



# ONTARIO CHRISTIAN GLEANERS

USING SURPLUS PRODUCE TO FEED A HUNGRY WORLD

## Disaster Relief Being Met all Around the World

NOVEMBER 2025



Over 1.12 Million Servings of food left our facility this past week and are flying by air to **Jamaica** as they deal with hurricane aftermath.

“...their dehydrated food is such a blessing to so many families here. Grateful to be part of this work. God is good! ”

-Dick Devries



Philippines

It's a real blessing to all the people here in the Philippines who have access to your wonderful dehydrated vegetables.

“Thank you for those that support this ministry. I have seen the impact firsthand and it's truly amazing to see lives changed and communities blessed through your generosity and hard work. God bless you all”



We have shipments scheduled to leave for Latin America as the hurricane has wiped out homes and has left many with nothing.



Latin America

“As a ministry, we thank God for you folks and the ongoing partnership that Samaritan's Purse and the Gleaners can have. The needs are great but our God is GREATER!”

-Tim Loveday



Madagascar

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# A Word From Our Manager

'But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.

Matthew 6:33-34

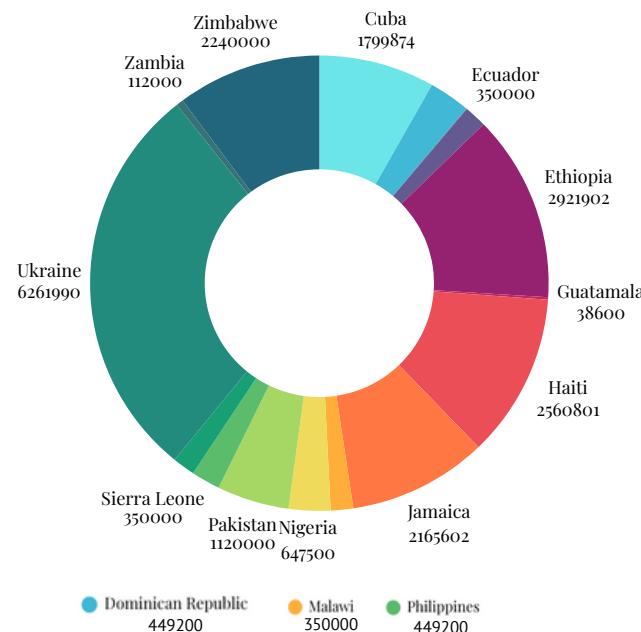
I read these verses at our fundraising banquet on October 24th. We are constantly reminded that the work happening here at the Gleaners is kingdom work, each of us serving as the hands and feet of Christ. Each day we are reminded to seek Him and not to worry about tomorrow. He always provides in His time and in His way. We are very thankful for the many people that attended the banquet this year, the beautiful venue, delicious food and very inspiring talks from the mission groups serving in Haiti, the Philippines and Zimbabwe. We praise God that over \$72,000 was raised to support the ongoing work at the Gleaners and that praise was sung so beautifully at the end of the evening as we all joined together to sing the words, 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow..."

A full cooler is not always easy and two full coolers is even harder but we have been blessed with continued donations of fresh produce. Potatoes, broccoli, carrots and cabbage have kept our volunteers busy trimming and dicing and our bags full of colour and nutrition. It's hard to imagine but up to 10,000 pounds of produce is processed each weekday morning. That's a lot of food!



Another load of split peas has been ordered. Twenty-six metric tonnes and approximately \$18,000, but so important to have a protein source for brain development, muscle and body function and so much more. The many food aid requests and increased production have resulted in us requiring an extra couple of truck loads of these peas.

# SERVINGS DISTRIBUTED IN 2025: OVER 24 MILLION



This year has again been a record year for production. We have seen God's hand on this as well. Groups that join us and serve mornings, afternoons and evenings and extra volunteers to help fill two drying shifts each day help our regular, faithful volunteers as we serve joyfully knowing this food will help those in need around the world. At the time of this publication, over 24.4 million servings of food have left our building surpassing the year to date totals for last year.

The last couple of weeks have been filled with reports on hurricanes and typhoons. Those in Jamaica, Cuba and Haiti have been impacted greatly. While we grieve their many losses we are thankful that we were able to respond quickly and have food sent by air to Jamaica. Many requests for food aid are pouring into our building and we will work hard to meet these knowing the need is great. At the end of October in addition to the Jamaica shipment, we also sent food to Zimbabwe - each shipment containing over 1.1 million servings of food. Our next shipments are destined for Burkina Faso, Cuba, Haiti and Jamaica.

Consider joining us as we serve to help those in need in these countries and others around the world. Weekday mornings 8:30 - 11:15 are addictive - once you sign up, you keep coming back! Groups are welcome to book a mid-day tour and volunteer opportunity and we also have our popular once a month evening shift. Signup here <https://ontariogleaners.org/volunteer/> or call the office 519-624-8245.

What a blessing that we do not need to worry about tomorrow and that we can with many through the years echo the words of 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

With thankfulness,

*Elaine Merkus*

# SILENT AUCTION

## SNEAK PEEK



BIDDING OPEN FROM  
NOVEMBER, 14TH–20<sup>TH</sup> 2025



<https://ontariogleaners.org/fundraisers/>



Go to  
[OntarioGleaners.org](http://OntarioGleaners.org)  
and click “fundraisers”  
to bid on these great  
items!



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# Christmas Wish List

**Donate.** YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

**65 Bags of Vegetable Mix can fit in each Drum.**



**\$21.00/Drum**

6,500 Servings of Food per Drum!

## Knives

Large Knife: \$24.19

Pairing Knife: \$12.99



## Feeding Hungry People.

\$8 - 100 meals

\$40 - 500 meals

\$80 - 1000 meals



**Cooler Equipment.**  
**\$35,000**

## Split Peas.

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



## 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 (please note your name, address and item donating towards in the message section)

• Credit card -

<https://www.ontariogleaners.org/credit-card-donation.html>

**\*Please note for 2025 receipts, donations must be postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**Silent Auction**  
Nov 14-20<sup>th</sup> 2025

**OPEN HOUSE**

**10:30am**

Nov 28

Dec 12

Jan 16

Feb 13

**EVENING SHIFTS**

**7-9pm**

December 9

January 13

February 17

March 17

**CLOSED**

Remembrance Day Nov 11

Christmas Shutdown -

December 22- Jan 2

Family Day - Feb 16