



**Ontario Christian
Gleaners**

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Gleaners

A QUARTERLY UPDATE WITH LATEST NEWS

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Important Dates:

Closures:

Canada Day - July 1
Summer Shutdown - July 4-8
Civic Holiday – Aug. 1
Labour Day– Sept. 5

Volunteering:

No Drop Ins!
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 11:30am
Register online or Call

(519) 624- 8245

<https://www.ontariogleaners.org/volunteer.html>



“The children **love** the dried vegetable soup mix.”

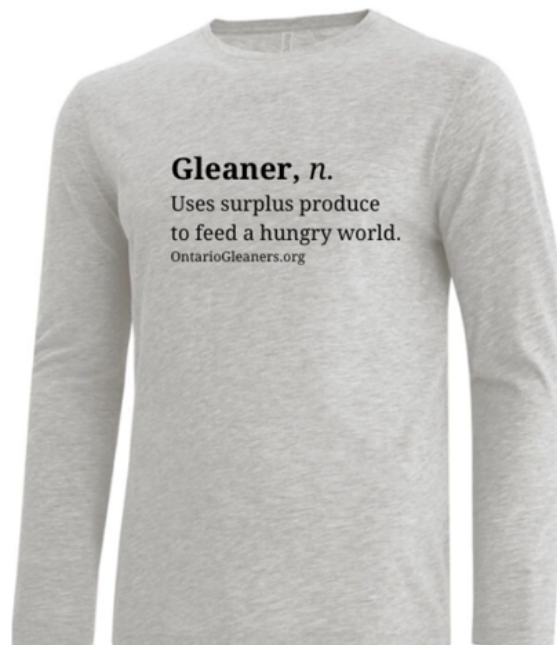
- *Andrea Slipek, Food For The Poor*

“Since most families had no source of income, pre-prepared Gleaners vegetable mix was a **big help** in providing food for families.”

- *Sonie, Action International Ministries*

COMING SOON

NEW Gleaners Merchandise



Hats
Totes
Hoodies
Long sleeves
T-shirts
Golf Tees
& MORE

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See our website or call to place an order!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GLEANERS FUNDRAISING DINNER



Invite your friends or family and book a table of 8 or 10!
Enjoy a wonderful evening of **delicious food, great company** and **support the Gleaners!**

Date: Friday, September 16th

Time: Doors open 6:00pm | Dinner served 6:30pm

Price: Tickets \$40 | Tickets Sale Deadline September 2nd

Location: Waterloo Region Police Association | 1128 Rife Rd. Cambridge

Tickets can be purchased online or by phone

<http://www.ontariogleaners.org/fundraising-dinner.html> or call 519.624.8245

UKRAINE UPDATE

Greetings Ontario Christian Gleaners!

We have been super busy at Loads of Love Humanitarian Aid & Mission Society with ongoing containers to Ukraine! As you are aware in April we were able to send not one but two containers. One container was FILLED completely by your organization. It contained 72 drums of Dehydrated Soup Mix, Cabbage and Potatoes and another 624 boxes of Dehydrated Soup Mix. That was approximately 42,500 pounds which would feed approximately 1 million servings! The second container was filled at our facility in Chatham Ontario. It included over 15,000 pounds of Dehydrated Soup Mix and Apple Snacks from Southwestern Ontario Gleaners as well as much needed hospital beds, medical supplies, mattresses, hygiene products, baby cribs & strollers, bedding, blankets and so much more!



These containers set out from Montreal and arrived in Warsaw Poland approximately May 24th. There was a slight delay in shipping and clearing customs, but they have officially been delivered and unloaded in a warehouse in Poland. Ed Dickson left on Sunday May 29th to head into Poland for direction on the delivery of the goods as well as checking in once again with the many ministries he oversees for what the current priority needs are.

We are packing to send another container on Friday June 3rd. This container contains a very large portion of canned food and hygiene supplies which were donated from our community. We had put out a plea and the community really responded! We are also sending hospital beds, mattresses, wheelchairs, medical supplies, hygiene kits, blankets, as previously sent, as these items are still very critical. We are anticipating the arrival and delivery by mid July.

Please continue to pray for the thousands of orphans, disabled, widowed and poor that Ed Dickson, through Loads of Love, supports. Pray this war ends quickly so the displaced Ukrainians can return home to rebuild their lives. Pray for safe delivery of the next container.

Thank you once again for your continued support preparing the much needed food that goes not only to Ukraine but all over the world! WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

Penny Stull
Container Co-ordinator at Loads of Love

Prayer Requests

From Our Partnering Organizations

Pray the war ends quickly so the displaced Ukrainians can return home to rebuild their lives.

- Penny Stull, *Loads of Love, Ukraine*

Pray for good health & safe return to the Philippines on June 29 with no hassle from Ottawa Airport to Philippine Immigration. Continued prayer for God's wisdom and guidance as we return back on the field.

- Sonie, *Action International Ministries, Philippines*



Using Surplus Produce to Feed A Hungry World

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" *Psalms 107:1*

We continue to spend our mornings in thankfulness, as we serve at the Gleaners. From the blessings of volunteers, to food donations and shipments continuing to leave the Gleaners building, one cannot help but notice that all of this happens with the blessings from our heavenly Father.

Arriving to the smell of fresh baked chocolate chip cookies and other baked treats, our volunteers have been spending their mornings trimming veggies and fellowshiping together. The coffee breaks are an extra time of fellowship and have enabled us to extend our mornings to 11:15 so that the cleanup is finished by 11:30 and home for lunch. We are so thankful for each volunteer and have been blessed to have new people come out and join the Gleaners rosters! We are thankful that we have been able to host small groups from the People's Church, Telus and Creekside Church's 'Big Serve' over the last few weeks.

Check out what our volunteers have to say about volunteering.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QuAk2P6bbI>.

Come join us a morning! Signup is required.

<http://www.ontariogleaners.org/volunteer.html> or give us a call 519.624.8245.



This time of year is asparagus season at the Gleaners. The drying days are long, but the results are abundant and beautiful! Our volunteers continue to process the end of our sweet potatoes and were just treated to broccoli and cauliflower – the colour change is always exciting!

The last full week of May saw 2 million servings of food (that's over 31,000kg) leave our building in two containers to the Ukraine with Compassionate Resource Warehouse and Haiti with Food for the Poor of Canada and Joy and Hope of Haiti. We are thankful that we can be a part of blessing and helping people in these countries. Recent communications with other mission groups have highlighted the needs in other countries and we look forward to helping them as well.

The rising costs of just about everything is felt by the Gleaners too. Packaging products have increased by 5-30%, split peas (our important protein source) have increased from \$462/MT to \$705/MT over the past year, and of course fuel prices for our truck.

Please join us in prayers of thankfulness for the abundance of fresh food donations that are coming to the Gleaners, for our volunteers and for our shipments that are leaving the building that God will guide it on its way to far reaching countries. Please pray for donations to purchase more split peas and for our general operating expenses, especially as costs increase. And join us in thanking our heavenly Father for meeting our needs in abundance.



With Thankfulness,
Elaine Merkus



Give a little. Help a lot.

DONATE TODAY

WHAT

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 ****
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 and fruit to make nutritious vegetable mixes and fruit snacks for distribution to needy people in countries around the world. In recent news, we have successfully sent over 2 million servings of food to the **Ukraine**, however there is more in need. With produce prices rising and 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>

Feed Hungry Children

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

Peas

Split peas by the metric ton **\$704**
(\$50/70 kg)



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!