



Ontario Christian Gleaners

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Important Dates:

Open House Tours:

@ 10:30am on
December 10th & 14th
January 15th & 19th
February 1st & 11th
(Join us for a 45 minute
guided tour)

Closures:

Family Day – Monday
February 15th

Christmas Shutdown:

Saturday December 19th –
Tuesday January 11th
We will reopen on
Wednesday January 13th

Fundraising Dinner

Friday April 22nd @ the
Waterloo Region Police
Association. Reservation
info coming soon!

News from the Gleaners

OntarioGleaners.org

Winter – December 2015

Ukraine

The conflict in eastern Ukraine has created a very real and major humanitarian catastrophe and an end is not in sight. People are homeless, hungry and hopeless. Since the war began over 7,000 people have died, over 16,000 wounded and more than 2,000,000 are refugees in their own country.

The physical trauma is not the only effect on the people of eastern Ukraine. The psychological impact of living in close proximity to death, destruction and fear leaves lasting emotional damage, especially for children.

A young mother who recently fled with her family from the intense violence that overran her home town of Debaltseve, Ukraine said, *“We don’t have plans for the future, it is difficult to have hope. Everybody has been affected, mentally or physically. People had everything, but now we are homeless. My child is so scared. He will not leave my side.”*

The Master’s Foundation has been serving and helping the people of Ukraine for over 30 years. One of our mandates is to provide aid to the most vulnerable and hurting. Due to the conflict, the greatest need is food right now. Many people are starving and hunger is a daily struggle.

With the help of the Ontario Christian Gleaners we are meeting the needs of the hungry. In July of this year, we shipped a 20 foot container full of dried soup mix, dried apples and sweet potatoes and beans. All was welcomed with grateful hearts and much appreciation.

Here is one letter of thanks:

“My name is Karina Misko. I am 16 years old and I am sick with sugar diabetes. I live in Dokuchayevsk town. Often we have bombings and shootings. We live together with mother and brother, but we don’t have father. My mom does not work, because she takes care of me and we have my invalid’s pension (1,000 UAH). Every day we go with my Grandmother and brother to social soup kitchen, where people from “Grace” Church cook the food. They use dry soup mix to put it into the soup and for spice for porridge, and it is very tasty. Thank you very much, that you take care of us.”



Scripture tells us that God has a huge heart for the oppressed and hungry. Psalm 146:7 says it this way, *“The Lord upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.”* How does God do this?

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Through you and me and through ministries like the Gleaners and Master's Foundation. It is wonderful to be able to partner with other ministries that has God's heart for the broken and needy. What a privilege to be God's hand to those who are in such great need.

A BIG thank you to the Ontario Christian Gleaners ... we could not feed the hungry of Ukraine without your help!



- Karen Milley

For more information about The Master's Foundation, visit www.mastersfoundation.org. A video telling the story about the conflict in Eastern Ukraine and how Master's and the Gleaners are meeting the need of food can be seen on our website, under "our projects" then click "humanitarian aid."



2015 Gleaners Stats

- 4.7 millions servings of soup
- 3469 bags of dried soup
- 7843 pails washed, packed with soup & sent overseas
- Soup sent to 19 different countries with 40 organizations
- 1669 different volunteers



A Word from the Manager

Imagine waking up and wondering what your food source will be for that day. For many school children, the incentive to get to class is that they receive a meal. And that daily meal served by those teachers, helps to take the pressure off those parents for providing that meal for that particular day. Imagine the relief for the teachers, who have prepared lessons and now have a class of students with full tummies so that they can concentrate on their education. This is win-win-win. In some cases, the feeding centre is on the way to school. Most are BYOB – Bring Your Own Bowl. Older siblings



watch out for the younger ones, sometimes taking the time to help them onto the bench and feed them. It is heartwarming to see children watching out for one another. Ontario Christian Gleaners prepares a dried vegetable mix that can be served up as a soup, as a vegetable sauce over rice (or other staple), or simply rehydrated as a base for more creative cuisine.

- With Joy

Shelley Stone



My wife and I are what we would call retired greenhouse operators. The word retired comes with some hesitation. It seems as though we are busier now than when we were fulltime in the work force. We have been told many times that it is a good thing to be busy: it prevents you from becoming lazy and it keeps you active. When I was asked if I could write something regarding the Gleaners, I found myself looking for something to write that truly represents the real meaning of this amazing organization.

When we were still fully involved with our greenhouse business, we were also involved in the marketing of vegetables. Because of this, we were privileged to be in a position where we had access to a surplus of vegetables which would have otherwise been destroyed. It was then that I was asked to volunteer in the organization called 'The Gleaners'. At this time we also sold our business and as a result had some time available outside and away from the greenhouses.

When operations began in 2008, the Gleaners was quite different than we know it now. We were blessed to start our first day in a brand new building and Shelley was hired as manager. Vegetables were trimmed and dried on racks overnight. The next morning, the volunteers had to empty the racks so they could be filled again. More volunteers came to help at the Gleaners and the dryer could not keep up to all the work of our volunteers. A 'new to us' dryer was installed and production increased. Soon an addition to the building for the dryer, gave us more storage room. Elaine, the assistant manager and Fred, our warehouse supervisor joined the team, and we have been blessed to have Harry our 'inventor' who can tweak and develop things as we need them, making things that have never been seen before and they work!

So many people come every day, 5 days a week. As volunteers, we work together and so many friendships are made. For most of us, coffee time is the time that we can share the good things of life but also share the things that grieve us. Above all, we are thankful to our God who has provided this organization so that we can share our surplus time and wealth to His honour. We would like to invite everyone to come and see the Kingdom at work. - Gerry Verrips



Silent Auction
 Beautiful handmade afghans

- Place your bid by Email (gleanerspromo@gmail.com) phone (519.624.8245) or at the Gleaners building.
- These afghans will be sold to the highest bid.
- Auction closes Monday December 14, 2015 @ 12noon



Burgundy Lap Afghan (approx. 32"x50" or 81x127cm)

Green Baby/Child's Afghan (approx. 24"x31" or 60x79cm)





Knife Sharpener – for our bi-weekly knife sharpening \$1000

300 lbs bean mix (2000lbs needed) \$50



5 lbs Dried Onions (2000lbs needed) \$10

Gleaners Wish List

These items will help us in our daily work of processing surplus vegetables and fruit to make nutritious soup mixes and fruit snacks for distribution to needy people in countries around the world.



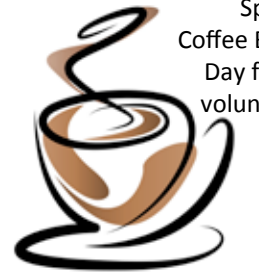
World Money Bank – for donations \$200

Please consider making a donation on behalf of a loved one that will go directly towards purchasing one of these items.

Gift cards specifying your donated item are available upon request.

** Donations may cover a portion of the value of the item.

Donations may be made by cash, cheque or credit card. All donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt. We thank you for your support.



Special Coffee Break Day for 60 volunteers \$60

coffee break



Plastic Barrels for shipping soup (120 needed) \$15

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By Credit Card:
Gleaners Office: 519.624.8245
Online: www.OntarioGleaners.org/1290



Large Knives (30 needed) \$50



Display screen – for trimming room for training & instruction \$800



Display Table in Welcome Area – for tours and new volunteers \$500



Safety Rubber Boots - for use by our volunteers in the warehouse \$60



25 lbs Lentils (2000lbs needed) \$15