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Gleanings

For The Hungry

A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

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New Year Offers New Opportunities

Gleanings For The Hungry has existed over three decades now; we certainly are not a new ministry. However, with the new year comes a sense of newness, a time of refining and a new envisioning of our mission. Last year we began a process of strategic planning which brought a resolve to continue and grow our mission of feeding the hungry physically and spiritually. Our desire is to increase production of food, which gives our missionaries a tool to share the gospel. We began a major project to upgrade our soup-making capabilities. The soup plant project is multi-faceted and is still ongoing.

Eliane Erickson, long-term staff member, is a new member of our leadership team. She brings fresh vision and energy to help with the process of shaping the culture and environment. Eliane shared her desire, "I want to see our staff community thrive, united in spirit and purpose, and growing deeper in intimacy with God."

Our procurement and distribution department is excited to be reviewing about a dozen new Christian ministry partners from all around the globe. The potential is for *Gleanings* food to be sent to new ministries and countries.

Our desire is for our work to reflect God's values for this ministry – and we as staff want to reflect those values. We want *Gleanings* to be a place where volunteers find rest and healing in the presence of the Lord as they help prepare soup for those in need.

We are excited about what the Lord is doing, in our lives, in our community, with our ministry, and around the world.



So these three things continue forever: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

- Our volunteers would have meaningful encounters with Christ.
- An increase in donated items such as rice, dried vegetables, lentils, and split peas.
- Salvation for those who receive food from *Gleanings*.
- New opportunities to partner with ministries around the world.
- An increase in the presence of the Lord in all we do.
- Safety as we work.
- Health and travel mercies for scheduled teams.
- Health in mind, body, and spirit for all our staff and volunteers.

Country Report Cambodia



The light of hope is burning brightly throughout Cambodia, through *Foursquare Children of Promise International!* **FCOP** is a church-planting movement, dedicated to ministering to widows, orphans, and separated children. **FCOP** began when missionary pastors Ted and Sou Olbricht kept finding orphans left on the doorstep of their church. The church began housing and caring for the children and including them in all church activities. As more children came, more church/homes were planted. Through this labor of love, **FCOP** has raised over 18,000 orphans. Many of these young people are now adults serving in every area of life in Cambodia.

Dhany was kicked down the stairs by her stepfather at age six and her hip was shattered. There was no money or help in their rural town. For seven years, she dragged herself around with a stick; tuberculosis of the bone set in and Dhany was dying. When **FCOP's** physician, Dr. Lina, was inspecting a church/home in her town, Dhany was carried to her. After much prayer and several surgeries, more than 13 pounds of infected tissue was removed. The TB is being treated and Dhany is anticipating a hip replacement. Most importantly, she came to know the Lord and has love and care. **FCOP** writes, "Sometimes it just seems as though the deck is stacked against you. A new life is the only thing that can change your life. Fortunately, we specialize in that."

FCOP now operates 106 church/homes throughout Cambodia, caring for 3,000 orphans each year. Their staff employs 600 widows, rescues and trains sexually trafficked young women, and builds the Kingdom of God through many other activities.

In October, **FCOP** received a container of *Gleanings'* soup mix, dried fruit, and shoes. *Gleanings for the Hungry* is privileged to partner with you, the Lord, and *Foursquare Children of Promise International* to provide regular shipments of food and other items to help change the lives of people in Cambodia. Thank you for helping to redeem this country, one valuable life at a time!



Director's Corner

Dear Friend,

The writer of Hebrews states in chapter 6 verse 11, "We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized." God has given us things we hope for this year; these awesome hopes are bigger than what we have done before. We are determined to diligently seek the Lord and work toward getting things done. At the same time, we trust that where our abilities lack, God will show up in His favor to supply our needs supernaturally. This will be a year of increased production, but also of wonderful unity and vision in our staff. God is moving, and we are excited to be part of it.

May your hopes and dreams be fully realized in the knowledge of our Savior.

Fritz Meier