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News from the Gleaners

Winter – December 2019

Haiti

For many years now Ontario Christian Gleaners and *the Joy and Hope of Haiti* have enjoyed a wonderful partnership... with a common goal in mind these two groups have formed a bond that works and truly makes a difference in Haiti.

Haiti is the largest recipient of Gleaners food and Joy and Hope of Haiti is one of the organizations that plays a large roll in the distribution of this much need nutrition.

Children cannot learn with empty tummies... and at Joy and Hope of Haiti, we know that all too well. Fortifying, and strengthening hungry bodies while providing much needed substance is a primary focus for 20 JHH schools.

The Not for Profit Canadian: *Joy and Hope of Haiti* organization feeds approximately 8,000 people: teachers, administration personnel and of course children, Haiti's most vulnerable sector from September to June yearly and 2,500 during the summer. There is almost nothing more satisfying and heartwarming than to see an eager child, a student in a good school, wearing a wonderful uniform, eating a hearty bowl of soup, their laughter resonating across the schoolyard and the ear to ear smiles you can only witness from a happy child.

The leaders of the schools remind everyone that the soup aids in health benefits and greater cognitive abilities of students. In fact, the schools who have added soup to their programming, almost immediately reported better passing grades and number of students passing exams.

How does this happen? Great question... *The Joy and Hope of Haiti* raises funds to send two shipping containers a year to Haiti. Each container is loaded with Gleaners dried food products and other humanitarian aid items. Thousands of volunteer hours are lovingly imbedded in every nook and

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Important Dates:

Open House Tours:

@ 10:30am on
December 6th & 10th
January 16th & 31st
February 5th & 20th
(Join us for a 45 minute
guided tour)

Closures:

Christmas Shutdown

Monday December 23rd –
Friday January 3rd
We will reopen on
Monday January 6th

Family Day

Monday February 17th

Fundraising Dinner:

Friday April 17th
Reservation Info
coming soon

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What is our Core Project ? Beginning with just one school, 5 years ago and now 11 (soon to be 12) schools, *Joy and Hope* partners with each school to fill the gap between what parents can pay and what is needed to pay teacher salaries -This is the JHH "Matching Program". Proud parents pay approximately 40% of what it costs for teachers' salaries and we match their effort with the remaining 60%.

What does this mean? Schools are financially stabilized, teachers don't quit and feel valued, students receive a consistent and challenging education and the schools as a whole become better community partners, as well as a better teaching and learning environment. It is so very wonderful to see teachers happy and encouraged, engaged and striving to share knowledge with their students. They are proud of what they do and it shows!

How cost effective is this? *The Joy and Hope of Haiti* can retain 30 students in class for just \$3.33 per day- where else can \$100 a month reap such rewards for the present and future?

Haiti is sadly in a very terrible time of unrest and political strife. It is the hope of *the Joy and Hope of Haiti* that some of JHH students one day will rise to leadership that will make a difference. Who knows what the future holds, but we know who holds the future-



Thank you from all of us at Joy and Hope of Haiti for the making the gift of food possible - warm nutritious food in hungry tummies, hungry minds yearning to be taught, mindfully present in a Christian school. God is faithful. He has invited us to join Him at work with Haitian children. Gleaners food is big part of what we do and can do.

To all the volunteers; we say thank you on behalf of those in Haiti who can't thank you. Mesi Anpil Bon Beni Dieu (Thank you and God bless you.)

From all of us at [Joy and Hope](#) - we are so grateful to Gleaners. - Cal Schultz, Project Management Joy and Hope of Haiti

Bean Soup Fundraiser \$5



Great Stocking Stuffers,
Teacher Appreciation Gifts or
something just for you!

Drop in and pick some up, or contact us @ 519.624.8245 or gleanerspromo@gmail.com to place your order

GLEANERS

Using surplus produce to feed a hungry world.

“Learn to do good. Seek justice.
Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans.
Fight for the rights of widows.” ----- Isaiah 1:17

As many of us prepare for the Christmas season, in some parts of the world there are parents who are seeking to provide a simple meal that day for their children. In 2019, Ontario Christian Gleaners has provided food to 24 different countries.

Responding to areas of need this year include Mozambique with the cyclone, Haiti with unrest and needs of the school children, Philippines helping with those affected by the earthquake, and Guatemala where the volcano swept away homes of the poor.



The reports out of [Colombia](#) where [refugees](#) from Venezuela are arriving daily are both devastating and encouraging. The need is great and the help coming in is from a broad group of mission organizations working together.

“We walked for 11 days and had to sleep outside. We left because they threatened to kill us. My brother was killed... They almost killed me.”

—Ana, Venezuelan woman in Ecuador

Columbian churches are serving Ontario Christian Gleaners food under ‘Hope Tents’ at the side of the road where some Venezuelans walk 800 km to a new life in a different culture. They are weary and discouraged. In 2019 a million meals prepared by Ontario Christian Gleaners were donated to Latin America Mission. A hot nutritious meal served by the church in Columbia and a demonstration of care by the bandaging of their feet help keep them going. Watch the [3 part story](#) of Latin American Mission’s initiative on <https://livingtruth.ca/> under the title ‘Venezuela’.

Locally, the Gleaners makes a point of urging Ontario students to participate in preparing the dried food: Hosting classrooms of teenagers as part of their course-work, or having youth groups to join in on a PA Day or March Break. Book [online](#) to request a work party for a group or call (519) 624-8245. We desire to see participation in this compassionate work by many of the younger generations.

We are so thankful for the many people involved including the donors, volunteers, mission groups, and community connections.

Please consider joining in and participating in some way. Every little bit counts.

With Joy, *Shelley Stone*

2019 Gleaners Stats to date...

- 6.55 million servings of dried vegetable mix
- 3452 bags of dried apples & pears and
- 8349 kg of other dried products (beans, coconut, apricots, cranberries, etc)
- Sent To
 - 24 different countries around the world
- Sent by
 - 33 different mission groups/organizations in 41 shipments



Gleaners Wish List

Donate to these projects...

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

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

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

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

Donations may be made by
cash
cheque

e-transfer - etransfers@OntarioGleaners.org

(please note your name, address and item donating towards in the message section)

or credit card

<https://www.ontariogleaners.org/credit-card-donation.html>

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



Feeding Hungry Children

\$8/bag (production cost, feeds up to 100)

We thank you for your support!



Special crates to receive dryer-ready asparagus & help increase production
\$62.50 / 10
(500 needed)



Second hand Drums and Pails for Shipping Veggie Mix
\$45 - \$60/skid
(60 pails or 4 drums)



6 lbs Dried Onions
(2000lbs needed) \$20



Peas by the metric ton \$425 (\$20/100 lbs)