



# Ontario Christian Gleaners

USING SURPLUS PRODUCE TO FEED A HUNGRY WORLD

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## Gleaners Mix Feeds Orphanage in Burkina Faso

Carla Veitch -  
Paradise Orphanage

Almost 20 years ago a local couple from Burkina Faso felt God calling them to build an orphanage for the needy children in the town of Kaya. They had no local church support or big organization overseeing the project, but with the ongoing support of a few families from the US, Canada and Germany, their big dream came to pass and *Paradise Orphanage* came to being.

God miraculously provided everything, the land, the funds for building, the eventual drilling of a well, the construction of a school on site and the ongoing support to house up to 130 children even to this day. Many of the original children from the early years are now young adults. Some are attending University, some are attending vocational schools and this is because of the new life they were offered, when they came to *Paradise Orphanage* as young children. The real "New Life" they were offered was the biggest gift they received. Being taught that Jesus Christ is their Saviour and learning from His word each and everyday, they are now ambassadors of Light in that country now afflicted with turmoil.

Beginning in 2012 nutritious vegetable mix from the *Ontario Christian Gleaners* has been sent as needed and for over 10 years now, the dried vegetables mixed with rice has become a daily staple for the children.



Most recently since the awful terrorist attacks, the staff of *Paradise Orphanage* have been able to give support to refugees who have settled in and around Kaya. The last shipment of vegetable mix in the Fall of 2023 has not only provided meals for the children residing at the orphanage, but some have been divided into family size portion packs and given to refugee families with instructions on how to prepare the vegetable mix in smaller quantities.

As the harvest here in Ontario is plentiful during this time of year I am always reminded of the amazing ways we can help those in need, even as far away as Burkina Faso. Seeing the production at Gleaners and then seeing the shipment arrive in Burkina Faso is so heartwarming!

A very big thank you from my friend Charles in Burkina Faso, to every person from the farmers, to the volunteers at the Gleaners for your tireless work and commitment to providing food for the needy across the globe. May God continue to bless you for your hard work.

Please check out the website [Kayaskids.org](http://Kayaskids.org) to find more information on how you can help and read our story.

## Contact & connect



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# A Word From The Manager

**'Give us this day our daily bread.' Matthew 6:11**

Each day is truly amazing, as we see God providing our 'daily bread' – those generous donations of fresh produce that provides much needed nutrition around the world. While it would be wonderful to always have weekly and monthly 'bread', how much more do we see the hand of God when the phone rings with a new donation. We thank Him when during our lean times He has provided us with new produce donors and we praise Him, as the coolers continue to fill.

Our daily bread needs were met with tens of thousands of pounds of broccoli in the month of July, bringing a welcome colour change to the trimming room volunteers. Our fourth delivery of split peas was received just a couple of weeks ago ensuring we have a consistent protein source in our vegetable mixes.

We are thankful for additional dryer volunteers that have offered to serve on our afternoon drying schedule. The resulting additional dried product and those extra hours help us to meet the increasing requests for food aid. We are still looking for truck drivers with a DZ license as well as volunteers to help in our warehouse. Please call 519.624.8245 or email [manager@ontariogleaners.org](mailto:manager@ontariogleaners.org) for more info.



## Help Wanted!

**Groups!** Are you interested in bringing a classroom (grade 6 and up), youth group, small group, corporate team or just a group of friends or neighbours? In addition to our regular volunteer hours (8:30 – 11:30am) <https://ontariogleaners.org/volunteer/>, we also have group opportunities for weekdays from 11:00am – 1:30pm. Please call the office (519.624.8245) to schedule an afternoon shift.



**New This Year - Evening Service Opportunities!** Sign up and join us 7pm-9pm. Our first scheduled dates are Thursday, September 12th, Wednesday, October 16th and Wednesday, November 20th <https://signup.com/go/nnRoMbi>

This summer, food has left or will be leaving to help those in need in Cuba, Madagascar and the Philippines. At the time of this writing, over 9.7 million meals have left our building providing much needed nutrition to people in 15 different countries around the world.

Please consider joining us at our fundraising banquet to be held Friday, October 25th <https://ontariogleaners.org/gleaners-banquet/> or financially supporting the operational costs of the Gleaners. <https://ontariogleaners.org/donate/>

As we reflect on all of these blessings, we can truly thank God for providing our daily bread here at the Gleaners and the daily bread for so many around the world. Thanks be to God!

With Thankfulness,

*Elaine Meekins*







# GLEANERS FUNDRAISING BANQUET

OCTOBER 25

**6PM ARRIVAL • 6:30PM DINNER**

**Waterloo Region Police Association**

1128 Rife Rd, Cambridge

*Invite your family and friends & book a table of 8 or 10*  
519-624-8245 or [OntarioGleaners.org](https://ontariogleaners.org) (click on Happening Now)



JOHN YAHN

VOLUNTEER

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I WENT THROUGH THE SECOND WORLD WAR AS A CHILD AND I BEGGED FOR FOOD. SO I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE HUNGRY.

I ENJOY COMING TO THE GLEANERS AS LONG AS I AM ABLE. I LOOK FORWARD TO HELPING ON THURSDAYS, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT I AM HELPING PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE FOR PEOPLE WHO DESPERATELY NEED IT.

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Sign up on our website & join our amazing crew of volunteers!  
<https://ontariogleaners.org/volunteer/>

# Donate.

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE



45 YEARS OF FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP  
Christian Stewardship Services

## Insurance Policy Donations

Do you have an existing permanent life insurance policy you no longer need?

Yes, but I don't know what to do with it!

Rather than cancelling it, donate it and get an immediate donation receipt!

### Both new and existing insurance gifts:

- Are **simple** to set up and manage.
- Can be very **cost-effective**.
- Will not be subject to probate fees.

Christian Stewardship Services look forward to **helping you help the world.**

### Split Peas.

Cost \$704 per metric ton (\$50/70kg)



### Feeding Hungry Children.

\$8 - 100 meals  
\$40 - 500 meals  
\$80 - 1000 meals



## 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 to make nutritious vegetable mixes for distribution to needy people in countries around the world. With the large demand for 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](mailto: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>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



### OPEN HOUSE

Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 5  
@10:30am



### CLOSED

Labour Day - September 2  
Thanksgiving - October 14



### FUNDRAISERS

Fundraising Banquet -  
October 25  
Online Auction -  
November 18-22