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

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**Emily:** "In Nicaragua, I met a little boy named Axel. I gave him a fist-bump. The next day he gave me a big hug, and the Lord said to me, 'This is why I sent you here. I want you to love my heart.' The verse that kept coming back to me was Romans 8:11."

**Benjamin:** "I grew in learning to delight in the Lord. 'Delight in me.' This was my big revelation of DTS: to choose joy. While on outreach, the joy of the Lord always got me through. It was unshakable in my heart. Even when I was stuck in the rain, knee-deep in water, the joy of the Lord never left me as I asked Him for it."

**Congratulations** to the most recent DTS graduates at *Gleanings for the Hungry*. Emily, Roy, Emerson, and Benjamin. The students completed 12 weeks of lectures, reading, and assignments, as well as eight weeks of outreach in Peru and Nicaragua. We celebrated their accomplishments at a graduation dinner event on March 14, attended by family members, friends, and the *Gleanings* community. The following are some of the reflections from the students as shared at the ceremony:

**Roy:** "Who is Roy? The Lord kept telling me during this DTS that I am valued and that my voice matters. I learned that God is my provider, and He knows my needs. On outreach, I learned that we could trust God to guide and protect us no matter where we were. The verse that God gave me is from Matthew 6:26. I am a new creation, a new man, a new Roy."

**Emerson:** "On outreach, we did a lot of manual work, and we prayed a lot. I know I did not do things in my own strength. God gave me all the strength and energy I needed, and more, to do the things he called me to do. I am so excited for the harvest that we are going to reap together."

DTS Director Eliane Erickson gave each student a certificate of completion, as well as words of affirmation and prayer, saying "Each one of you will go out and change the world in your sphere of influence." She also honored DTS leaders Bev and Eric McCallum and Stephanie Goei, saying, "I am a better person because of each one of you." And she expressed gratitude for *Gleanings* Directors Fritz and Cindy Meier, thanking them for "leading with grace, love, and compassion." Eliane passed the torch to new DTS directors for the upcoming school.



## 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.

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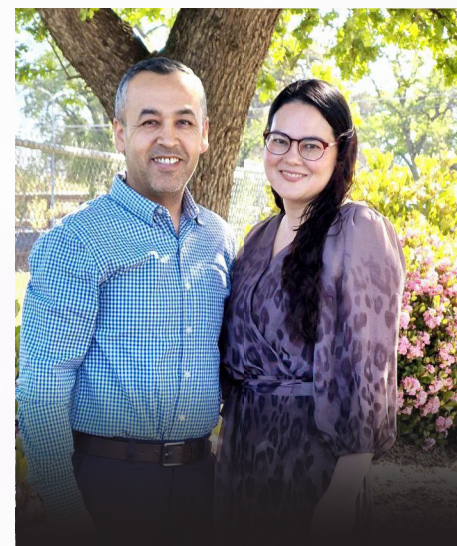
## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: THE.MAMATKULOV'S VISION STATEMENT

When *The.Mamatkulov* shared their vision for why they serve at *Gleanings*, they emphasized that scripture is clear about how we are to take care of the poor. For example, Isaiah 58:10 says, "And if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness and your night will become like the noonday." *The.Mamatkulovs* thoughtfully worded their vision statement: "As we labor to make food and feed the poor, one thing we desire: may each person who receives it come to know who Jesus is and receive the salvation and eternal life He offers." Please prayerfully consider designating a donation to these *Gleanings* full-time staff members by including a memo stating, "Support for Mamatkulovs."

God bless you for your kindness!

~ James 1:27

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."



# COUNTRY REPORT: NICARAGUA

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**FEED THE HUNGRY**  
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## *Gleanings Soup Mix Goes to Hungry People*

**Feed the Hungry** sends up to 50 containers of food to Nicaragua per year.

**Gleanings** is one of several partnerships that makes it possible to run 1,000 feeding centers, feeding 103,000 children one meal per day.

The DTS Team was in Nicaragua from February 19 to March 8, 2025. "It was an honor to give out **Gleanings** soup mix in Nicaragua," said Eric McCallum, **Gleanings** staff member. "The fact that the team members had made soup mix and are now giving it out—that was amazing to them. The team could appreciate how much labor and love went into that soup. Each bag was special."

### **Visiting Garbage Dumps**

As part of their outreach ministry, the DTS team visited two different garbage dumps. "We handed out food to all the people who came to us," Eric said. "We handed out soup mix and everyone received prayer. We did a devotional, a five-minute message, and prayed with them."

"The people in the dump are looking for cardboard, plastic bottles, and anything of value," Eric said. "These people are stuck there because it's all they know. To get out of this cycle, they would need vehicles and access to jobs. It's a spirit of poverty upon them."

### **Going Up the Mountain to Remote Villages**

"We brought **Gleanings** soup mix and met up with a pastor who wanted us to share the gospel in a mountain community. The DTS team slept on the floor of a church, and the next day we handed out soup mix. We spent the weekend there and visited door-to-door, inviting people to come to the meeting at the church every night. The soup is an evangelism tool."

### **A Man's Answer to Prayer**

"In one of those mountain communities, we went into a house with soup mix and a Bible and offered prayer. There was a guy who had a

tumor. We prayed for him. A week later, the man went to visit the pastor because the tumor was gone! He wanted to know who this God of healing was. The man prayed and accepted Christ into his heart."

### **Day of Fun — Camp Day for Kids**

Eighty kids from the dump community participated in a Fun Day for kids. Each of the DTS students brought 20 students through

the rotation of fun

stations: Lego Building, Arts & Crafts, Petting Zoo, Swimming Pool, and Bible time. At the end of the day, each child went home with special gifts, including multiple bags of **Gleanings** soup mix.

### **A Big Thank You!**

Thank you so much for partnering with us through prayer and financial donations to bring hope and hunger-relief to the nation of Nicaragua.

"We told them:  
*'This soup mix is a gift from God. This is a gift of love from your brothers and sisters in Christ.'*"  
~Eric McCallum



## **Director's Corner**

In the past God fed the Israelites manna in the desert and Jesus fed the 5000. Today **Gleanings** is feeding many through the miraculous provision of the Lord and His people. As exciting as this is, Jesus gives us heavenly perspective and points toward the food that never runs out. Jesus is that food and He calls us to come to Himself to be fed. All we must do is believe in Him and the Father will never turn us away. Let us keep our eyes on spiritual realities, not on our natural world only. Jesus, help us to believe!

Blessings to all of you,

*Fritz Meier*

~John 6:27 TPT

*"Why would you strive for food that is perishable and not be passionate to seek the food of eternal life, which never spoils? I, the Son of Man, am ready to give you what matters most, for God the Father has destined me for this purpose."*