

Ontario Christian Gleaners

Using Surplus Produce to Feed a Hungry World

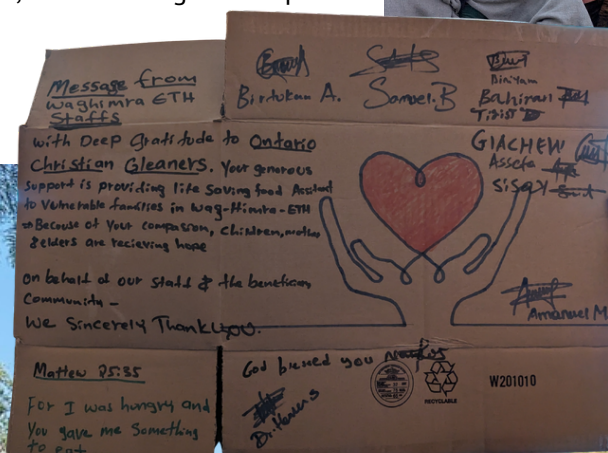
Ethiopia-Samaritan's Purse

The Northern Ethiopia Food Relief Program was a joint effort between Ontario Christian Gleaners, three other Gleaners (FVG, North Okanagan, and Okanagan) and Samaritan's Purse Canada/Ethiopia. The project delivered 73 tons of donated vegetable mix and barley to vulnerable populations in the Wag Himra Zone, Amhara Region of Ethiopia. Ongoing tensions involving various ethnic groups have rendered Amhara a particularly insecure region of Ethiopia with critical humanitarian needs. The project location was selected after regional authorities in Amhara alerted Samaritan's Purse to the deteriorating humanitarian crisis in the face of a heightened risk of drought and famine, exacerbated by rising temperatures. Beyond these challenges, funding gaps in the humanitarian sector also adversely impacted the food security and nutrition of vulnerable communities. These are the hunger hotspots we seek to enter, and do so in Jesus' Name. The project reached 3,473 households, a total of 16,709 beneficiaries. Across four kebeles (villages) distribution points were created for families to receive food kits weighing, in total, approximately 20kg each.

The primary beneficiaries were pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and children under five (U5) identified through Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening and verification by health extension workers to ensure the most needy families were selected. In addition to food distribution, the Samaritan's Purse Ethiopia team conducted practical cooking demonstrations in collaboration with health extension workers at each distribution site, with a particular focus on the vegetable mix, which was a new food item for most beneficiaries.

While households were already familiar with preparing barley, the vegetable mix required orientation on preparation methods and appropriate use in daily meals. Through this project, the work not only addressed immediate nutritional needs but also positively impacted the community's sense of hope, dignity, and spiritual life. The Samaritan's Purse Ethiopia team is committed to ministering to each beneficiary, praying for them, and sharing the hope of the Gospel.

-Jason Martins
Samaritan's Purse



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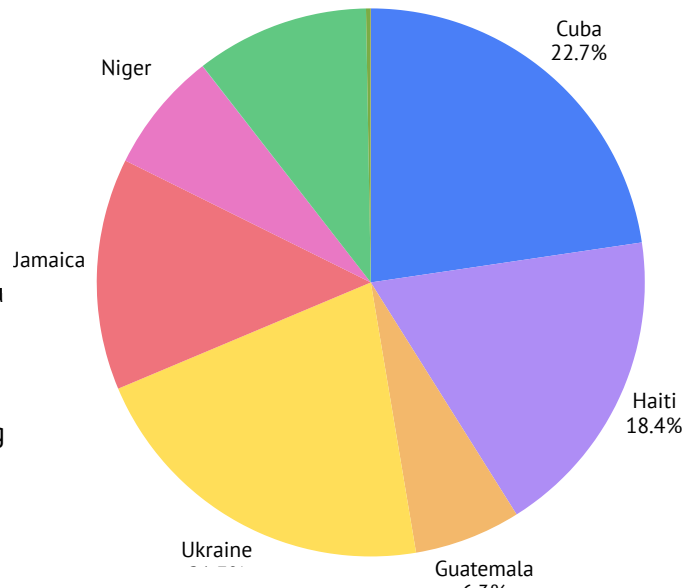


A Word From Our Manager

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

2026: Over 16 Million Servings of Food

Dominican Republic



What a blessing it is to come to the Gleaners each weekday morning and serve with some really amazing volunteers. This summer has included our regular volunteers, along with many different corporate, camp and youth groups. Our Tuesday evening shifts are already filling up for this fall. We would love to have you join us for a morning or evening shift. Sign up here <https://ontariogleaners.org/volunteer/>

There are a few dedicated volunteer spots that require a commitment to regular scheduled dates, as well as being able to lift crates of vegetables. If you are interested in one of these roles, please email manager@ontariogleaners.org or call 519-624-8245.

HELP WANTED!

Trimming Room Runners - Wednesday and/or Friday mornings 8:00 - 11:15am. This role requires lifting as you move untrimmed and trimmed produce from pallets, to trimming tables and stack back on pallets. Serving with a smile goes a long way as you will be interacting with all the trimming volunteers.

Warehouse Workers - Fridays 8:00 (or earlier) - 11:15am. This role requires lifting of crates of produce 40 lb or more, reaching, bending, and could include produce washing and box packing.

Produce Dicer - Tuesdays 7:00 - ?? am. This role also requires lifting and training on the dicing machine. The early start helps feed our dryer but it also usually ends earlier than other shifts.

Dryer Operator - Wednesdays 11:00am - 4/4:30pm. A lifting role as you operate the produce dryer and clean the machine after use.

The first crops of summer have been arriving at our loading dock with broccoli and cauliflower balancing out the potatoes and sweet potatoes. We look forward to trimming all the colours of Ontario fresh produce! Donations of already dried products like beans, barley and fruits would be greatly appreciated as they are often requested by our mission partners.

Recent shipments have gone to Venezuela, Ukraine, Jamaica and Dominican Republic. We are preparing shipments for Ukraine and Kenya. Please keep our mission partners in your prayers as they work to secure funding and documentation for shipping and as they share God's love through teaching as well as practically with the distribution of our food. May God bless them as they serve around the world.

Due to the grace of God we have sent over 163 Million servings of food since operations began in 2008. In June, the Ontario Christian Gleaners had a stewardship and strategy meeting, followed by a board meeting. We ask you to pray for us as we research growth within our facility and expand our spiritual care for our volunteers.

Tickets are available for our fundraising banquet on Friday, October 23rd. Please consider joining us and inviting others to come along to hear how God uses the work happening here in Cambridge to bless people all around the world.

With Thankfulness,

Elaine Merkus

OCG Manager



SEPT 2026

YOU'RE INVITED

ONTARIO CHRISTIAN GLEANERS

FUNDRAISING DINNER

\$50

OCT
FRIDAY
23
2026

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM
DINNER AT 6:30PM

Buffet
Dinner and
Dessert
Included!

Heritage College & Seminary

175 Holiday Inn Dr, Cambridge, ON N3C 3T2

Invite your family and friends & book a table of 8 or 10.

Ticket Prices Cover
Cost of Evening:
As it is a
fundraising event,
an opportunity will
be given to donate
to the work of the
Gleaners.

Corporate sponsors for this events are still needed! Please
contact gleanersoffice@gmail.com if interested

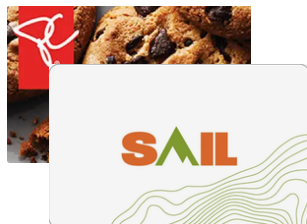
call 519-624-8245 or go to OntarioGleaners.org (click on
Happening Now) or scan the QR code!
Please Order by October 9th



Gleaners Silent Auction

November 13th-19th

Do you Order from Uline? We can take your freebies!



We Need:

Items, experiences, and gift
cards!

(P) 519-624-8245 or email
gleanersoffice@gmail.com

Go to OntarioGleaners.org
and click "events" to bid on
these great prizes!



Wishlist



Donate. YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Feeding Hungry People.

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

Plastic Drums - \$25 each
6,500 Servings of Food per Drum!

Split Peas

Cost \$525 per metric ton



Knives

Large Knife: \$24.19
Paring Knife: \$12.99



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



Gleaners Fundraising Dinner
6:30pm

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



Gleaners Online Auction

Nov 13th-20th



OPEN HOUSE
10:30am

August 25
Sept 24
October 9. November 10



EVENING SHIFTS
7-9pm

October 6th
November 17th
December 8th



CLOSED

September 7th - Labour Day
October 12th - Thanksgiving
November 11th - Remembrance Day