

## SUMMER STAFF LEADERSHIP



As the summer is starting, we have spent the last few months asking God what this season should look like. We wanted to be open to new ideas and not just limit ourselves to the "same old, same old" program. During prayer, Gleanings' leadership felt like God wanted them to approach the young single staff members with the idea of leading the young adults who would spend the fruit season here as summer staff. After some discussion and prayer, the young single staff decided that they were up for the challenge. Since their decision to lead the summer staff team, a string of authority was made for the support of these new leaders. Fritz Meier, as well as previous summer staff leaders, Jenny Bruce, and Rod Lawrence, will be overseeing the summer staff leadership to guide, encourage, and challenge these new leaders. The summer staff leadership have been getting together at least once a week, since the end of March, to pray and discuss the summer program. The summer staff program entails young adults, between the ages of 18-25, who will be discipled by Gleanings' summer leadership. Summer staff will help run the peach plant and minister to the large groups of teenagers who flow through each week. Each summer staff member was prayed for and carefully considered before being accepted. This has prepared our leadership, leaving them with a confidence and excitement about this summer's helpers. It is exciting to see the young Gleanings' staff members taking a chance to lead, and grow in their talents and giftings.

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage: do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9*



### WELCOME TO THIS WORLD!

We would like to congratulate Randy and Eliane Erickson on the birth of their second child. Timea Hope Erickson was born April 28, 2015. She weighed 8lbs 6oz and was 21" long. Timea was born at home and has been very healthy since birth. Eliane is doing well and is as radiant as ever. Randy and Eliane are so excited and proud to have another little one, despite their lack of sleep.

### English as a Second Language

For the year 2015, Gleanings is offering an *English as a Second Language* course instead of a *Discipleship Training School*.

ESL is a twelve-week course designed for those who desire to learn or improve their English.

The school will begin on September 21st and run until December 11th.

The cost is \$1800 plus a \$50 deposit (\$75 per couple) registration fee.



# EASTERN EUROPE

*Missions Without Borders* has distributed soup mix among four of their six field countries - Moldova, Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Albania. Some of the soup mix went to their Family to Family program in all four countries. These families are part of a 3-5 year program in which each family has committed to participate in all aspects of the program, i.e. Bible study, career training, fellowship with local church, job or micro-enterprise, etc. The families receive food, clothing, hygiene materials, etc.

In addition, the soup mix was used this last year at summer camps. Their summer camp programs run from early May to late July. These camps are specially for children who are part of the Community Centers, Family to Family program, and Child Rescue International homes.



To Maker of the Soup,

We are very grateful for the donated soup mix for our family. we sincerely wish you much joy, hope, and success!

Thank you very much!  
Respectfully yours,  
Stepanence Natalia

USA

KENYA

CAMBODIA

Giver of Food,

We are very grateful and happy for the received soup for our family. The donated products are very welcomed. We wish you much health and happiness to your family!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!  
Respectfully yours,  
Mirza Elena

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Blessings to you our dear reader and friend! The Lord's blessings are on the ministry of Gleanings For The Hungry. We are excited to help and be involved in places that are in the news today, like Iraq and Nepal, and we are just as thrilled to supply food to the poor in Cambodia or Nicaragua or Mexico. God sees our hearts and we believe He uses the work of our hands for His glory. The soup season is about to end, and we are ramping up preparations to process peaches and nectarines for 13 weeks. The drought sure has hit many farmers in California hard, but our suppliers are all on board to continue donating cull fruit. Praise The Lord. Please pray with us for a productive summer. Pray both for the amount of dried fruit produced and for transformed lives, as we prepare for about 1,300 kids to come through our gates! Due to California regulations, we also face a need to upgrade one of our trucks that picks up fruit. If you would be willing to help with a special gift, that would be gladly received! Thank you for your continued support and love. YOU are making Gleanings work. I feel like we receive way over what we could ever expect or imagine, through God and His people.

-Fritz

FIJI

HAITI

Greetings,

Our family is very grateful for the provided presents and soup mix. We wish you much health, blessings and peace to your family. May God reward your good works!

Respectfully yours,  
Cebotari Olga

EASTERN EUROPE

SWAZILAND

SOUTH AFRICA

NICARAGUA

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