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Gleanings

For The Hungry

A Ministry of Youth With A Mission

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DTS IS BACK!

We are excited to announce that Discipleship Training School (DTS) will take place at *Gleanings for the Hungry* from January through May 2020. This program will include 12 weeks of lecture and eight weeks of outreach overseas. In the lecture phase, guest speakers will teach on subjects such as The Father Heart of God, The Character and Nature of God, Hearing the Voice of God, Relationships, and much more. In the outreach phase, DTS students and staff will share the love of God with people from another nation as they distribute *Gleanings* soup mix and dried fruit. As we prepare, please pray for the students, staff, and guest speakers. To God be the glory!

Applications for the January 2020 DTS are available on our website, gleanings.org/dts.

Summer Staff Developing Leaders

One of our values as a YWAM base is to raise up young Christian leaders by championing, equipping, and encouraging young people who desire to use their gifts and talents to serve the Lord. It has been a joy to come alongside enthusiastic young leaders, ages 18-25, who serve at *Gleanings* every summer. Many summer staff return year after year, and our goal is to give them more and more responsibilities and mentorship. This year's team is the biggest it has ever been; it consists of 13 guys and 20 girls. They help Bethany Waits, our peach plant manager, lead volunteers in order to maximize the quality and quantity of dried peach production.

"I would say it's an honor to direct a group of young servant-leaders who arrive ready for God to transform their lives as they commit to serve others in love," Andy Rotunno said. Andy has directed the Summer Staff Internship program for three years, and he figured out pretty quickly that he could not do the job alone. So last year he implemented a summer staff leadership team. These leaders first came as summer staff volunteers, and Andy prayerfully selected and invited these individuals to join him in leading the program. Britta Jones is co-directing the Summer Staff Internship with the help of the summer staff leadership team: Jason Combremont, Adam Davenport, Daniel Davenport, and Shmarah Kelsay. The leadership team has committed to serve at *Gleanings* for three months.

A highlight of this program is to see the potential in young people and empower them to grow and excel in leadership skills. Part of their responsibilities include a weekly evaluation, called "Ice Cream Time," for each of the summer staff interns. Their goals are to encourage, affirm, pass the ball, and set an example for the team with their work ethic, positivity, and trust in God.

Please be praying for our summer season, the peach production, and a positive impact on our summer staff.

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

Psalm 24:1



Gleanings Food In Cambodia

“If a man has a hundred sheep and one wanders away... won't he leave the ninety-nine to go out and search for the one that is lost? In the same way, it is not the Father's will that even one of these little one's should perish.” Matthew 18:12 & 14

Cambodia is a country with 15.8 million people, where 96.9% of the population practices Buddhism. There is a strong belief in Fatalism (i.e. human strength cannot change destiny), as well as using charms and contact with spirits to manipulate one's life. These views, along with wars, and the prevalence of land mines throughout the country, have left a legacy of poverty, amputees, child labor, trafficking, and orphans.

Jesus said He cares for the orphans and widows and is not willing that any perish. **Foursquare Children of Promise (FCOP)** and **Gleanings for the Hungry** are both a testimony of the power of an individual seeing the needs in Cambodia, seeking God's solutions, and going after the one lost sheep. **FCOP** started when Ted and Sou Olbricht began church planting in Cambodia and taking in orphans left on the church doorsteps. **FCOP** has become a large and thriving ministry, planting churches, caring for widows, orphans, and separated children in need, to provide educational and ministry training, as well as managing small business ventures to support the work. **Gleanings for the Hungry began** when missionary Wally Wenge saw the need for food in Cambodia and the wasted abundance in America and found solutions to get that food to the poor and devastated people in Cambodia. This year, widespread flooding wiped out the rice paddies **FCOP** has been farming, as well as rice fields throughout the country. **Foursquare Children of Promise** has been working to develop rice and fish farming, and other small businesses to provide for their ministry, so they can be more financially self-sustaining. The foreign support **FCOP** received in the past has dropped in recent years. By partnering together, **Gleanings** provides food to **FCOP** to feed the orphans and widows, and food to be distributed among the churches.

We are so thankful for the work God is doing through **Foursquare Children of Promise** as they find the one lost sheep and bring them into the fold, providing for them, and sharing the love of Jesus with them.



Director's Corner

Dear Friends,

Suddenly summer has hit us quickly. Not just with 100% temperatures, but also with our summer fruit drying program and weeks of 100+ teenagers. Producing dried fruit like a factory and loving each other like Jesus loved us is our unique mandate. It's amazing how these kids diligently serve and serve well. This experience is not a head knowledge kind of week, but a place to apply the call and love of Jesus. II Peter 1:3-5, "For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

I hope your productive knowledge of Jesus will bring many blessings to you this summer.

Fritz Meier

