

The staff & board of the Ontario Christian Gleaners would like to wish you a

*Blessed Christmas & New Year*



As 2024 is coming to a close, we would like to share with you a few of the blessings that have happened over the past year.

- **Hundreds of thousands of pounds of fresh produce have been donated to the Gleaners to help in the production of our dried vegetable mixes**
- **Double drying shifts have been added to help with the growing need for nutritious food**
- **15.9 million servings of food have left the building this year with more scheduled to leave this week**



## A Recent Shipment to Philippines

I want to sincerely thank all of you for yesterday. I was grateful to have my son-in-law Ronny and my two grandsons, Clayton and Sully, there to help load the 600 pails of dehydrated food. Shaun and Jack's willingness to lend a hand made it all go quickly and smoothly. It was wonderful to see so many hands working together with such joy and purpose. Your warm hospitality during the coffee break made us feel right at home—it's clear that everything you do comes from hearts full of kindness and love.

If all goes as planned, the container will arrive on January 19. Liz and I, along with 12 of our children and grandchildren, will be there to receive it. It's a privilege to be part of distributing this food to missionaries, local churches, and feeding programmes that bring hope to so many.

While this has been a challenge, we trust that God is in control and that He will make a way for it to be released. We would appreciate your prayers for this situation—prayers that the container will arrive in time to bless these people for Christmas.

As I reflect on your incredible work, one verse comes to mind: "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). The work you do is sowing seeds of hope and love that will bear fruit in ways we may never fully see this side of heaven.

Thank you again for all you do, for your warm hospitality, and for the love and care you pour into every task. May God bless each of you and your families as you celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ this Christmas. He truly is the reason for the season.

With gratitude and blessings,  
Dick DeVries

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# Job Position Opening



Tamara, our assistant to the manager, will be leaving for maternity leave at the end of February.  
We thank God for this new blessing for Tamara and Ethan.

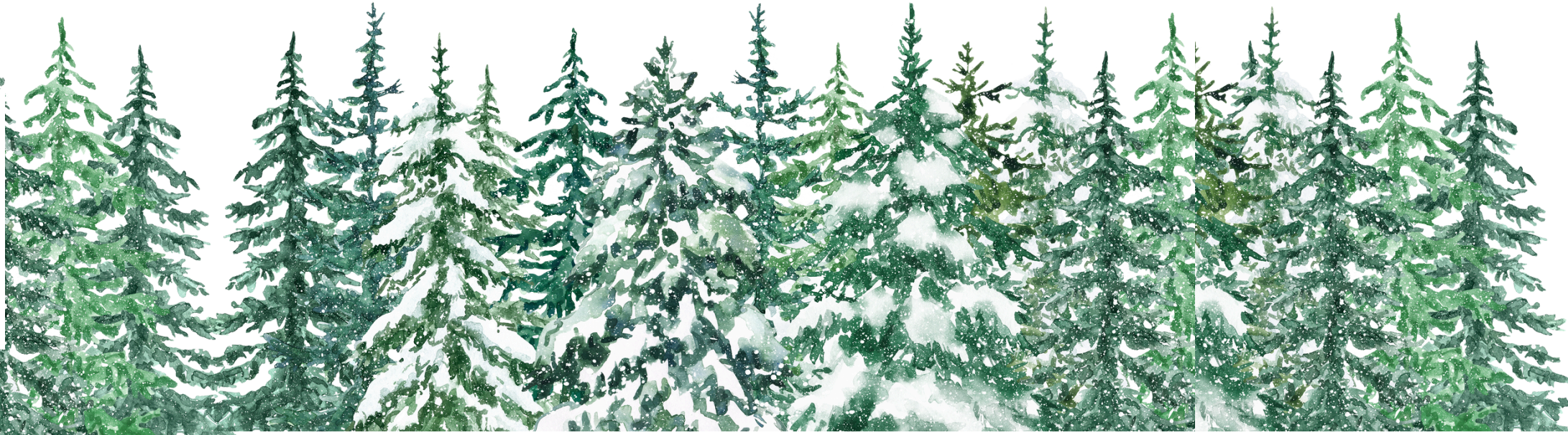
The Gleaners is looking to hire an assistant to the manager (to fill maternity leave). Please click below for more info.

All applicants are asked to send their resume to [manager@ontariogleaners.org](mailto:manager@ontariogleaners.org).

[Click Here For Job Description](#)

## Donate.

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE



### Feeding Hungry Children.

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

### Barrels

\$20 per barrel  
\$80 per skid



### Split Peas.

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



## End of Year Donations

A reminder that all donations must be received & postmarked before December 31, 2024 to be receipted for this year. Please consider the following options:

- **Online:**  
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/42172>
- **Phone:** 519-624-8245
- **Etransfer:** [etransfers@ontariogleaners.org](mailto:etransfers@ontariogleaners.org)
- In person at our building. Please note that although we are closed to volunteering from December 23 - January 3, the mailbox will be checked frequently.

Thank you again for your prayers & support!

*Elaine Merkus*