



## Nutrients That Save Lives - Impact Stories From Around the World

Missions Organizations  
Various

"The Ontario Christian Gleaners dried vegetables have enabled us to provide nutritious food for children at the Southside dumpsite and the children with disabilities in our Community Based Inclusive Development program in Muntinlupa City. Our FOOD for Soul implementors in the provinces of Iloilo and Negros, (feeding children every Saturday with Bible studies) are very thankful that we have nutritious food for the street children. The Mission of Hope in Mindoro headed by Pastor Jun Monroy use the veggies to feed and reach out to poor children in the public schools in the province. The dried vegetables are heaven sent to all our ministries. Our implementors are happy that they get the packages as they can mix them to noodles, lumpia and soups. Ontario Christian Gleaners dried vegetables provide food which are not only nutritious but delicious when cooked with love for the children. God bless the volunteers who glean for us so we could help feed the children of the Philippines!"

-Miriam Del Rosario  
Food for the Poor



Phillippines

"Dried soup supplied from the Ontario Gleaners has improved Latin America's health as well as given them much needed hope. In addition, since many of these congregations are located in remote mountainous villages, food instability is significant because crops don't grow well. During the rainy season, when these impoverished communities are inaccessible, everyone goes hungry."

-Colin Mackay  
Global Emergency Missions



Latin America

This nutritious food has brought hope and health to malnourished families, orphans, school children, and those in ongoing feeding programs. **For some, it has even saved lives, providing essential nourishment when nothing else was available.** Volunteers grind it into a fine powder to feed infants, ensuring even the most vulnerable receive the care they need. We are deeply grateful for the thousands of pounds donated—every meal served is a testament to the generosity and compassion of those who make this possible."

-Dick Devries  
Phillippines



Phillippines

"These nutrient-rich meals have made a profound difference in the communities we serve across Haiti, Jamaica, and Honduras, particularly for pregnant women, the elderly, children facing daily hunger, and individuals with disabilities. The vegetable mix and dried fruit offer essential vitamins and minerals, while the barley and beans provide important sources of protein and fibre, helping to combat malnutrition and improve the overall health and well-being of beneficiaries. By prioritizing the needs of the most vulnerable communities, these donations help to create lasting impact by improving health outcomes and empowering families and children to reach their full potential"

-Geraldine Isaac  
Food for the Poor



Honduras



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# A Word From our Chair, Wayne Foster

I have had the privilege of volunteering with the Gleaners since 2009. It has been encouraging and satisfying to see the growth and development that has taken place over the last 16 years. This includes adding staff and expanding the building facilities. There has been a steady increase in the amount of dried vegetable "meals" that have been processed, packaged and distributed throughout the world. It is gratifying to be able to "rescue" many thousands of pounds of surplus produce and transform it into nutritious food that supplements the diets of so many people in needy countries. The reports from those on the receiving end is both humbling and encouraging. What an impact we can have on the wellbeing of so many people in so many places.

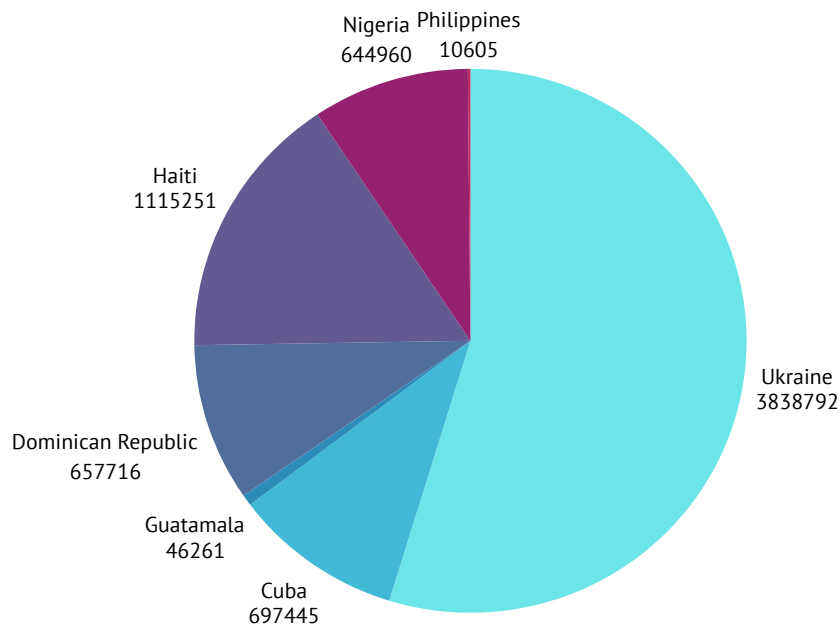
**The Ontario Christian Gleaners is a work of faith.** We operate by faith in dependence on the Lord to provide produce, financial resources and volunteers. We are so grateful for all of this provision from the Lord. We do not take any of this for granted.



**The Ontario Christian Gleaners is a labour of love.** Our staff and volunteers love what they are doing and they do it cheerfully. The bags of dried produce bear this message: "Donated with love in Christ's name."

**The Ontario Christian Gleaners has an ultimate mission.** We partner with like-minded Christian organizations, whose ultimate vision is to share the love and message of Jesus Christ with people in many countries beyond North America.

## SERVINGS DISTRIBUTED IN 2025: 7 MILLION



We seek to be good stewards of all that we enjoy and have by sharing these blessings with those who need nourishing food and the benefits of having a relationship with Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our wonderful staff, Elaine, Shawn and Elsa, thank you for every way that you, our Gleaners community, support this great work and ministry.

It has been my privilege to serve on the Board of Directors for several 3-year terms and I finish my 12th year on the Board at the Annual General Meeting in June.

Continue to pray for the Lord's provision and blessing on the work of the Gleaners.

Gratefully,

*Wayne Foster*

Board Chair





# A Word From the Manager

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.' John 15:12

This verse written on each label on each bag of our vegetable mix is a reminder to us of how we are to respond to the impact of God's love to us. Each day at the Gleaners we can see what God has done and how He uses this place. We read some of the impact stories from missions groups in this newsletter. We see and hear what it means for our volunteers that serve here at the Gleaners each weekday morning. We experience it regularly with the generous donations of fresh produce and funds.

Our coolers have been filled with broccoli, potatoes, sweet potatoes, cabbage and carrots - creating not just a very nutritious but also very colourful mix. The abundance and variety of nutrients found in these vegetables are helping to improve nutrition and health for so many around the world. Small suitcase sized donations of food have been picked up recently to be taken on short term mission trips, small ways to spread the love of God when serving on these trips. Large shipping containers have been filled with our food and sent to Nigeria, Ukraine, the Philippines and Haiti and we continue to pack food for the next shipments leaving for Ethiopia, Ukraine, Pakistan and Chad.

Join us on a weekday morning or sign up for our evening shifts. <https://ontariogleaners.org/volunteer/>

As spring is here, we ask you to prayerfully consider joining our golf tournament as a sponsor or a golfer. Invite others not connected with the Gleaners to be part of our foursome and let them hear more of what happens each day as we fulfill our mandate of Using Surplus Produce to Feed a Hungry World and through this share God's love with millions around the world.

With Thankfulness,  
*Elaine Merkus*

## Volunteer Experiences:

'The Gleaners is my happy place - I believe God has led me here to make a difference around the world'

'Serving at the Gleaners is being the hands and feet of Jesus, feeding people around the world. We have lots of laughter, lots of fun and its a great place to get to know others.'

# FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH

# ONTARIO CHRISTIAN GLEANERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 30, 2025**



Registration & lunch at 11:30am  
Golf (shotgun) starts at 1pm  
& dinner to follow



Flamborough Hills Golf Course  
71 Highway 52 N, Copetown

\*Registration Limited. Register today to avoid disappointment. Must be a minimum of 16 years old to play.  
Note: your spot is not guaranteed until we have received payment.

**\$170 PER GOLFER**

18 HOLES W CART,  
PACKAGED SNACK,  
SAUSAGE LUNCH &  
BBQ BUFFET DINNER

Give us a call to  
register over  
phone!



Gleaners Office:  
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USE QR CODE  
TO REGISTER  
ONLINE AS A  
PLAYER OR  
SPONSOR



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- ◆ **PAR:** Includes small logo shown during play of a hole on lower corner of golf cart screen and recognition at dinner.
- ◆ **BIRDIE:** Includes full page logo shown when gold cart arrives at the tee (visible for 30 seconds) & recognition at dinner.
- ◆ **Eagle:** Includes birdie sponsor & advertising logo in brochure.
- ◆ **ALBATROSS:** Includes eagle sponsor and logo shown in golf cart while golfers await tournament to start.

Register online at <https://www.ontariogleaners.org/golf-tournament-fundraiser.html>

# Needs this Spring at the Gleaners



## Feeding Hungry Children.

\$8 - 100 meals

\$40 - 500 meals

\$80 - 1000 meals

## Moisture Analyzer →

Cost \$5000

To ensure our product is dehydrated for optimal storage rates

## Split Peas.

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



## Donate.

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE



## 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 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>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## Fundraiser Banquet

Oct 24 - BUY TICKETS [ONLINE](#)  
OR CALL 519-624-8245



## OPEN HOUSE

10:30am  
May 20 and June 20



## EVENING SHIFTS

7-9pm

May 20  
June 3  
July 15

Aug 19  
Sept 16

[Sign Up HERE](#)



## CLOSED

Victoria Day - May 19  
Canada Day - July 1  
Cleaning Day - July 4  
Civic Holiday - Aug 4