



Welcome TAYLOR FAMILY

Christopher and Suzanna Taylor joined **Gleanings** staff in September 2024 after serving as Mission Builders and completing a family DTS in New Zealand with outreach in Thailand.

Suzanna worked as restaurant manager for Ruby Tuesday for many years, and Christopher served 26 years in the army, where he specialized in competitive shooting. They met in Virginia in 2012 and were married in 2013 in New Jersey. "We started traveling in an RV in 2021 after Christopher retired from the army," Suzanna said. "Our intention was to give our children an untraditional childhood. We wanted them to eat food and see places that they would never be able to see otherwise."

In April 2022 the Taylor family had an unexpected delay in California, which led them to **Gleanings**. "A part of our RV broke in California, and we were stuck," Suzanna said. "We had to get it fixed in Bakersfield, and **Gleanings** for the Hungry showed up in my Instagram feed. When I looked it up, I realized it was close and that it had RV sites, and I got it booked. We intended to come for one week, but it turned into three weeks. Later, we came back to serve again as



Mission Builders, and again we stayed longer than we had planned. We fell in love with the values we experienced here. It felt like DTS was our next step in our walk with God. We chose the family DTS in Matamata New Zealand because we wanted our children to grow closer to God alongside us."

The Taylors completed their DTS outreach in Thailand in June 2024. "In Thailand, God taught us that we can be comfortable in the uncomfortable," Christopher said. After outreach, the Taylor family came back to **Gleanings**, summer 2024, to take time to pray about when and where to staff a YWAM base. "At Sunday family dinner, we heard about the recent trip to Guatemala and the impact of the **Gleanings** food.

It hit us what it means to be here. Our hearts lie in mercy ministries and doing physical work. We both heard God say, "This is where I am pointing to."

Christopher is the new Mission Builder Coordinator and working on projects around the base. "I love working with my hands—big and little projects, building things," Christopher said. Suzanna is working in the kitchen this fall, in addition to homeschooling their three children. "I have a servant's heart," Suzanna said. "I love to help. It brings me joy." The Taylor kids are excited to live at **Gleanings**. Isaac (15) loves legos, geography, and drawing. Caleb (9) has a big heart, loves his friends, traveling, and roller blading. Annabeth (7) loves to swim, play with dolls, do gymnastics, and play with friends.

Thank you for your prayers and support for the Taylor family as they follow the Spirit, settle into the **Gleanings** community, and serve the Lord wholeheartedly.

Jeremiah 29:11-12 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."



FAREWELL
HILL FAMILY

Rachel Hill served at **Gleanings** for many years as Mission Builder and full-time staff. She completed her DTS at **Gleanings** in 2020. Her main role was in the booking department. We will miss her enthusiasm for the ministry, but we know God will continue to lead and protect her and her two kids, Jude and Evie, in their next adventure in Oregon. Thank you, Rachel, for your many prayers, generous heart, and all the ways you served the Lord here. God bless the Hill family!

NEW WAREHOUSE PROGRESS

Thank you to everyone who has supported the **Gleanings** Warehouse Expansion Project. We are seeing it come together, by God's grace. In September, all seven sets of the main cross beams were erected with the assistance of a local crane operator. Since then, a team of **Gleanings** staff and volunteers have been hard at work assembling the external walls and roof. It takes teamwork and communication to work together in the heat to put these pieces of the building together. We are thankful for God's provision for the resources each step of the way. We look forward to the completion of this project, ensuring more space to store food that can be sent out all over the world. If you would like to give to the warehouse project, go to www.gleanings.org.



PRAY FOR DTS STUDENTS

The *Gleanings* 2024-2025 Discipleship Training School is in full swing. The group began the lecture phase with a team-bonding retreat at Hume Lake. We look forward to watching each student grow as they explore weekly topics such as: Nature & Character of God, Hearing God's Voice, Identity in Christ, Spiritual Warfare, and Evangelism. The theme verse for the DTS is Galatians 5:25, "Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives." Please pray for **Benjamin, Elizabeth, Emerson, Emily, and Roy, and DTS staff Eliane, Bev, Eric, and Stephanie** as they learn to follow the Holy Spirit in every area of their lives.



COUNTRY REPORT HONDURAS

HONDURAS FEED THE HUNGRY

Over 60 percent of the people in the country of Honduras are considered poverty-stricken. Drought, hurricanes, heavy rains—the people are suffering because of the loss of crops and homes. Conditions were made even worse after Covid-19, with the scarcity of food and the increase in prices.

Gleanings partners with *Honduras Feed the Hungry* to help feed over 125,000 children three to five times per week at their feeding sites. Our partner organization trains over 170 pastors who oversee the feeding programs, ensuring that they are successful and that the families are receiving discipleship as well as food. "New feeding sites are reaching

new kids," Carlos, the director, said. "What motivates me is how the gospel is getting to the kids."

FOOD — IMPACTING LIVES

"We get food from you guys and from other organizations too," Carlos said. "The sites ask for soup mix. Soup lasts longer, and with one bag you can feed more. When we don't have it, when it's running low, they ask for more. They are really looking forward to receiving it. They wait for the soup. They need a variety in their menu. The vitamins are really helping the kids."

"One family had four kids that were really malnourished" Carlos said. "One could not walk. Within a month, they look good. You see the change. In El Progreso, one lady would always refuse help. Last week, the pastor passed by and offered her food. She started crying and said, 'We haven't had food for two days.' She accepted the food and began attending the church. Now she is volunteering as a cook!"

BIBLES — HOPE FOR A MORE SECURE FUTURE

After receiving a donation of New Testaments and children's Bibles, Honduras Feed the Hungry began brainstorming ways to get the kids excited about reading. "In our culture we have a lack of reading," Carlos said. "Our plan is to reach these kids and get them reading the Bible. We can help them

create a reading habit. Food and Bibles are providing unity in the Body of Christ. It's something really amazing."

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the kids and youth to read the Bible and reach the whole family with a lifestyle of reading and learning; for the parents and teachers who are caring for these children, because they must also encourage the reading habit; for God to keep giving wisdom and discernment; for the pastors starting new feeding sites; for strength; for more donations of food and resources to keep going; and to get past the hurdles of getting incorporated for tax exemption in Honduras.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Dear *Gleanings* Friend,

If the rulers of the time had known the death of Jesus would be the very act that would provide salvation for mankind, they would not have crucified Him. 1Cor. 2:8

God has prepared awesome things for those who love Him and sometimes blessings come through unexpected circumstances. At *Gleanings* we face challenges: equipment break downs, water contamination, visa issues, financial obstacles and more. It seems like God is helping us to learn to trust Him in all these things and I can honestly say we are at peace knowing and trusting that God has a better plan than to just make everything go perfectly. We are excited to see the Holy Spirit working in and through us every single week. Jesus is right here with us no matter what we are going through.

I hope and pray you are also growing closer to Him!

Blessings to all of you,

Fritz Meier