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# GLEANINGS FOR THE HUNGRY

a ministry of youth with a mission

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## Summer Theme 2025 all my days

We are so excited for this summer season, producing thousands of servings of nutritious food and seeing volunteers' lives touched by the love of Christ. The 2025 summer theme "*All My Days*" is about Jesus pursuing us in love all our days, and it comes from Psalm 23, a well-known scripture that concludes with this beautiful statement in verse six: "*Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*"

"*All My Days*" is about God's relentless love and pursuit of us in Christ. It's about His commitment and character toward us. Wherever we are in life, the Lord is shepherding us through the mountains and the valleys. If we are far, He is searching for us and turning us back to the flock. If we are near, He is providing for us and caring for us through every season. Our proper response to His shepherding is humility and surrender.

What is your favorite part of Psalm 23 and why? Which verse best describes where you are in your life right now? How do you feel about being characterized as a sheep with a Good Shepherd? What is a specific moment in your life when Jesus was pursuing you? We hope to see you at **Gleanings** this summer.

### TEACH ME YOUR WAY, LORD – UPCOMING DTS 2025-2026

The next school will run from September 14, 2025 – March 13, 2026, and it will be directed by staff members Bev and Eric McCallum.

Is this your season to invest in your relationship with God?

Please prayerfully consider applying online today!



Salvation is found in no one else, for there is **no other name under heaven given to mankind** by which we must be saved. ~Acts 4:12



#### STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

ANDY AND CHELSEA ROTUNNO'S VISION STATEMENT

It's hard to believe that we have served at **Gleanings** for over eight years! This summer will be our 9th full summer here. We are so thankful for all that God has done in our lives during that time. He is shaping us to be more like Jesus, and we are humbled and honored. This season we wrote vision statements for why we, as full-time staff, have given our lives to be here. This is the vision statement for the Rotunnos:

*To see a hungry child eat a bowl of soup and come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior; to see children liberated from harm and oppression that comes from poverty and hunger; to see young believers experience the freedom of God's truth, love, and light; to see our family draw closer to God as we live by faith; and to see a community of volunteers come together to serve and experience God in a special way.*

Thank you so much for your prayers. We need them! Thank you also for your kind words, encouragement, and generosity. All **YWAM Gleanings** full-time staff members are support-raising missionaries who do not receive a paycheck. They only receive support checks for the funds they raise from friends and family who love missions. People like you make it possible for full-time staff to serve God year after year at **Gleanings**. If God leads you to give to a **Gleanings** staff member, please go to [gleanings.org/staff-support-gallery](https://www.gleanings.org/staff-support-gallery). Or mail a check made out to **Gleanings for the Hungry** with an attached memo with the staff member's name. Thank you so much!

God bless you!



## COUNTRY REPORT: GUATEMALA



**A** team of farmers, Mission Builders, and *Gleanings* staff members visited *Hope of the Nations Guatemala* in February 2025. Kent and Darla Pierce are farmers from Saskatchewan, Canada who donate semi-loads of peas and lentils each year for *Gleanings* soup mix. After hearing about the recent trip to *Hope of the Nations Guatemala* (July 2024), Kent and Darla asked Andy and Chelsea to go again, so they could also meet the people who eat the peas and lentils from their fields. Kent and Darla fundraised at their home church in Canada to make the trip happen, and more team members joined: Henrijs Janbergs (*Gleanings* staff) and Ken and Emily Krahn (retired farmers, Mission Builders). The group of seven joined Eric and Lisa Rivera, Pastor Billy, and Sue Ross for a week of delivering boxes of soup mix and dried peaches to communities in the mountains of Guatemala. With our translators and drivers, we had three truckloads of volunteers, food, and supplies.

We visited Savana Grande, Brasil, Las Llaves, San Juan Mixtan, and a coffee farm. People were quick to welcome us because we were with Eric and Billy, who have spent years of their lives building relationships and trust. At three of the locations, we cooked *Gleanings* soup mix. It was an honor to shop before each visit to bring plenty of chicken, eggs, vegetables, and seasonings to add to the large pot of soup we would make for the community.

**Henrijs:** "So many people were waiting for us, waiting for the food when we got there. That moment was powerful for me. It touched my heart when I saw the kids receiving the food."

**Chelsea:** "It was a joy to chop vegetables with the women, chatting with them in my broken Spanish. The most exciting moment was pouring the soup mix into the pot of boiling water. It is so simple but so profound, knowing all the work and generosity that went into those bags of soup. It was Kent and

and my prayers go with them—for the truck to hold up, for the drivers, the missionaries. They sacrifice so much to see the soup mix delivered to the villages. There the people are reminded that God sees them and heals their children through nutrients that come from the ground in Saskatchewan and Montana. Wow, God!"



Darla's peas going into that big pot. It was an honor. As I watched the kids eat spoonfuls of soup, I realized what our mission is, our reason for serving at *Gleanings*: to see a hungry child eat a bowl of soup. All given in the name of Jesus."

**Sue:** "I learned that when the truck leaves here with the soup mix, the journey doesn't end for it. The ministry that distributes the soup mix has another, sometimes arduous, task. In Guatemala, the truck is packed with soup mix, the crew is driving down the roads,

**Andy:** "In an organization and work of providing millions of meals, it's essential for us to go and meet the individuals we serve. It's a measure of us being rooted in our original calling. This is what it means to keep our eyes on our purpose: to share the love to Christ with individual kids. To know their names."

*Hope of the Nations* delivers food to communities in Guatemala with the goal of bringing food where it is needed most—especially the places where no one else wants to go. Some remote villages have no church and no pastor to shepherd them: these are the people that Eric and Lisa Rivera have served and loved in Guatemala. "Ever since moving to Guatemala, it's easy to feel lonely and forgotten," Lisa said. "Having our *Gleanings* family come to visit us reminds us that God sees us, and we are not forgotten."

We care about our ministry partners and the people they serve. It was an honor to pray for the sick, give hugs, food, quilts, hats, and shoes, and see young people put their faith in Christ. And everywhere we went, the women asked us, "Please, can you send more food?" We will certainly try.

*"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep." John 10:14-15*

Dear *Gleanings* Friends,

We are excited about this summer. The fruit drying season has many cool aspects. Taking fruit that would have been discarded because of quality issues and preserving it to feed hungry people in a distant country is the true heart of *Gleanings*. Even though we have done this for many years, we continually pray and seek the Lord for His favor and blessings with all the work and for our volunteers. We not only produce dried fruit in our plant but also give people the opportunity to serve and grow. For the first summer in 23 years Cindy and I will not be at *Gleanings* with the team! We will be going on a sabbatical for three months. We plan to take a road trip through the US and into Canada, taking time to slow down and reflect.

Thank you for your prayers for *Gleanings* and for us personally, as we pursue spending time with each other and with the Lord.

Blessings to all of you and have a great summer.

## Director's Corner

*Fritz Meier*

