



Ontario Christian Gleaners

USING SURPLUS PRODUCE TO FEED A HUNGRY WORLD

Faith Orphanage Foundation(FOF) would like to thank the Ontario Christian Gleaners for the food donations. FOF serves in the rural communities of Solwezi and Lufwanyama districts of Zambia, where many families face daily challenges in accessing nutritious food. This powerful solution is making a meaningful difference in the lives of orphans and vulnerable children and their families. At FOF we believe that no child should go to bed hungry or suffer the long-term effects of malnutrition. With this conviction, we further believe that the vegetable mix provides essential nutrients to the orphans and vulnerable children. Through this program we are currently supporting over 4,300 children. These beneficiaries include families living in extreme poverty, child-headed households, and communities with limited access to proper and nutritious diets. The vegetable mix is carefully distributed through our centres by the implementers/volunteers, ensuring efficient delivery and that it consistently reaches those who need it most. This community-based approach also strengthens local engagement and accountability.

Health and Social Impact

The benefits of this program extend far beyond nutrition. There are fewer reported cases of illness and malnutrition, and many children demonstrate better concentration and increased school attendance. Additionally, the program provides significant social and economic relief to families.

Nutritional Benefits

This program plays a vital role in improving the diet for our orphans and vulnerable children. This vegetable mix can be eaten as a soup on its own, as well as eaten with nshima which is our staple food. For many orphans and vulnerable children, this mix becomes a dependable source of nourishment, helping to bridge the gap between food insecurity and proper nutrition.

Faith's Orphans Fund

Children's Comments

"The vegetable mix has really helped my family because we now eat nutritious food more often. I feel stronger and I am able to concentrate better in class. I thank Faith Orphanage Foundation for this support and I hope the program continues for many years." - *Bernard*

"This program has helped us a lot at home. I enjoy eating the soup with nshima, and I no longer sleep hungry sometimes. I am very thankful and I would like the program to continue helping vulnerable families." - *Helen*

Implementors Comments

"The soup and vegetable mix program has brought improvement in the health of many children here in our community of Chamakubi. Families appreciate the support because it supplements their daily meals with important nutrients. In my opinion, this program should definitely continue and even expand to reach more households." - *Christina*

"Since the introduction of this program, we have seen reduced cases of children lacking proper meals at home. Parents and guardians consistently express gratitude for the support being provided. This initiative is making a real difference and deserves continued support." - *Joyce*

"The vegetable mix has become an important source of nutrition for many vulnerable children under our care. Beneficiaries have shown improved energy levels and school participation. I strongly believe this program should continue because its impact is clearly visible in the community." - *Patson*

-Faith Liyena FOF



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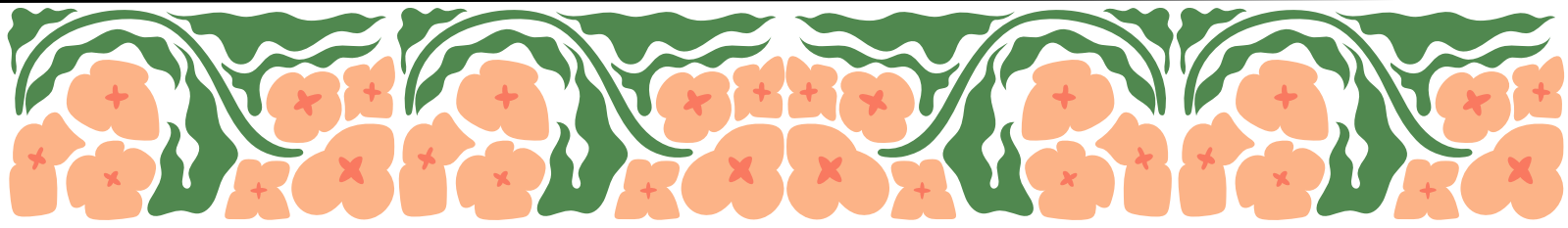
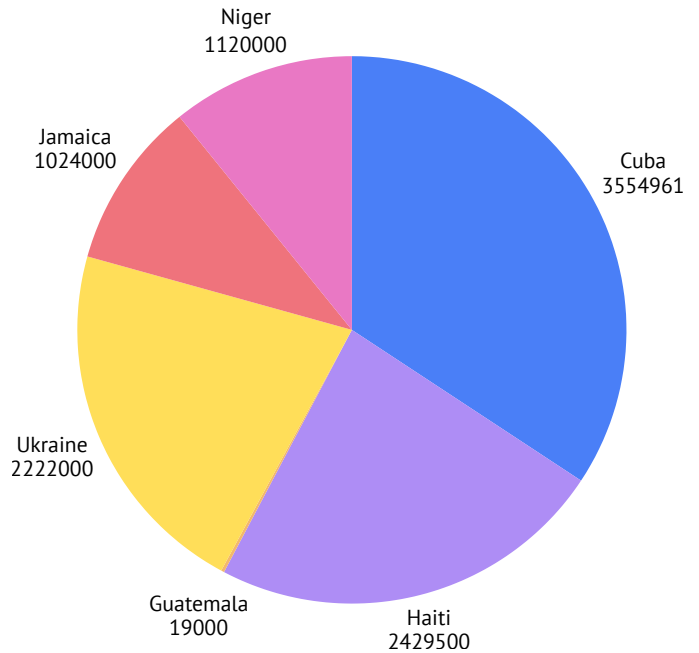
A Word From Our Manager

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable
Psalm 145:3

Each day we spend time praising and thanking the Lord for his faithfulness and guidance. Through his blessings production and distribution continue to grow. As of the end of the end of April, over 11.5 million servings of food have left our building.

We are thankful for the many food donors that have kept our knives chopping, the dryer humming and the packing line buzzing. As this is the hardest time to find produce until Ontario fresh is harvested, we are especially thankful for these generous donations that keep our volunteers plowing through potatoes and sweet potatoes with the random day of broccoli.

2026: Over 11.5 Million Servings of Food



GLEANERS

Spring Market



OPEN HOUSE

MAY 30TH 2026

8:30am-12:00pm

Bring your friends and family!

Artisans
Yard Sale
Plants
Cafe
Free Tours!



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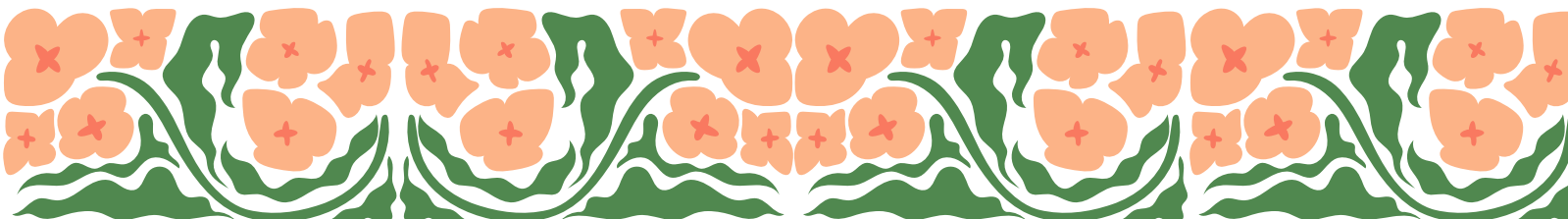
BE A YARD
SALE
VENDOR!

Rent a Space
for \$20

OR

Donate your
items!

Contact
gleanersoffice@gmail.com or call
519-624-8245 for
more information



At the end of April a truck load of split peas was delivered. This is our much needed protein source for our vegetable mixes. We are thankful that with production numbers up, the cost of split peas has decreased from \$705/MT to \$525/MT. This helps stretch our budget to cover more truck loads of split peas for our growing demand for food.

We continue to search for more donors of products like dried beans and barley. These are great proteins and often requested by our missions partners. If you have connections, please introduce us! Our recent shipments have left for Niger, Ukraine, Jamaica and Cuba x3 - the love of God being sent worldwide! So thankful we are part of this. Where to next? Ukraine, Liberia and Haiti.

Lots of exciting things are happening over the next few months to help create awareness as well as support. Join us by volunteering on a morning or get involved with an Evening Volunteer Experience. We are looking for golfers to fill up our tournament and don't forget to join us at the Gleaners Spring Market. All information is found in this newsletter or give us a call!

Please keep the Gleaners in your prayers as we strive to serve faithfully as good stewards of all God has blessed us with!



CUBA

With thankfulness,
Elaine Merkus OCG Manager

GLEANERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SHOT GUN
START AT 1:00PM**

**REGISTRATION AND BBQ
LUNCH AT 11:30AM**

+ 19 JUNE 2026

+ \$175 PER GOLFER

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

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!

**YOUR COMPANY COULD BE
ADVERTISED!**



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

Register by May 29th

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

To Register or for More
information go to:

OntarioGleaners.org and
click "events" or scan the QR
code!



Spring at the Gleaners

Donate. YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Split Peas.

Cost \$525 per metric ton



Feeding Hungry People.

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

Plastic Drums - \$20 each

6,500 Servings of Food per Drum!

Knives

- Large Knife: \$25
- Paring Knife: \$13



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>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



OPEN HOUSE

10:30am

- June 26
- July 20
- August 25
- Sept 24



EVENING SHIFTS

7-9pm

- June 9
- July 14
- August 18



CLOSED

- May 18th - Victoria Day
- July 1st - Canada Day
- Aug 3rd - Civic Holiday



Gleaners Spring Market & Open House

8:30am-12:00pm



Gleaners Golf Tournament

12:00pm-6:30pm
*Register by May 29th



Gleaners Fundraising Dinner

6:00pm

To buy tickets go to ontariogleaners.org and click "events" or call 519-624-8245 to reserve.