Christ, the great orchestrator of the supply-chain miracle of **Gleanings**.

In 2023, **Gleanings for the Hungry** made 737 quilts and sent 3,368,349 pounds of donated food—soup mix, dried fruit, oats, pasta, and other food products — to 22 countries. This means we sent approximately 22,987,578 large servings of food to our ministry partners, who give the food away with a message of hope, the gospel of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

What was your part in this supply-chain miracle? We would like to thank you for your contribution, prayers, time, donation, faithfulness. Thank you so much for making a difference for the millions, the individual, and the kingdom of heaven.

**A**fter a prayer send-off at **Gleanings** on December 31st, 11 students and 4 leaders from our Discipleship Training School (DTS) boarded a flight from Los Angeles to Johannesburg, South Africa. From there, the team traveled to the country of Eswatini to **Sight of Hope Africa** in Nhlanguano. Partnering with the Free Evangelical Christian Church, **Sight of Hope** is an NGO that exists to provide transformation and empowerment to young women in vulnerable circumstances. Our team spent the month of January there, assisting in various capacities. At the beginning of February, they will be driving approximately 10 hours to Durban, South Africa. There they will spend the second half of their outreach



### DTS ON OUTREACH

working with the nearby **Walk in the Light Ministries**. DTS Director, Eliane Erickson, was eager to see how the team would carry out the theme of being "called and equipped" on their journey to South Africa. Please continue to pray for them, specifically in the following ways:

- 1) Team unity for our students and leaders as they serve
- 2) For the strengthening of relationships with **Gleanings'**

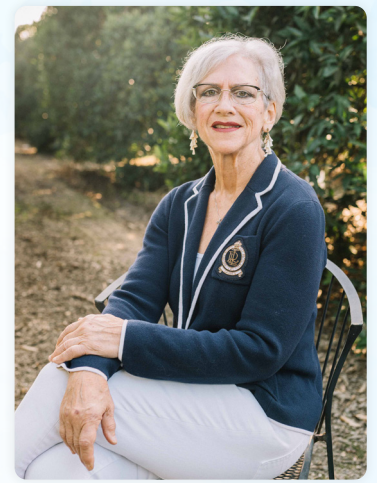
- ministry partners in Eswatini and South Africa
- 3) For lost souls to come to know Christ and His Kingdom through this outreach
- 4) For safety, health, energy and joy for each member of the team!

The DTS is scheduled to return to Dinuba on March 1st, where they will spend time debriefing the experience and preparing to graduate. Our community looks forward to hearing the stories of God's many "divine appointments" along the way!

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8*

## FAREWELL TO OUR CHEF, *Rochelle Perry*

We are so grateful for the blessing of having Rochelle Perry on staff for the past few years. Rochelle grew up in the church, and she always wanted to be a missionary. In her retirement from her professional careers, Rochelle was able to see that dream come true at *Gleanings*, where she used her skills in the kitchen. She excelled in time management and follow through, making her a reliable team member in our community as we enjoyed the delicious meals she prepared. One of the *Gleanings* values states, "We serve extravagantly through our God-given gifts," and Rochelle was a perfect example of a chef who lived out this value. Although we are sad to see her go, we know she will be back in the kitchen now and again as God leads. Thank you Rochelle!



## COUNTRY REPORT *Mozambique*

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and bear fruit - fruit that will last."

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### *Visit of Mozambique Pastors*

In late November, *Gleanings* was privileged to be visited by two pastors from Palma, Mozambique. They came at the invitation of a friend after a container of *Gleanings*'s soup was sent to Mozambique in February, 2022. A year before that, Mission Builder, Dorlim Oetela was sitting at *Gleanings*' Bible Study when she strongly felt the need to send food to the over 800,000 people displaced in her homeland of northern Mozambique. Due to oil rich areas in the country, terrorist activity has been



strong, coupled with cyclones and droughts. People have been desperate and hungry for a long time.

Both pastors are affiliated with the African Baptist Church's social arm in South Africa. As they shared, they mentioned Acts 16:9-10 where the apostle Paul has a vision of a man saying, Come over to Macedonia and help us. "Even though you can't meet the refugees in person or go to Mozambique yourselves, you've helped us. We just want to say thank you, thank you, thank you." The pastors reported back, "You have no idea of the impact you have made to places that you cannot go yourselves because it is unsafe." Several times, they shared how food is simply the door to preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. "How can we say that Jesus Christ is the answer to people who have lost everything?" We pray that we can simply show them that love by giving food." Most of the communities where the food was delivered were Muslim communities where people had nothing to eat for days. "The food was very good and nutritious, but the need is huge," they said.

When asked what we can do for the people of Mozambique, the response was: pray. "We know that as we pray, God can reveal more about the needs of the people than we know. And if you can, send more food." The obstacle continues to be raising the \$10,000 to ship the food to this part of the world.



Our new friends also asked for prayer for motorcycles for the pastors to be able to get to each of these northern communities, and for Jesus to break through the strong presence of Islamic faith. We continue to see God moving as we follow His heart step by step towards this largely unreached people group.