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**GLEANINGS**  
**FOR**  
**THE HUNGRY**  
a ministry of youth with a mission

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## **WAREHOUSE COMPLETE!!!**

Join us in praising God from whom all blessings flow! After nine months of steady work, the warehouse extension project is now complete. The 12,000 square-foot warehouse passed final inspection at the beginning of the year. It is officially able to be used! We praise God for his kindness to provide the funds, expertise, labor, and overall protection for all who were involved in the project. We reflect on the times during the process when we wondered if each obstacle—permits, finances, labor—would be overcome, and we see God's faithfulness. Thank you to each one of you who felt the Holy Spirit's nudge to contribute to this project. We couldn't have done it without you! Please continue to pray that Gleanings would steward this new space to feed the hungry of the world both spiritually and physically. It's all for the Glory of God.

*"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." Psalms 34:8*

## **SIGN UP FOR SUMMER 2025**

We need committed, faithful servant-leaders to join our team in **Summer 2025**. Whether you are a *Mission Builder* (18 and up) or a *Summer Staff Leader* (18-25 years) you can make a difference in the kingdom of God by serving the poor and needy. From June through August, we turn culled peaches and nectarines into nutritious dried fruit. We send it in bulk to amazing ministries in Africa, South America, Europe, and Asia. Our summer program is an opportunity to grow closer to our Heavenly Father as we give generously our time, energy, and resources. We are specifically asking for servant leaders to join us for all three months. Visit [gleanings.org](http://gleanings.org) or call our office for more information.

## **STAFF SPOTLIGHT: JESSE AND ELISABETH CORRELL**

Why are you on staff at **Gleanings**?

**Jesse:** To foster and grow the space for volunteers to continually uncover the reason why God brought them to **Gleanings** and what God wants for them. I aspire to prayerfully and constantly share the harvest produced from this space to reach the nations in hopes of opening hearts to God's good news.

**Elisabeth:** To know God's heart for the world and build my family in kingdom values; to meet and know Christ's church in all its diverse nationalities, denominations, and ages; to watch disciples grow in the ways of God and see them leave nearer to His heart. As an overflow of the joy of the gospel of Jesus Christ, we can lay down our lives, live in true community, and invest our time with hopeful purpose. All this as we send food to satisfy the needs of God's image bearers.

## **ADDING A MISSION BUILDER COORDINATOR GREATLY IMPROVES THE PROGRAM**

**Gleanings** Staff Member *Christopher Taylor* has recently taken on the position of Mission Builder Coordinator, working to match long-term volunteers with projects around the base where they can best use their unique expertise to serve. "I love seeing a volunteer's skills matched with needs, and then to see them have the heart to do it," Christopher said. In addition to facilitating volunteers and special projects, Christopher serves as a liaison when community life events are taking place. This role has been needed for some time, as **Gleanings** often has special projects in mechanics, construction, kitchen work, and other areas. Christopher has been contacting Mission Builders by email before their visit to proactively place individuals where they can make a big impact. "I enjoy starting the relationship and getting to know the person before they arrive," Christopher said. Our value statement states: We serve extravagantly through our God-given gifts, and we go out of our way to make people feel like family. We love our Mission Builders and are so grateful to see them live out these values as they serve here.





# COUNTRY REPORT PERU

The South American country of Peru has a poverty rate of 25 percent, and about half of the country's population struggles with food insecurity. **Gleanings** shipped a container of soup mix to Peru in the fall, and it miraculously arrived in time to be cleared and ready for our DTS team to access pallets designated for their outreach efforts in January and February 2025.

"The ten miracle pallets of soup that we received have already been making an impact on kids, parents, and grandparents, all receiving the gospel message with their food," Benjamin writes. "For those of us on the team who have been on the production side of **Gleanings** ministry for years, the experience of handing out soup bags to God's children and telling them of His love for them has been surreal. **Gleanings** soup mix has been a great gift to the people here. The smiles on the faces of the recipients are such an amazing reward for doing God's work."

In addition to handing out soup mix door-to-door, the team of four DTS students and three **Gleanings** DTS staff members joined the YWAM base in Ica, La Mision, to offer soup mix to people at outreach events. "La Mision has made good use of the soup, using it in kids ministry, evangelism, church, and outreach events," Benjamin said. "Our team is committed to not only spread soup but also the gospel. One notable example happened on a local outreach. Emily was able to share



the Gospel to a group of 50 soup recipients, showing them the way to salvation and how they could accept it. Her willingness to share the good news to a large group exemplified our team's primary purpose for the soup as a vehicle of the gospel."

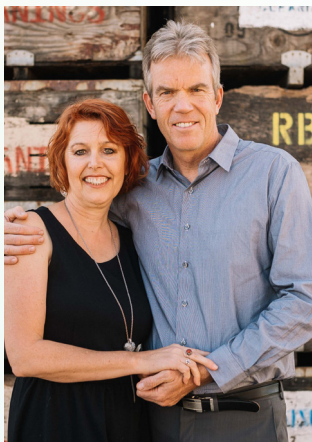
**Gleanings** staff member Bev writes, "We are going to be giving out the soup in partnership with YWAM Pisco to a whole bunch of people who lost their homes due to a fire in Pisco. Hopefully we are building a strong bond between Pisco base and Ica. This was something that we got in prayer: for soup to build strong bonds between this base and others."

The DTS team members helped the YWAM base with construction projects, manual labor, and a checklist of tasks, as well as teaching English classes for kids. Students have shared sermons and their testimonies. They have been very busy! "Please pray for our team as we continue submitting to God's will on the mission field," Benjamin writes.

Thank you for your prayers for these young people and the nation of Peru. Thank you for investing in **Gleanings** and our DTS program, training young people in discipleship, leadership and service. May the Lord be with you and keep you, wherever you go.



## Director's Corner



*Dear Friend and Newsletter Reader,*

*February was a month of staff going on trips to minister overseas. They experienced our **Gleanings**' food in action. Eric, Bev, and Stephanie are leading our Discipleship Training School outreach. They were invited to serve alongside a YWAM Base in Peru. Jesse, Elisabeth, and Eliane encouraged the team with a visit. Andy, Chelsea, Sue, and Henrijs had an opportunity to work alongside our dear friends Eric and Lisa Rivera (former **Gleanings** staff) in Guatemala. It is our goal that every staff member has opportunities to go to the nations to connect and strengthen our relationship with our partner ministries. At the same time, it is exciting for us to see how **Gleanings**' food is helping in so many ways in so many places. We appreciate all your prayers for our ministry and especially for our staff. We pray the Lord's blessing on all of you.*

*Fritz Meier*