



**Ontario Christian
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Important Dates:

Open House Tours:

@ 10:30am on
March 11th & 19th
April 7th & 23rd
May 7th @ 13th

(Join us for a 45 minute
guided tour)

Closures:

Good Friday April 10th
Easter Monday April 13th
Victoria Day
Monday May 18th

Fundraising Dinner:

Friday April 17th
@ Waterloo Region Police
Association Building
Ticket Purchase Required
Details in this newsletter and
online @
<https://www.ontariogleaners.org/happening-now.html>

News from the Gleaners

Spring – March 2020

Guatemala

The team of volunteers at *Wells of Hope* did not think twice when we heard about the eruption of the Fire Volcano and in response to Caritas de Guatemala request, we sent a 40 foot sea container that would provide help for many families that live in poor conditions throughout the country, but especially to the families affected by the eruption. One of the main items we sent in that shipment was a generous donation by the Ontario Christian Gleaners with 51445 kg of dehydrated vegetable mix.

Since this mix was a new product for them to distribute, Caritas de Guatemala Nutrition Department decided to try it prepared as two different recipes: one as soup and another one as a patty, mixed with other ingredients for the desired consistency. These recipes were loved by both adults and children. Labels were also created to provide preparation instructions in Spanish for those that would be doing the meal preparations.

As local and international aid was great for those affected directly by the eruption, Caritas looked for other already identified communities in extreme poverty. One association that they partner with, called Camino Seguro (Safe Passage) helps around 300 families, especially widows and single moms, that live by the main dump in the city. Through their program, they provide primary education to more than 550 kids and they prepare 2,000 meals a day. The association has a food distribution program and this year they organized a Health Fair, where the vegetable mix was included in explaining *Continued* ➔



(continued from front page....) its high nutritional value and ways of preparing it.

All the beneficiaries of the vegetable mix have been grateful for receiving the donation, which in some cases complements their diet and in others, it becomes their main meal of the day. Caritas de Guatemala has expressed their many thanks for being able to help so many families with such a nutritional product that is so easy to distribute and store at all levels. Needless to say, Caritas would like to continue receiving such donations.

We are very grateful for the incredible response of the Ontario Christian Gleaners of Cambridge whose blessings and efforts have helped us help those in need in Guatemala!

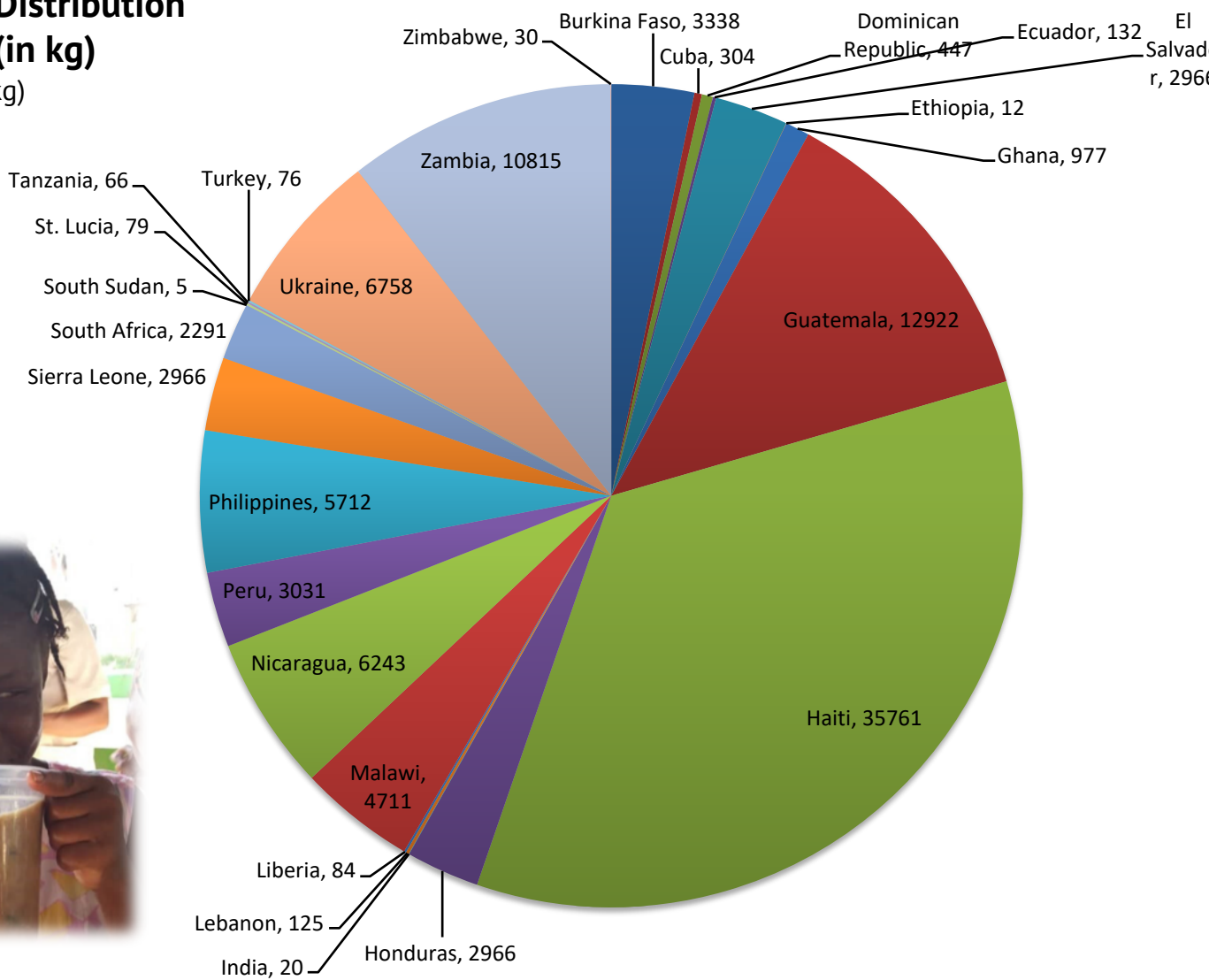
- Anneliese Haeussler-Huizinga

Wells of Hope is an inter-denominational group founded on Christian principles. We are committed to responding to the cry of the poor and to help them attain for themselves, the basic necessities of clean water, education, and basic healthcare.



Ontario Christian Gleaners 2019 Food Distribution by Country (in kg)

(Total 124,582 kg)



How you can support the work of the Gleaners...

1. e-transfers
etransfers@OntarioGleaners.org
2. Credit Card
<https://www.ontariogleaners.org/credit-card-donation.html>
3. Cash
4. Cheque payable to Ontario Christian Gleaners



Ontario Christian Gleaners Fundraising Dinner



Friday April 17th
@ Waterloo Region Police Association
1128 Rife Rd. Cambridge
Doors open 6:00pm
Dinner 6:30pm



Tickets \$35

(\$280/ table of 8, \$350/ table of 10)

Order your tickets by April 1st

Online @ OntarioGleaners.org
(click on What's Happening)

Or 519.624.8245

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

'Using Surplus Produce to Feed a Hungry World'

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2019 Gleaners Stats

- 7.92 million servings of dried vegetable mix
 - 4158 bags of dried apples & pears and
 - 9029 kg of other dried products (beans, coconut, apricots, cranberries, etc)
- Sent To
- 26 different countries around the world
- Sent by
- 30 different mission groups/organizations in 53 shipments



Using surplus produce to feed a hungry world.

...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength!...

*'Love your neighbor as yourself:' There is no commandment greater than these.'
----- Mark 12:30,31*

Locusts, fires, political unrest, drought, famine, an erupting volcano, hurricanes.... The news across our world speaks of current events that can sweep away hope of righting things in our world.

All year round, weekday mornings are bustling at Ontario Christian Gleaners. Hundreds of volunteers show up every week to demonstrate the hope of bringing justice to the most vulnerable in developing nations.

Preserving the food in Canada for redistribution to disaster-stricken areas makes a lot of sense. Children get caught with so few options, putting them at risk for malnutrition, impacting them throughout their whole lives. In God's eyes, every life is precious. These are our 'neighbours'. We demonstrate love through providing a simple meal.



The Gleaners prepare 1.4kg packages of dehydrated vegetables paired with sources of protein allowing for a nutrient dense meal for the recipients. The clever cooks transform the pack of healthy food into a culturally appropriate meal that is familiar to the children so they receive the full benefit of the nutrition. Many groups monitor the height, weight, and school grades of the children in order to document the growth and development of each child. We all wish to see the children thrive.

Please consider joining in and participating in some way.

With Joy, *Shelley Stone*



Bean Soup Fundraiser \$5



Available for pickup at the Gleaners building
weekday mornings – or call to reserve yours today!

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While quantities last ☺