

# Ontario Christian Gleaners

USING SURPLUS PRODUCE TO FEED A HUNGRY WORLD

## Food For Pakistan - Samaritans Purse

MARCH 2026

I'd like to share an encouraging story from Pakistan from our partner's latest report. Gleaners food was shipped to Karachi this year for use in both on-going school feeding programs, flood relief, and in the story I share below, and unplanned response to other needs. This "liberation" was in the works while I visited our partner a few weeks ago, but the families were not yet freed. Please read on as I quote our partner about the unique way your food was used to share the love of God with people in a desperate situation:

"In many rural areas of Sindh & Punjab provinces, bonded labor families live in extreme poverty and injustice. Most work in brick kilns or on farms under heavy debt. They live in small, unsafe shelters with limited access to clean water, medical care, or education. Hunger is a daily reality, and children are often forced to work instead of attending school.

Recently, 15 bonded labor families were rescued from this harsh system. These families included a total of 83 people, of whom 51 were children.



After their release, they had no savings, no food, and no immediate means of survival. Their greatest fear was how they would feed their children.

Through our Feeding Project, we provided these families with emergency food support to meet their urgent needs. This immediate assistance brought relief and restored dignity. Parents shared that for the first time in a long while, they were able to see their children eat proper meals and sleep without fear.

This support was more than food. It was a demonstration of God's love in action. We spent time with the families, listened to their stories, prayed with them, and encouraged them as they began a new chapter of freedom. Because of the faithful support of [Niagara Christian Gleaners and Ontario Christian Gleaners], these 83 individuals; especially the 51 children have food for their immediate need."

Please also pray for these families. Though freed from bonded labour, their lives will continue to be filled with hardship. There are countless families like these in this part of the world and we are envisioning ways we may be able to help beyond the immediate provision of food from livelihood training and discipleship through the local church. These are enormous, daunting challenges but we help in the ways and measures possible with the resources we have and pray God multiplies it.

Thanks for your partnership and we look forward to more ministry with you.



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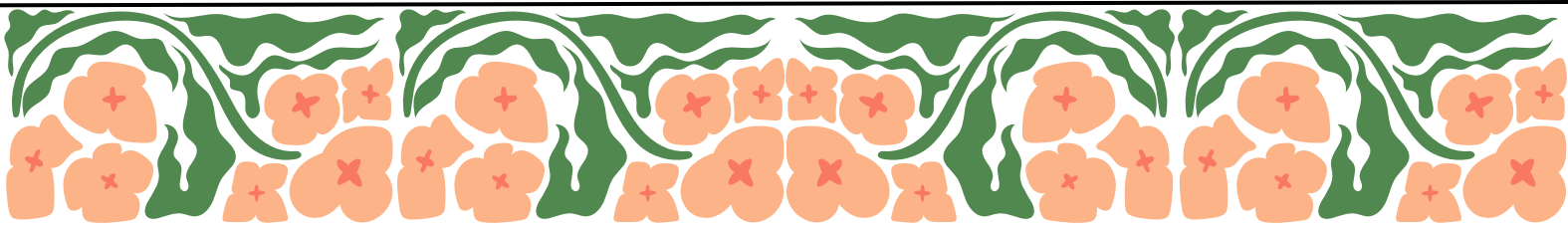
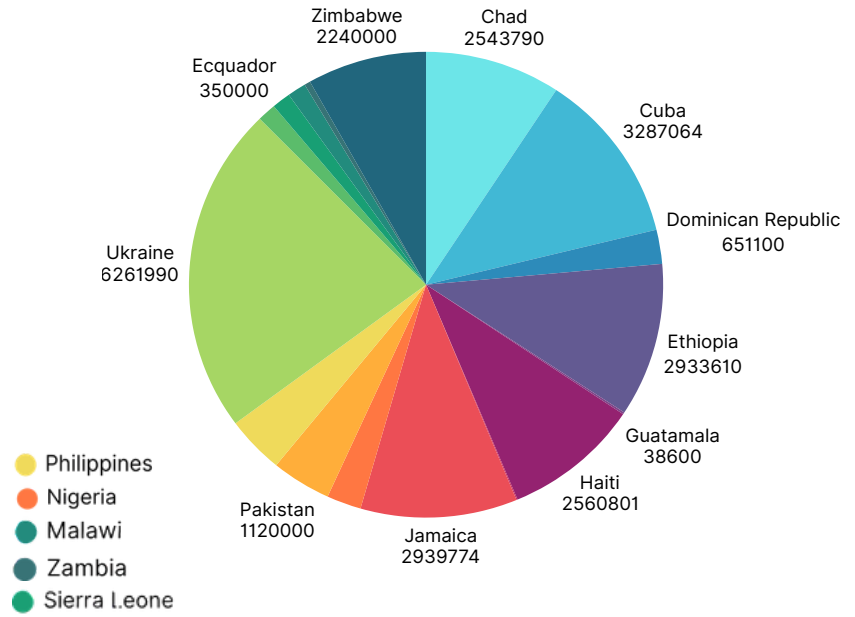


# A Word From Our Manager

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.  
Proverbs 3:5-6

We are thankful that God provided for 2025, enabling us to give away a record 27 million servings of food and He continues to provide now in 2026 with 4.7 million servings having left our building already and another 4.5 million servings of food being sent out over the next few weeks. Recent shipments have left our building for Ukraine and Haiti and the next ones are scheduled for Cuba (x3) and Guyana.

# SERVINGS DISTRIBUTED IN 2025: OVER 27.9 MILLION



# GLEANERS Spring Market & OPEN HOUSE MAY 30TH 2026

Artisans  
Yard Sale  
Plants  
Cafe  
Free Tours!



BE A YARD SALE VENDOR!

Rent a Space for \$20

OR

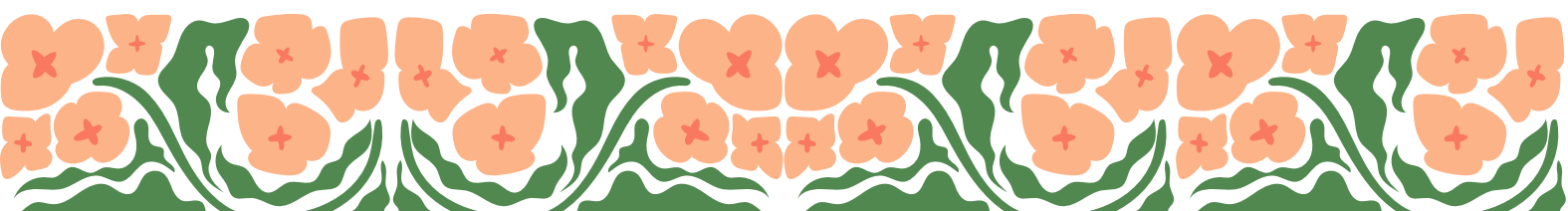
Donate your items!

8:30am-12:00pm

Contact [gleanersoffice@gmail.com](mailto:gleanersoffice@gmail.com) or call 519-624-8245 for more information

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Bring your friends and family!



As food aid requests continue to grow, so too does the need for fresh vegetables and the capacity to dry them. While we see early signs of spring - melting snow and robins - this time of year is the Gleaners Winter with winter storage vegetables harder to procure. The verses above remind us to continue to trust Him in all that we do and we continue to see His direction and blessings each and every day. The abundance of produce with recent truckloads of potatoes, carrots, sweet potatoes donated - help provide a colour and nutritious vegetable mix. With increased requests for food aid - the need for donations of fresh and dried vegetables, barley and beans is great. If you have connections, please introduce us!

Lots of exciting things are happening over the next few months to help create awareness as well as support.

Join us at one of our morning Open House Tours, get involved with an Evening Volunteer Experience, or attend and support the Spring Market or Golf Tournament. All information is found in this newsletter or give us a call! Trusting the Lord daily - so important for each of us serving here at the Gleaners! Trusting Him for food coming in, finances to support, volunteers to serve and food to be distributed - He will provide all the directions! Please continue to remember the Gleaners in your prayers as we seek to serve Him faithfully and share His love with those in need around the world.

To Him be All the Glory,

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Carrots from the Holland Marsh!



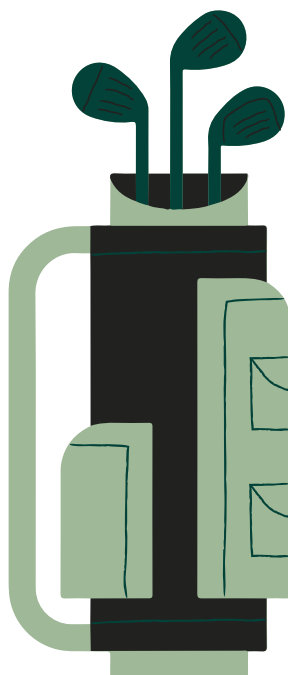
# GLEANERS SHOT GUN GOLF START AT 1:00PM TOURNAMENT

**+ 19 JUNE 2026**

**+ \$175 PER GOLFER**

**Register by May 29th**

**INCLUDES:  
18 HOLES & CART, SNACK,  
SAUSAGE LUNCH & BUFFET DINNER**



REGISTRATION AND SAUSAGE LUNCH AT 11:30AM

**YOUR COMPANY  
COULD BE  
ADVERTISED ON THE  
DIGITAL GOLF CARTS!**



**HELP US HELP YOU  
BY SPONSORING A HOLE**

**FLAMBOROUGH HILLS GOLF CLUB  
71 HIGHWAY 52, COPETOWN**

To Register or for More information go to:  
[ontariogleaners.org/golf-tournament/](https://ontariogleaners.org/golf-tournament/)

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.



# Donate. YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE



## Feeding Hungry People.

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

## Plastic Drums - \$20 each

6,500 Servings of Food per Drum!

## Split Peas.

Cost \$500-\$700 per metric ton (\$50/70kg)



## Knives

Large Knife: \$25  
Pairing Knife: \$13



## 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

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> - Gleaners Spring Market & Open House**  
8:30am-12:00pm

**Tuesday, March 31st Complimentary Will Clinic**  
- Hosted by CSS  
Time slots available for 11:30am & 7:00pm. Call 519-624-8245 or visit to sign up :

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/ontario-christian-gleaners/events/free-will-clinic/>

**Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> - Gleaners Golf Tournament**  
12:00pm-6:30pm  
\*Register by May 29th



**OPEN HOUSE**  
10:30am  
March 6  
April 10  
May 8  
June 26



**EVENING SHIFTS**  
7-9pm  
March 17th  
April 7th  
May 12th



**CLOSED**

Good Friday - April 3rd  
Easter Monday April 6th  
Victoria Day - May 18th