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News from the Gleaners

Spring – March 2019

Burkina Faso



Burkina Faso is a very poor country and many students do not finish high school because of the lack of funds. Not charging tuition at CFPC is definitely helpful for our students, but the lack of money also means many of them struggle with the day to day necessities. That is where Ontario Christian Gleaners provides much needed help.

Since we began the trade school nine years ago, the vegetable mix from the Gleaners has formed the base for the sauce that we make, serving it over rice for the students at lunch. When there are plenty of vegetables at the local market, (December through February), we add them to the vegetable mix, in addition to the peanut butter or tomato paste used to thicken it and add extra flavour. There are many months when not much is available at the market, and the produce that is there is very expensive. During these times the vegetable mix is the primary ingredient along with a few onions and peanut butter or tomato paste.

One local ingredient, sumbala, is always added whether there are lots of veggies or very few. This common West African ingredient, rich in protein and dietary minerals, is a seed that is fermented and

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CFPC Burkina Faso is a vocational training school in West Africa. We train young men between the ages of 16 and 20 in three different construction trades: welding, wood working and building construction. Our programs are free for the students and run for two years. Upon graduation the students receive a certificate from CFPC. In their final year, they will also write a government exam. Since CFPC started preparing the students for this exam, their success rate has been 100%.



Important Dates:

Open House Tours:

@ 10:30am on
March 13th & 15th
April 18th & 26th
May 7th & 23rd
(Join us for a 45 minute
guided tour)

Closures:

Good Friday April 19th
Easter Monday April 22nd
Victoria Day
Monday May 20th

Fundraising Dinner:

Friday April 12th
@ Waterloo Region Police
Association Building
Ticket Purchase Required
See details in this newsletter

Veseys Bulbs Fundraiser:

See details inside for online
catalogue
Last day to order: April 15th



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then rolled into a ball to use like bouillon. To me as a Canadian it has a pungent odour, but it adds wonderful flavour and since they are ones that are eating it, who am I to say anything!

I would be amiss if I forgot to mention how much the students like the dried fruits. Saying they *like* the dried APPLES and PEARS is an understatement. Sweets are not a part of their regular diet so it is really nice to be able to offer them a delicious treat that is also nutritious.

We really appreciate the hard work of the volunteers. The vegetable mix helps us provide a nutritious meal for our students year round and the dried fruit is a wonderful treat. A great big **thank you**, to all the volunteers and the staff at Ontario Christian Gleaners.



From all of us at CFPC
Burkina Faso,

Roger & Chris
Bast

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Friday April 12th

Waterloo Region Police
Association
1128 Rife Rd. Cambridge
Doors Open 6:00pm
Dinner 6:30pm

Tickets \$30

(\$240/Table of 8, \$300/Table of 10)

Order your tickets by April 1st
519.624.8245 or

OntarioGleaners.org
(click on What's Happening)

As ticket prices cover the cost of the dinner, an opportunity will be given to donate financially to the Gleaners



**ONTARIO CHRISTIAN GLEANERS
FUNDRAISING DINNER**

Gleaners Stats 2018...

- 6.59 million servings of dried vegetable mix
- 2267 bags of dried apples & pears and
- 28,704kg of other dried products (beans, coconut, apricots, cranberries, etc)

- Sent To
 - 27 different countries around the world
- Sent by
 - 47 different mission groups/organizations in 56 shipments



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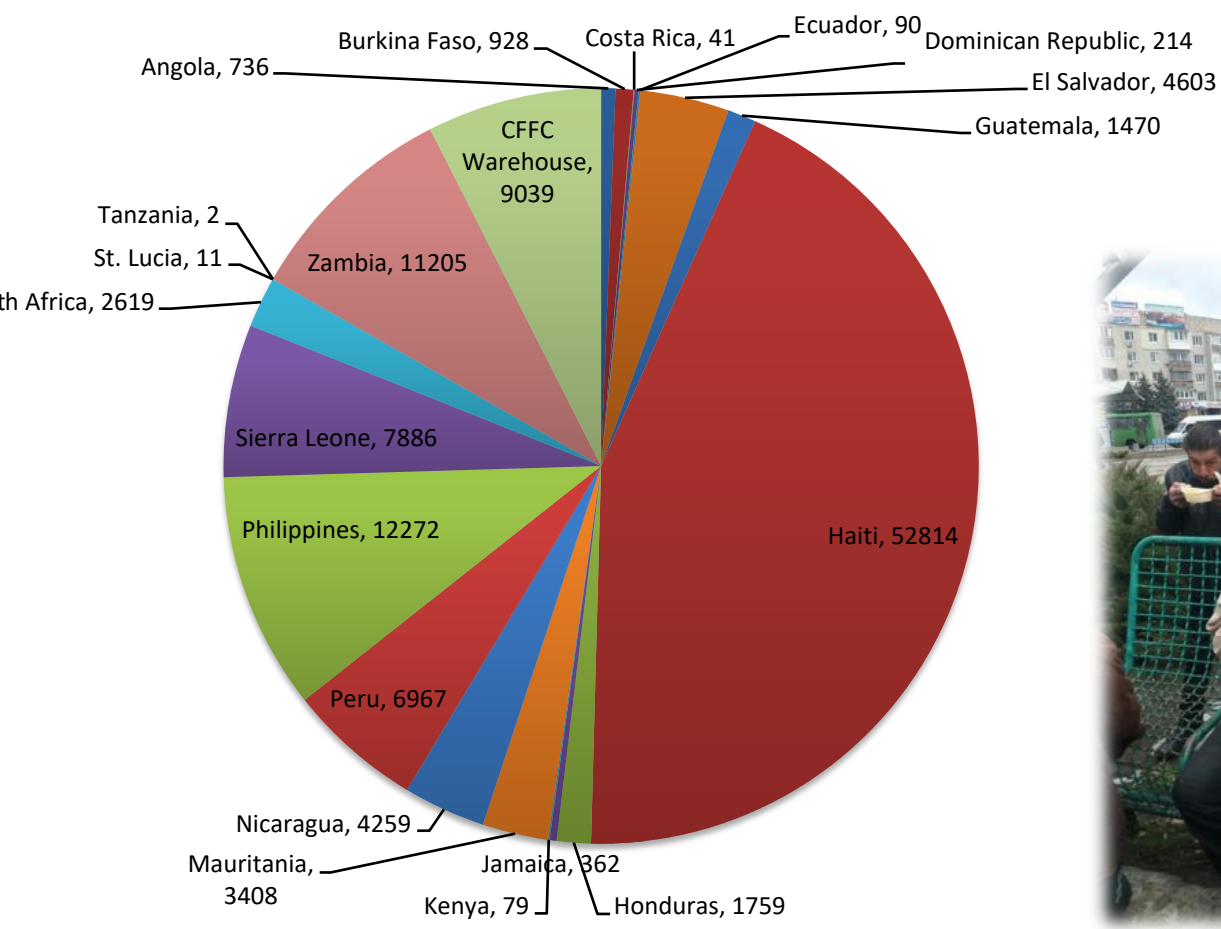
DZ Driver Volunteers

Qualities & Requirements

- * DZ license with clean driving record
- * Courteous, Efficient, Gracious
- * Friendly, Prompt, Reliable
- * Available 1 day/week
- (Ability to help load and unload truck an asset)

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Ontario Christian Gleaners 2018 Food Distribution by Country by Weight in Kg (Total - 120,764kg)



Using surplus produce to feed a hungry world.

James the brother of Jesus documents this in his letter. 1:27 (NLT)

27 "Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress ."

In 2018, we brought in a million pounds of food to our building and hundreds of volunteers transformed it into about 7 million meals. The receiving mission groups in the various countries, often take our packages of dry food and add in locally obtainable fresh food according to what is available in each country. Local staples such as rice, bananas, corn, pineapple, tomatoes, and squash or pumpkins. Our dehydrated fruits and vegetables were used in 27 different countries at nutrition centres, hospitals, refugee camps, disaster areas, and a countless number of schools. Our distribution is driven by organizations with the funds and logistics in place to get the vitamin-rich food into needy areas. They also take the time to report back to us.

"Action speaks not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility". Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Ontario Christian Gleaners continues to ponder how we can best help with the issue of food security on a global level and are prepared to take some next steps.

Please be assured that as an organization, we are always asking the question, "How can we best help?" We wish to give a hand UP, not a hand OUT. It's our desire to preserve the dignity of people and the economics of the country. As we ponder our methods and strategies to assess ways to do things better, and learn from candid feedback from the field, at times it means making minor changes to our way of doing things. We seek to be wise with the resources that God has entrusted to us.

A HUGE Thank You to our donors of time and money and product. Together we have made available 7 MILLION meals to 47 different mission organizations working in the front lines. We are grateful for our community of people who give on whatever level they can, to bless others who happen to live where life is difficult. Our hearts are grateful and we thank God for you.

- With Joy, Shelley Stone



Vesey's Bulbs & Seeds Fundraiser

Order your spring bulbs and seeds and support the Gleaners!

Catalogues are available in the building and online
https://www.veseys.com/media/contentmanager/content/2019_Spring_Fundraising_Canada.pdf

The Gleaners receives 50% of each order – so invite your family, friends & neighbours to place an order too.

All orders must be submitted by Monday April 15th and pickup of orders at the Gleaners will be in early May

Please phone or email your order to the Gleaners
519-624-8245 or gleanerspromo@gmail.com

