



FOOD PACKED AND SENT IN 2025 // WRAP-UP NUMBERS

How many bags of food did you pack when you were at *Gleanings for the Hungry* in 2025?

You may not remember, or maybe you worked in the kitchen, housekeeping or other department and didn't see the food go into bags. Here are the numbers that show what you, your team, your church, and your generous donations helped pack in 2025:

Bags of Soup Mix: 505,440

Bags of Beans: 5,280

Bags of Dried Fruit: 137,280

Bags of Other Foods: 28,320

Bags of Oats: 20,640

Estimated Bags Packed: 696,960

Colombia, South Africa, Eswatini, Ukraine, Mexico, Congo, Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Moldova, Namibia, Romania, Jamaica, The Gambia, and the US (Children's Hunger Fund). Each load (except for a few loads of irrigation supplies) carried 260,000 servings of food, totaling 17,597,753 servings shipped in one year. The value of the food donated is estimated to be over eight million dollars, but the true value of the shipments cannot be calculated. Only our Heavenly Father knows the impact of each shipment, pallet, box, bag of dried food, bowl of soup, and each spoonful of nutrition to each hungry person. He must be pleased to provide and produce these miracles. The Bible says that God hears the cries of the poor and needy. He is an amazing God.

"The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does." Psalms 145:17

While we enjoy these calculations, no matter what our spreadsheets say, no matter the numbers and statistics, we are humbled and honored to serve our mighty God, glorify Him, and step forward in the new year 2026 with faith, prayer, integrity, and hard work. We extend an invitation for you to join us in the year ahead. Everyone has something valuable to give toward His kingdom work. Thank you for being an important part of this ministry.

Pounds of food packed: 2,686,934

Servings of food packed: 17,597,753

Pallets packed: 1,452

Truckloads shipped: 70

Pounds of food shipped: 2,628,041

PASTA MIRACLE FOR CHRISTMAS



"Clap your hands all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth." Psalm 47:1-2

Here at *Gleanings*, we rang in the new year with a shout of praise to God for the pasta donation miracle that God provided at Christmastime, just when we needed it. In mid December when we closed the soup plant for winter break, we were down to our last few pallets of pasta. Our pasta donor is under new ownership, so new connections and approvals needed to be made in order to receive donations. Everything came together in perfect timing. A huge donation of eight truckloads of pasta arrived during our winter break, with more on the way. *"It was as if God wanted to give a huge Christmas gift to all these hungry kids,"* Andy, who is in charge of procurement, said. *"It's a gift that will last all year. More food for their stomachs. More lives saved."*

When we visited *Hope of the Nations Guatemala*, we learned that pasta is a key ingredient in our soup mix that is most enjoyed by the people who receive bags of soup. Pasta expands when it's cooked, making the soup mix grow, and it quickly fills the stomachs of the children who eat it, making the bag of soup mix last longer.

The cost of moving each truckload of pasta is \$5,000, a reasonable price, but when we receive a large donation like this, shipping costs really add up. Therefore, we will share ten or more truckloads with other ministries who also provide food relief in the name of Jesus: *Children's Hunger Fund, Blessings of Hope, and North Okanagan Valley Gleaners*. God provided enough for an overflow.

country

Report SOUTH AFRICA



This country report highlights *Zamani Orphans Outreach* in South Africa. *Zamani* is just one of many ministries that receive boxes of *Gleanings* soup mix from The Container Ministry / Grace Aid, a mission of *Grace Family Church*. Our most recent shipment to The Container Ministry was picked up at the beginning of December and is currently en route to South Africa.

How did Zamani Orphans Outreach Connect With The Container Ministry / Grace Aid (Gleanings' Ministry Partner)?

This ministry - *The Container Ministry / Grace Aid* - was recommended to us by the late Bishop Mvelase who we knew for 20 years. We saw the great work that *Grace Aid* did in that particular area, the level of poverty, and the fact that their ministry was the light and the hope of that community. They preached the gospel to the poor and the orphans who needed to see and experience the love of Christ after losing their loved ones.



What is the mission of Zamani Orphans Outreach?

Our purpose is to preach the good news of the gospel, alleviate poverty, and provide homes that are full of love and warmth for the orphans.

What is your ministry's scripture focus?

Matthew 25:40 says, "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" When we serve

our community, we do it as we would if we were serving the Lord Jesus, and that challenges our level of excellence and commitment.

How do you share the Gospel with people who receive food?

We share the gospel through prayers, songs, dedication of children, and inviting others to experience the love of Christ. The community attends the church every Sunday and we have home cell groups and Bible studies during the week. The church shows the love of Christ by preaching the gospel as well as feeding the people. The people's physical needs are just as important as the spiritual needs, hence the feeding aspect of the ministry is as important as the preaching one.

How does Gleanings for the Hungry help your ministry?

Most children receive a financial grant from the government but this grant barely covers the basic needs of the children. The food from *Gleanings* is then able to help with food sustenance, and that releases some funds to be spent towards other things, especially during this time of the year. When food is provided through *Gleanings*, grants and aid can be used for small toys and Christmas gifts and just to create a special environment for them around Christmas.

What is one story of a specific child who has received Gleanings food from your ministry?

Asanda (the girl speaking into the microphone) lost her parents when she was six years old. She joined the organization when she was 10 years old. She received food packs, school uniforms. Now 17, she dreams of going to college. Right now she stays with a woman and two other children. Please pray for Asanda.



How can we pray for Zamani Orphans Outreach?

Please pray for our government aid, as it is getting harder and harder to get financial support. Some of our children don't get any government assistance, and it is hard for us. Also pray for our ministry that we get more support and resources. We are struggling to pay for the overhead costs and just to keep afloat. We currently don't have a car to collect donations and distribute groceries to the families. Please pray for this need as well. P.S. We are also praying for you that the good Lord keeps showing you His mercy and favour upon your lives. THANK YOU!

Director's Corner



Dear Gleanings Friend,

We are excited about what this year is going to bring. At the beginning of January, for one week, we spent two hours a day praying. We were seeking the Lord's direction for this season. We desire to encounter Jesus in our daily lives and walk closely with Him. Out of that sense to always be close to Him we decided to focus on prayer for this season. Excitement has built in our staff to experience a fulfilling prayer life, to walk in the authority of Christ, to pray for supernatural provision and healing for all His children. Our weekly schedule will include some new prayer times now and we trust that it will help us focus on what is truly important. It is all about Jesus! We hope you will join with us to be a praying community here at *Gleanings* or wherever you are.

With love and appreciation for each one of you,

Fritz Meier