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GLEANINGS FOR THE HUNGRY

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WELCOME STAN AND NANCY BRACY

In August 2026 we welcomed new staff members ***Stan and Nancy Bracy***. The Bracys have been mission builders at ***Gleanings*** for the past nine years. Stan helps run the soup plant and Nancy shares responsibilities in the quilt room. The couple also served as DTS staff and outreach leaders at ***Gleanings*** in 2017. "This is who we are," Nancy said. "We are missionaries. We always have been, since the beginning of our marriage. We are not done yet."

A LONG HISTORY WITH YWAM

Stan and Nancy worked with YWAM from 1972-1997. As newlyweds they did a DTS in Switzerland with outreach in Cyprus and France. They went to the Munich Olympics for one big outreach event. YWAM had bought a tiny castle for DTS students there, and coincidentally, ***Wally and Norma Wenge*** (to become ***Gleanings' founders***) were the ones who picked up Stan and Nancy and drove them to the castle.

In 1974, ***the Bracys*** started a family. They eventually had three daughters as they served at ***YWAM Kona*** for 10 years. During that time, Stan led discipleship schools and outreaches and Nancy worked with Kings Kids International, the school for YWAM base kids. Another fun fact is that Stan was on the committee in Kona that prayed about the vision of ***Gleanings*** when ***Wally Wenge*** presented it to the board. In addition, the Bracys were on the Anastasis—which became ***Mercy Ships***—in San Pedro for three months.

After Kona, the couple was on staff in ***YWAM Riggins*** in Idaho and served as associate church pastors in Boise. For the next nine years they served on staff at ***YWAM Chico***, where they led DTS schools, and Nancy started the international Christian school for the base kids there.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS AT GLEANINGS

"We knew about ***Gleanings*** and always intended to visit," Nancy said. "When we first got here, we realized it was a special base. We loved how all different ages and denominations served together. It was a piece of heaven. The staff was amazing. We knew that this was a place for us to volunteer for the rest of our lives." Almost immediately, ***Stan and Nancy*** were recruited to staff a DTS at ***Gleanings*** and lead the school's outreach to Mexico, Greece and Israel.

LEADING IN A STAFF ROLE

After nine years of mission building (in between visiting their 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren) ***the Bracys*** agreed that God was nudging them to once again be full-time missionaries—a life-long calling—and that meant applying for a staff role. "We had a time of praying for more staff members at ***Gleanings***, and I got the sense that we could be the answer to our own prayers," Stan said. "We needed to be willing to listen and obey."

"Everybody supporting and cheering for us means so much to us," Nancy said. "We have the support of all our kids and grandkids. They know this is so healthy for us. That makes my mother heart happy."

SUMMER 2026 WRAP-UP

We look back on another great summer with thankful hearts for everything God has done. The Lord blessed us with a wonderful team. It was a season filled with joy, friendship, and kingdom treasures.

SUMMER PRODUCTION NUMBERS

Thank you to all of our summer volunteers, peach donors, and network of supporters. Here are the production numbers from summer 2026:

Bins of Peaches/Nectarines Donated: 4,533

Pounds of Wet Peaches/Nectarines Processed: 4,533,000

Pounds of Dried Fruit Produced: 296,725

Servings of Dried Fruit Ready to Ship: 1,186,900

SHARE-TIME TREASURES

"I learned that it's not that bad to work hard. The chores at home seem much easier now."

"My highlight is seeing the teamwork. Lots of work, but everyone does a piece of it."

"Before coming here, I was scared. I kept praying, 'God help me and give me strength.' He gave me strength every day. I love it here. I love the atmosphere. I felt a touch of God."

"Gleanings was so good. When I came, I felt apathetic, I didn't really care. Serving at Gleanings got to my heart. It refilled my passion to know God and serve Him."

country Report HONDURAS

It's always such a joy to connect with our ground-level ministry partners and hear the latest stories or what the Lord is doing specifically in their country. Here is an update from our partner ***Pastor Carlos in Honduras.***

FEED THE HUNGRY / HONDURAS

"We are feeding more than 170,000 people, mostly children, three to six times per week," ***Pastor Carlos*** reported. "Our primary method is serving a prepared hot meal, so we know the food is going to children and families who need it most."

Feed The Hungry Honduras, based in the city of El Progreso, trains local pastors and missionaries to open feeding sites in order reach their communities for Christ. "We currently serve food at 1,900 sites," he said. "And the gospel is the number one purpose of the organization. We want an opportunity to preach the word of God and allow people to know Jesus. The food is an outreach tool. We provide physical food and then we provide spiritual food. With physical meals, we will be hungry again soon but, with the gospel, things are going to change."

FILLING AN EMPTY CUPBOARD

Carlos shared a simple story that captured what the Lord is doing nationwide in Honduras: "I invited a missionary to visit a community that is plagued by gang conflict, trafficking, abuse, and drugs. Families are broken and children are suffering. We cooked a meal and gathered the children to hear the missionary's story, how he never had a father. Afterward a little boy named Emmanuel approached me with tears coming down his face. '***Pastor Carlos***, I don't have a father either,' he cried. That was my opportunity to share the love of Jesus with Emmanuel. I asked Emmanuel if he had any food at home. 'No, the only food I have is here at the feeding center.' Earlier that day, someone had handed me about $150 as a blessing. Right in that moment, I sensed the Lord speaking to my heart: Take Emmanuel to the market and spend it all on him. So we went to fill his cupboards with food."

"You want to know what the Lord is doing in Honduras? He is fathering the lost children from the broken families all over the country. He is using the soup mix, the peaches, the oats, the lasagna, and the body of Christ to reach them." —***Pastor Carlos***

EMMANUEL—GOD IS WITH US

As we concluded our call, we reflected on the boy Emmanuel's name, and how it is a prophetic announcement over the country, "God is with us!" Please pray for Emmanuel, ***Pastor Carlos***, and the missions work of reaching every community with God's word about Jesus.

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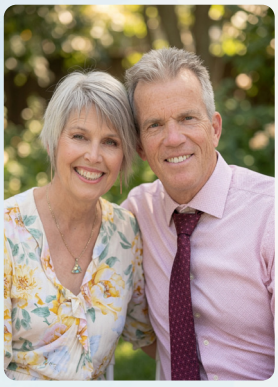
Director's Corner



Dear Newsletter Reader,

After an exciting, long summer, we started our fall soup season. We are not only focusing on the soup, but we are also running a full Discipleship Training School. The DTS always brings a lot of spiritual life to our community. As the students grow, all our staff have the privilege of being a part of their lives with prayer, one on ones, and leading other group activities. Our spiritual focus is to know God more this season. One day we will be entering into eternity because we know Jesus personally and intimately (and He knows us), not because of the good deeds we have done for Him. If this is also your hearts cry, please join us in seeking to be still and know that He is our God. Ps. 46:10.

Blessings to all our dear friends.

Fritz Meier