



**Ontario Christian  
Gleaners**

# News from the Gleaners

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## Cuba

SWAP (Servants With A Purpose) is an extension of the ministry at Kinmount Baptist Church. (*Kawartha Lakes area, 267km NE of the Gleaners*) The main objective of this ministry is to provide assistance to nationals, churches, missionaries and humanitarian aide workers in other countries as well as Canada that require help with such things as renovation projects, assistance with programs and other areas of ministry.



Over the past number of years we have been working towards planting churches in Cuba. We have taken teams down to help with some of the work; working alongside Cuban national brothers and sisters.

Two years ago, Kinmount Baptist Church graciously accepted the responsibility of building a new church in the town of Madruga. We have a full time pastor on our payroll that we financially and prayerfully support. Of course God deserves all the glory in this endeavor as we are a small church and it is only through the grace of God that this can be accomplished!

Over the past couple of years on our trips to Cuba, we have been able to take dried vegetable mixes and fruit snacks provided by the Ontario Christian Gleaners. What a blessing this has been for those who receive it. While the church was being constructed, the pastor's wife would cook and serve it to the workers there daily. Some was also given out to people in the community, dropped off at churches, seniors homes and others in need.

They have even used the Gleaners food as an evangelism tool as they serve soup after church service....people are invited to bring their bowls to church so their souls are fed and their bodies are fed.

Now everytime we travel to Cuba, they ask if we can bring some more food. They truly do

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### Important Dates:

#### Open House Tours:

@ 10:30am on  
June 12<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

(Join us for a 45 minute  
guided tour)

\*\* Please note: no tours in July

#### Closures:

Civic Holiday Monday

August 5<sup>th</sup>

Labour Day Monday

September 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Summer Maintenance:

The Gleaners will be closed

Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday

July 5<sup>th</sup> for summer

maintenance and will reopen

on Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am

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love it. It is a blessing to them and to the people in the community.

Kinmount Baptist Church and SWAP is richly blessed to be given the opportunity to serve the Lord in Cuba. Through the wonder of God's providence not only has a new church been constructed but through the Ontario Christian Gleaners, we are able to reach out beyond the church and into the community to help meet the physical needs of many. The church is not just seen as a place of worship but also a place which extends the love of God to those who need it most.

Thank you Gleaners .....and by the way...we'll need some more Gleaners food soon :)

In Christ, Dave Sedore



*Connecting Countries serving Gleaners vegetable mix and fruit snacks in Kenya*



**2019 Gleaners Stats to date...**

- 4.6 million servings of dried vegetable mix
- 1860 bags of dried apples & pears and
- 6,324 kg of other dried products (beans, coconut, apricots, cranberries, etc)

➤ Sent To

- 19 different countries around the world

➤ Sent by

- 24 different mission groups/organizations in 29 shipments



Love The Amazing Race? Here's your opportunity to participate!  
Challenges are a combination of savvy and smarts – running is not required!

**When?** Saturday October 5, 2019  
(morning with a lunch)

**Where?** City of Cambridge, ON

**What?** - Build a team of 4 and have a fun morning racing to complete the challenges in the fastest time. The team with the fastest combined time of challenges is crowned the race winner.

Teams must fundraise a minimum of \$500 to participate with 100% of the money raised coming back to the Gleaners. This event also creates awareness for the Gleaners as teams share what it is that we do.

**Interested in participating?** Contact Elaine @ 519.624.8245 or [gleanerspromo@gmail.com](mailto:gleanerspromo@gmail.com) for info and to get started!



*Don't drop it like it's hot!*

## Fun Fundraiser!

Fun activities that support the work of the Gleaners and help feed those in need around the world while having a great time with your family, friends, small group etc

We'd love for you to join us at this inspirational event!

Contact us at 519.624.8245 or [gleanerspromo@gmail.com](mailto:gleanerspromo@gmail.com) for more info



*Shot in the dark*



*Life is like a box of chocolates – Reid's Chocolates!*



*Bucket Brigade*

## Using surplus produce to feed a hungry world.

“Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility”.

----- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Our world is changing. Who would have anticipated a decade ago when we launched our operation that the residents of the profitable country of Venezuela would be in need of food. Inflation has created a crisis and hunger is driving people out of the country in droves. We are delighted to report that help is on the way, thanks to a partnership with *Latin America Mission* and *The People’s Church* of Toronto.

Two other mission partners, *The Joy & Hope of Haiti* as well as *Food For The Poor*, have shared a container filled with our dried food, and it’s enroute to feed thousands of school children on the north side of Haiti. Both of these organizations have been long term partners of the Gleaners and both mission groups support indigenous agricultural initiatives to offset the need for incoming nutritious food.

Ontario Christian Gleaners needs a steady supply of volunteers, donated funds, and donated food in order to keep going. Thank you to the faithful workers that come prepared to tackle whatever job we give them. We want to express gratitude to our financial donors that keep our operation going. It costs money to pick up the fresh food, transform it to a *dried and packaged* product and give away the food for free. We applaud our food donors for taking time out of their fast-paced day to contact us and assign a worker to load up our truck. Our network is extensive yet we continue to require more contacts as people’s circumstances change. Thank you to our staff who rise to the task each day hosting a large diverse group of volunteers, getting everyone ‘rowing in the same direction’ in order to accomplish the preparation of 30,000 meals each day.



We continue to work inter-dependently and cooperatively with the 7 other food drying groups across Canada. We celebrate with a new launch outside of Grand Rapids, Michigan (USA), *Sus Manos Gleaners*, who have completed experiments on their dryer and are opening for volunteers to join the initiative to dry food for aid.

We look forward to the future as we receive input and feedback from various relief and development mission groups in how we can best help and support their important work. As we learn from them as to effective strategies and new trends, we will seek to make adjustments in our approach in this ever-changing world. How comforting to know that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

- With Joy, *Shelley Stone*

