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Gleanings

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For The Hungry

A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

Welcome Summer Staff

We are proud to introduce this year's Summer Staff team. Out of the ten that began the summer off, only two are returning summer staff members. We are excited for the new faces, youthful energy, and eager hearts that have come to us.

The summer staff program entails 13 weeks of running the peach plant, getting to know and welcome the teams that come each week to volunteer, and delving deeper into one's personal walk with God. This year our leadership team is: Fritz Meier, Jenny Bruce, Rod Lawrence, Rory Greenfield, Tanya Gschwend, Jesse Montgomery, Chris Ralston, and Cierra Bellisomi. With eager anticipation, we await the blessings that God will reveal.

*"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me... I live by faith in the Son of God."
-Galatians 2:20*

Gleanings Board Meeting

The *Gleanings Board of Directors* had their annual meeting in May, discussing business and praying over the base.

Back Row: Eric Rivera, Ruddy Ancheta, Steve Witmer, Mario de Francesco, Fritz Meier, Dale Harrison, Peter Iliyn, Jim Biermann

Front Row: Bonnie Olson, Colleen Lawrence, Jenny Bruce



A Wedding Has Come

In June, full time *Gleanings'* staff member, Olivia Melendez, married mission builder and past staff kid, Paul Stine. The Stines will continue to serve at *Gleanings* until August, before they move to Texas to continue their education at LeTourneau University. We join them in celebration and give thanks and praise to God who delights in giving us the desire of our hearts.



Announcing the Taylors

We are excited to introduce our newest staff member, Jamie Taylor. She completed her Discipleship Training School here at *Gleanings* in 2013-2014. Jamie Taylor, with her two daughters Ashton and Naomi, joined the *Gleanings* family in April. Currently Jamie is serving the kitchen. Her heart for prayer has encouraged many of the *Gleanings* family. God bless Taylor family!



NAMIKANGO MISSION

MALAWI

Malawi is among the poorest countries on the surface of Earth. While Malawi recently enjoyed a few years of uncommon boost in harvest, it is slowly declining back into unconceivable poverty. Inconsistent rainfall has made farming difficult, causing a food crisis. Malawi continues to struggle to feed her people, despite the government's efforts in the past 12 years.

In this damaged society it is the orphans, HIV/AIDS victims, widows, and elderly that stand the most vulnerable. **Namikango Mission** has focused its efforts to reach such groups with the **Gleanings** soup mix. With support from **Malawi Project** and **Kinder Kanker Genezing**, **Namikango Mission** has distributed the soup mix to 17,500 people throughout Malawi.

The first people to receive food were in a support group for HIV/AIDS, formed at the **Namikango Maternity Clinic**. They meet twice a month, always joined by a Bible teacher from **Namikango's** Bible School, to share God's Word. Each one of them is living with HIV/AIDS. Due to the virus, they are physically weak and cannot work to produce enough food for their families; neither do they have access to loans to start small businesses. Because of this, many members of the support group are driven into abject poverty. Needless to say, the response was positive when one day after the message the food was handed out to the 65 members. The soup provides the diet they need to safely take their medication and live a better life.

Memory Chimtengo

Memory Chimtengo (named changed) is a 19 year old girl. She says that sometimes getting the diet she needs to avoid problems with the medication for her HIV is impossible. Memory has lost both parents, living with an old grandparent, and is still in Primary School. "Cultivating enough food to last the whole year is a problem," she says. "During lean months, we sometimes go to bed without taking any food." Her circumstances have brought discrimination and no support. She is extremely happy to have received the dry soup mix, which provides the balanced diet she needs.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Gleanings' Friend,

I cannot adequately describe the favor and blessings we experience in this place. Many of you have been here and understand that the Lord is here with His presence. God's presence changes Gleanings, from being a place of working and producing food, to a place where we dedicate everything we do to God. Then it's as if Gleanings becomes a place of worship all day long! You should see the smiling faces of the many hard working teens and adults. We might be tired or dirty, but knowing we are serving the Lord brings excitement to our base.

May you experience the Lord by your side, your Helper in your time of need.

Fritz Meier

