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

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IS THIS YOUR SUMMER TO SERVE?

Emily joined Summer Staff at *Gleanings* in 2024 and had a great experience. She decided to stay for the Discipleship Training School and was blessed to serve God in Peru and Nicaragua. What an adventure the Lord has brought Emily on because of His great love for her! And she said yes to follow God where he led her to go in this season of her young life. Emily's obedience has brought her an increase in confidence, public speaking, leadership, sharing the gospel, and serving humbly wherever needed. She is one of many Summer Staff who have found purpose, friendship, inner-healing, and spiritual direction while serving the Lord here.

We are currently recruiting for summer 2025. We need hard-working young people 18-25 years old with a love for the Lord, a desire to be on mission, and a heart to help the poor and needy.

Who can you invite to join *Gleanings* Summer Staff program? Please encourage a young person in your life to apply online at gleanings.org/summerstaff.



Jonathan and Andria Blaser

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

When Andria and Jonathan Blaser joined *Gleanings* staff, they didn't realize that they'd soon have key roles of kitchen manager and maintenance leader. Every day they use their skills to bless the community, solve problems, and serve God extravagantly, using their giftings of discipline, devotion, and service. In Jonathan's vision statement he writes, "I am serving the servants." Andria writes, "I feed the people who make the food to feed the people." Please consider designating your next donation to these *Gleanings* full-time staff members by including a memo stating, "Support for Andria and Jonathan Blaser." Thank you and God bless you!

"Praise be to the name of God forever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." Daniel 2:20-21

A RECENT SHIPMENT TO ISRAEL FOOD OUTREACH



On January 31, 2025 *Gleanings* sent a shipment to Israel with ministry partner *Israel Food Outreach (IFO)*.

At age 93, *IFO* founder Dudley and his wife Raven were unable to travel for the send-off, but their coworker, Rob White, and pastor friend, Scott, joined us to pray for the shipment of 2,000 quilts made with love by our volunteers here at *Gleanings*. They will be given to Holocaust survivors and refugees. Dudley sees the focus of the ministry changing, "*IFO* will continue to bless Israel but not likely with containers

filled with items. From now on rather than using funds to pay for shipping a container, the money will be sent directly to outreaches in Israel that we support, so they can buy in country what they need."

Dudley started *IFO* in his retirement years when he was 80 years old. His desire was to bless the nation of Israel and lead non-believing Jews and non-Jews to Jesus Christ. By divine appointment, Dudley learned about *Gleanings for the Hungry* in 2010. When Dudley asked *Gleanings* if they would like to send a container of food to Israel for the first time, they said yes, and that fall, a container of dried soup mix was on its way. The hope was that the nourishing soup would also minister the gospel of Jesus Christ wherever it went.

Since this partnership began, over 30 containers of soup mix, quilts, shoes, and other needed supplies have been sent to bless Israel. *Gleanings for the Hungry* has always provided the soup mix for free, and *IFO* raised funds to cover the cost of

shipping, port costs, taxes, and customs fees. When the Israeli government made changes to import regulations in 2020, *IFO* was no longer able to send soup mix. Dudley and his team pivoted to gather clothing, furniture, and other necessities to help Ukrainian and Ethiopian refugees in Israel.



Thank you, Dudley, for your genuine enthusiasm, tender heart, and fine example of faithful service to those in need.

COUNTRY REPORT PERU



PART II



The city of Ica, Peru suffered extensive damage and loss of life during an 8.0 magnitude earthquake back in 2007. After the earthquake, *Lily and William* founded the YWAM base, *La Misión*, to assist the neighborhood on the outskirts of Ica. The work of rebuilding continues to this day. While the poverty rate in Ica is low, the need for the gospel is apparent. In general, the people in Ica have already decided in their minds about church and religion, and their hearts are hardened towards it.



Our DTS students served in Peru in January and part of February. They were able to join Pastor Carlos at *La Misión* to do door-to-door evangelism, offering soup mix and prayer for their neighbors in Ica. DTS leader Bev said, "It's amazing that a pastor dedicates regular afternoons every week to get to know the people in his community."

Gleanings staff members Jesse and Elisabeth Correll were blessed to have the opportunity to visit Peru to be an encouragement team for DTS students. The Corrells were assigned to serve in Peru on their own DTS outreach in 2020, but their trip was cancelled due to the pandemic. So



their trip to Peru was very special for our community. During their visit, they joined the door-to-door outreach. Elisabeth writes, "One man we talked with while knocking on doors asked, 'Why do we need to go to church?' Pastor Carlos answered, 'The church is the bride of Christ. It's meant to be a place of support, where believers grow and learn about God together. Questions are welcome!' Another woman we gave soup to asked for prayer for her daughter who had a long-term illness and was not improving. We prayed for her daughter and then asked if the woman

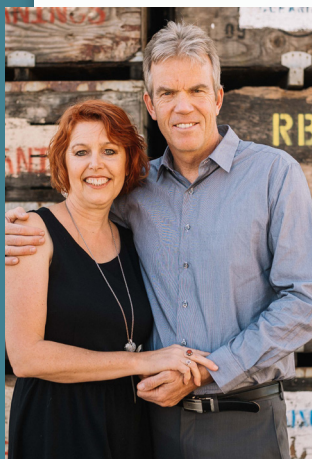
wanted to know and accept Christ. She said yes, and our small group led her through a prayer of salvation. The best part is knowing that Pastor Carlos will continue to follow up with this woman and her daughter." *Gleanings* soup serves as a bridge to build the church and share the hope of the gospel in Ica, Peru.

The YWAM base in Ica has more plans for *Gleanings* soup mix at *La Misión*. One Venezuelan family that attends the church gave soup mix to refugees from Venezuela living in Peru. Other ideas are to continue taking soup to neighborhoods where people are most hungry, and to host more soup nights. Teaching others how to make *Gleanings* soup and sharing a meal together feels like the church



genuinely serving and enjoying one another. Praise God that *Gleanings* soup continues to build bridges in Peru.

Director's Corner



Dear *Gleanings* Friend,

Last week we hosted a group of ladies who come together weekly to study the Bible and experienced a beautiful connection. *Gleanings* offered an opportunity to serve the poor while this group took steps of simple obedience to do what Jesus calls them to do. We felt like this was a bullseye week where we experienced a lot of purpose in working together. We need each other. *Gleanings* need teams to give of their time and service, and the volunteers need us, our facilities, and products to be able to make truckloads of meals.

If you are intrigued and would like to try out serving with us make a booking request on our website @ www.gleanings.org. We would love to host you.

May the Lord prosper you and fill your cup.

Blessings,

Fritz Meier