



Ontario Christian Gleaners

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Important Dates:

Open House Tours:

@ 10:30am on
June 11th & 15th
August 13th & 25th

Closures:

Civic Holiday
Monday August 3rd
Labour Day
Monday September 7th

Summer Maintenance Closure:

The Gleaners will be closed on Friday June 26th for summer maintenance and will reopen on Monday July 6th

News from the Gleaners

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Summer – June 1, 2015

Burkina Faso – West Africa

The lives of 122 children in the small country of Burkina Faso, West Africa have forever been changed by the answered prayers of a local Burkinabe couple. George and Esther Sawadogo began their quest in 2002 for helping children in their own village of Kaya and surrounding villages by faithfully praying that God would provide property to house and school young children that were in desperate need of help.



Around this same time a young woman from New York was visiting Kaya and met George and Esther. She too joined the quest and shared their vision with her family. Her father quickly jumped on board with support from his local church and friends and was able to send money to help fulfill their dream.

God answered their prayers in an amazing way, and a property was secured and construction began in 2006. In November 2007, 66 children were welcomed to Paradise Orphanage and began to thrive physically and emotionally in a safe and caring environment. George and Esther became Pappa and Mamma to this needy family. Three months later we were able to visit Paradise Orphanage. As guests at the Sawadogo, home we experienced firsthand family life in Burkina Faso.

Upon visiting the orphanage it was obvious that one of the first needs was a source of water as it was collected daily at the village with a large barrel and a donkey cart, and the village chief would collect payment for the use of the well. Money was raised very quickly and within months the well was drilled. Clearly the lives of the children changed dramatically once they received the gift of water. George welcomed another 60 children, and the following year construction on a new dorm was underway.

It became apparent that nutritious meals were lacking and the children were getting sick and some seemed very lethargic.

Again through God's working, we heard of the Ontario Christian Gleaners and their mission to provide nutritious food to developing countries. Over the past three years, three shipments have been sent with the assistance of Air France Cargo. The children now enjoy Gleaners soup ... (Continued on next page)





cooked with rice everyday as their noon day meal. With their diet augmented by this nutritious soup there has been a marked improvement in their overall health.

The work in Kaya continues without any large umbrella organization providing support. As the children get older it is apparent that a secondary school will need to be constructed, a vehicle would be a huge asset and vocational training would be beneficial. God continues to use so many people in countless ways to enhance the lives of the children at Paradise

- Len and Carla Veitch
For more information on
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New Ways to Donate:

- By phone with your credit card
- Automatic Withdrawal

Please contact us @ 519.624.8245

Donations are still gratefully accepted
online @ OntarioGleaners.org
and by cash or cheque

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*Gleaners soup in
Guatemala (Cayuga
Christian Fellowship),
Tanzania
(Mom2Mom Africa)
& the Philippines
(Action Int'l
Ministries)*





Fundraising Dinner

We had a full house!
 334 guests enjoyed a delicious dinner and dessert buffet, powerful & informative presentations by our 4 guest speakers and special music by Jason and Charmaine Brown. Over \$38,000 was raised to support the work of the Gleaners. We are truly thankful.

Volunteering Highlights...

It's February and in comes 'the guy wearing shorts'. Bud's back! Bud Adams, a faithful Gleaner's volunteer, is a man who believes in keeping active, and has his hand in working with a variety of organizations that provide goods and shelter for those in need. For several years he has put in many hours each week from February to April working in the warehouse at the Gleaners.

We all feel a little sad when the month of May comes around but wish Bud well as he's off to continue his 27 year stint working with Habitat for Humanity (often 35-40 hours a week) where he helps prepare building sites, takes care of tools, teaches and supervises other volunteers and is involved in deconstruction and salvage projects. In 2013, he received an award as volunteer of the year.

Building season starts to wrap up and from October to January, Bud moves on to his third full time volunteer position at Operation Christmas Child where he has helped for 27 years. For the past ten years he has been in shipping and receiving. He also sets up and takes down the warehouse operation.

These are just a few of the volunteer activities that Bud has found to do, and at the Gleaners, we are looking forward to February 2016!



Bud Adams working in the Gleaners warehouse



Ride (or Walk!) For Refuge Join the Gleaners Team!

- When:** Saturday October 3, 2015
- What:** 5km walk or 10km, 25km or 50km ride to raise funds for organization supporting the displaced, vulnerable & exploited
- Where:** Many locations across Canada including Hamilton, Kitchener, Elmira, Niagara, London
- Who:** You! And anyone else from 1 - 101
- How:** Come Ride or Walk with us!
 Create a team or join one of our existing teams

Over \$5000 was raised to support the work of the Gleaners in 2014.

Help us double our \$\$\$ raised and # of riders for 2015

For more information visit OntarioGleaners.org (What's Happening/Events), email gleanerspromo@gmail.com or call 519-624-8245 or RideforRefuge.org



Part of our 2014 'Hamilton' & 'Waterloo Region' Teams – Who wouldn't want to join these ambitious looking teams!



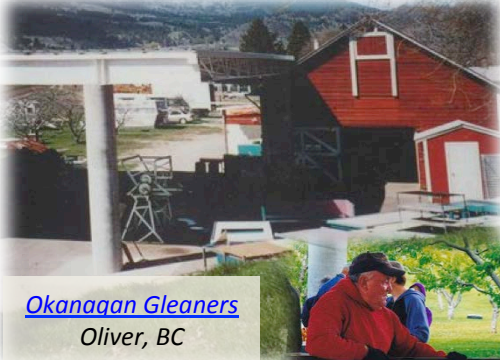
Right across Canada, 'gleaners' are accessing surplus food, and transforming it into nutritious packages of dried food to benefit those in need. Millions of meals are donated overseas each year for relief and development. And the concept is growing.

Whether the food is dried on trays in a big batch all at once like the Gleaners in western Canada, or on a continuous belt with a steady feed of product as we do in Ontario, the end product is the same: Nutritious sustenance for so many in our world who do without. And we have discovered (without being surprised) that volunteers who serve at the Gleaners do so with purpose and with joy.

At Ontario Christian Gleaners, our food continues to go to various parts of the world. Large shipments destined for Haiti, Nicaragua, Kenya and Uganda have kept us working at a steady rate. Donations of barley as well as split peas have helped us keep the costs down while adding valuable protein to the soup.



With Joy,
Shelley Stone



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