



Ontario Christian Gleaners

USING SURPLUS PRODUCE TO FEED A HUNGRY WORLD

Charitable #85923 0476 RR0001

Gleaners Mix Feeding Hospital in Zimbabwe

Jeremy Thommy -
Karanda Mission Hospital

The food container arrived in Karanda village (Mount Darwin district, Zimbabwe) on November 8, 2023. This container was loaded at OCG on July 19, 2023. The journey took 112 days, from the port of Montreal to Holland, to the Middle East (Dubai) and finally off-loaded at Beira port in Mozambique. From there it was taken on a train to Zimbabwe's capital city Harare. The journey culminated with a 6 hour truck journey from the Harare rail terminal to Karanda village.

We thank God that all contents were intact and there was no theft or damage. As the container doors were opened, the team gathered around to pray, to give thanks, and to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to make sure that there was faithfulness in stewardship. The task of distributing the soup mix is entrusted to the Community Development department (CDD) of the Karanda Mission Hospital, under the supervision of the Medical Director, Dr Paul Thistle.

The focus of the CDD is to ensure that this soup mix is distributed to vulnerable and malnourished women



and children, pregnant and lactating women, people with HIV or tuberculosis, and older populations. In so doing the CDD aims to demonstrate the compassion of Christ, and strengthen the local church. Every outreach / distribution event is preceded with a sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The soup mix is also being distributed to 7 schools within the district,

as part of the mid-day meal program. In addition, it is given to patients within the hospital of 150 beds <https://www.karanda.org/hospital>. At the time of their discharge from hospital, they are provided with soup mix packets to have their family prepare a nutritious meal for them, as part of their recovery process. Some highlights of the distribution so far...

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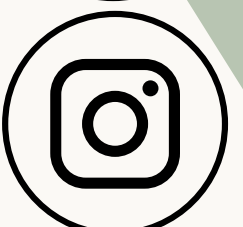
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- The soup mix was used to feed 4,678 elementary and high school students from 7 schools in the district
- The soup mix was given to 1,560 discharged patients and/or their families to prepare nutritious meals. Some of these also included deserving day patients, who visited the Out Patients Department. The hospital receives 25,000 patients annually.

BEAN SOUP STOCKING STUFFER

Available at Gleaners building - 1550 Morrison Rd. Cambridge - Mon-Fri, before noon



For more information on projects and ministries in Karanda, visit our website: www.karanda.org

Join Us!

Volunteering

- No drop ins
- Monday-Friday
- 8:30am-11:30am
- Register online or call

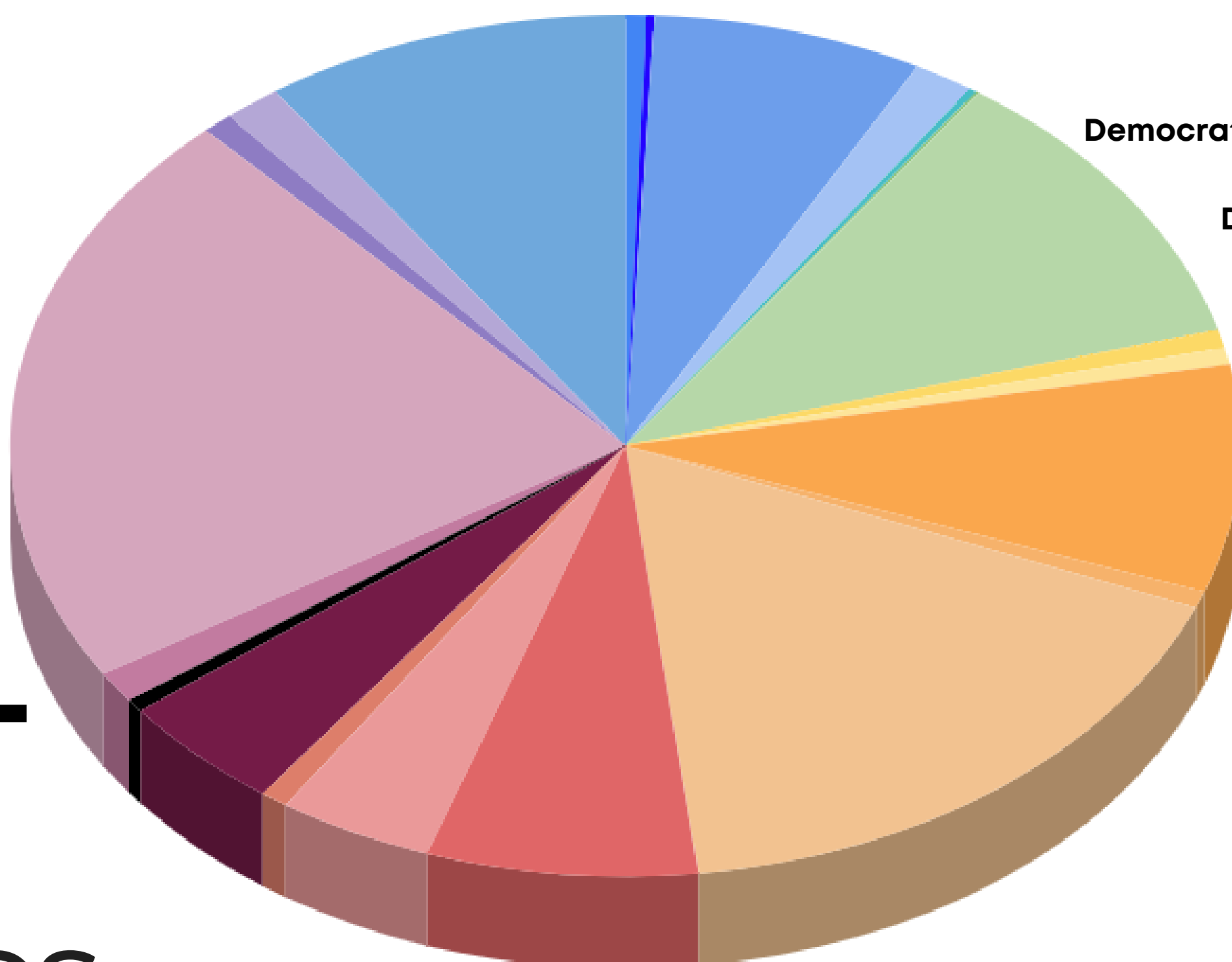
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TO DATE DISTRIBUTION IN 2023

12.3+
MILLION
SERVINGS



- Angola (1381kg)
- Burkina Faso (498kg)
- Burundi (20kg)
- Chad (17,915kg)
- Cuba (3999kg)
- Democratic Republic of Congo (500kg)
- Dominica (193kg)
- Dominican Republic (27,501kg)
- Ecuador (48kg)
- El Savador (1700kg)
- Guatamala (1573kg)
- Haiti (21,477kg)
- Honduras (1574kg)
- Jamaica (42,706kg)
- Kenya (22kg)
- Madagascar (17,925kg)
- Malawi (10,280kg)
- Peru (1819kg)
- Philippines (11,131kg)
- Sierra Leone (1200kg)
- South Sudan (3000kg)
- Ukraine (55,235kg)
- Venezuela (1990kg)
- Zambia (3811kg)
- Zimbabwe (24,257kg)

A WORD FROM THE MANAGER



“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.”

Leviticus 19:9,10

I read these verses with our volunteers during our morning devotions last week along with the verses from this poem,

“Those that help the poor to gather up this harvest
To see that every corner of the earth is fed
Show the love of God as taught by our Redeemer
With this unbiased distribution to east and west
His Kingdom on this earth can now be spread
By the loving hands of every willing gleaners.”

What a great reminder of why we do what we do! This year has been filled with so many blessings and celebrations. In September we celebrated our 15th year of helping those in need around the world. Early October was the ribbon cutting for our new building addition and shortly after that we were able to celebrate that we had given away over 100 million servings of food since we began operating. At the end of October we joined 331 guests at our Celebration and Fundraising Banquet celebrating God’s Faithfulness at the Gleaners. This event raised over \$67,000 for the work of the Ontario Christian Gleaners.



12.3 million servings of food have left our building this year already providing much needed nutrition to people in 24 countries around the world. Over the past couple of weeks, food has left for the Philippines and Nicaragua and we look forward to loading more containers yet this year.

We pray for these mission groups as they work to securing shipping spaces and documentation as well as for their work as a mission organization, bringing the good news of salvation and filling empty tummies with nutritious food.



As Christmas is coming and 2023 is coming to an end, we encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting the work of the Ontario Christian Gleaners. Check out our Wishlist in this newsletter or help support the day to day operating costs. Gift cards are available if you wish to donate to the Gleaners as a gift for a friend or loved one. <https://www.ontariogleaners.org/donate.html>

We love touring visitors! Join us at one of our next Open House Tours and check out our new addition as well as what is happening here. **Our next tours are December 12, January 23 and February 13 at 10:30am.**

We encourage you to come out and join us for a morning preparing and packing vegetables. The coffee will be on! <http://www.ontariogleaners.org/volunteer.html> or give us a call 519.624.8245 and we will sign you up. (Signup are required to limit numbers for septic approvals.) Groups are encouraged to book for a one day or monthly serve opportunity. Call the office to schedule your group!

On behalf of the staff here at the Ontario Christian Gleaners, we wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With thankfulness,

Elaine Merkus



Donate.

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Feeding Hungry Children.

100 servings = \$8
500 servings = \$40
1000 servings = \$80



Split Peas.

Cost \$704 per
metric tonne
(\$50/70kg)



Building Expansion.

Cost: \$955,000
Remaining: \$270,000



Forklift.

Cost: \$25,000
Remaining: \$11,000

WHAT

Please consider making a donation this holiday season, that will go directly towards purchasing one of these items.

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

All donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt

WHY

These items will help us in our daily work of processing surplus vegetables to make nutritious vegetable mixes for distribution to needy people in countries around the world. With the large demand of our food, we are working hard and creatively to meet these requests and your financial support for this is greatly appreciated!

HOW

Gift cards specifying your donated item are available upon request when making a donation on behalf of a loved one.

Donations can be made by:

- Cash
- Cheque
- e-transfer - etransfers@OntarioGleaners.org (please note your name, address and item donating towards in the message section)
- Credit card - <https://www.ontariogleaners.org/credit-card-donation.html>



We thank you for considering a donation, as
'God loves a cheerful giver'.

1 Corinthians 9:7