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Gleanings for the Hungry

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Backpacker From Poland

Katarzyna (Kate) is from Cracow, Poland. A year ago, she quit her job as a structural engineer to travel around the world. She began her travels in Asia, then Australia. Her next stop was supposed to be New Zealand, but her intuition told her to go to the United States instead. Flight prices to San Francisco dropped, so she applied and got accepted to volunteer at **Gleanings** as a "Backpacker".

"My first impression was that it's like a five-star hotel, compared to some other places I've stayed," Kate said. "I was amazed. I love my view of the sunrise." Rod Lawrence's welcome at the train station was another pleasant surprise. "Rod is Papa Bear," Kate said. "He and Colleen have an open door for me. I go to their house and hang out. I process things out loud, and I have been talking with the Lawrences and many others. It's good to talk with people," she said. "They answer my questions, take me on trips, and to church. I feel welcome in the small, close-knit community at **Gleanings**."

Kate served in many different ways during her stay. The quilt room and the woodshop became Kate's favorites. She also had many great conversations with staff, mission builders, and volunteers. For the first time in her life, the Christian faith made sense to Kate. "I have had revelations here," Kate said. "To learn that my sins are already forgiven was a revelation. I've found a lot of healing on this trip. First, at a monastery in Thailand. Now, here at **Gleanings**."

A three-week trip in July turned out to be a three-month stay for Kate, and **Gleanings** turned out to be her final stop for her trip around the world. She returned to Poland, but we hope she will visit **Gleanings** again soon.



All The Best, Tristan

Tristan Piepmeier first felt Jesus' loving call on his life during his **Discipleship Training School** here at **Gleanings for the Hungry** in 2015. After DTS he served for a while at a **YWAM** base in Kona, HI before moving to **Gleanings** to come on staff in November 2016. Tristan worked on grounds and maintenance, We wish him many blessings as he enters a new season in his life.



May the
favor of the
Lord our
God rest on
us; establish
the work of
our hands
for us.

Psalm 90:17



Country Report: Burkina Faso

The Republic of Burkina Faso in West Africa is an economically poor, landlocked country that depends on regular rainfall for its livelihood. With a population of over 20,000,000 people, most workers are subsistence farmers. During the rainy season, storms can wash away seeds and crops; during the dry season when hot winds blow in from the Sahara, crops are equally at risk for shrinking up and dying, producing little to nothing for the farmers and their families. Food security is tenuous and families often worry about where their next meal will come from.



As **Gleanings for the Hungry** provides food to **Convoy of Hope**, God uses us to become part of the solution to the need in Burkina Faso. **Convoy** writes, "Oriana's sweet, shy smile lights up when she talks about her classes. 'I like science best. I find it easy. But I like to study anything. Being in school makes me so happy.' Oriana knows she is fortunate to attend school. Her parents are farmers, whose livelihood depends on the fickle West African weather."

Thanks to the partnership between **Gleanings for the Hungry** and **Convoy of Hope**, Oriana doesn't have to worry about whether or not she will eat during difficult times. Rain or shine, she and other children receive a meal each day at school through **Convoy of Hopes** Children's Feeding Program.

Thank you for being part of Oriana's solution, and making a difference in the lives of so many others. Because of partners like you, we're helping children like Oriana become everything God meant them to be.



Director's Corner

Dear **Gleanings** Friend,

At **Gleanings** we start the day with breakfast, followed by one hour of worship, devotion, and prayer before we go to work. The fellowship of like-minded believers coming together from all different backgrounds and cultures is refreshing. Our goal is not to teach doctrine, but to celebrate Jesus and what He is doing in our lives right now. God is always at work, although at times we don't see His working in the simple things of everyday life. Dan had a devotion this week; he encouraged us to remember God's deeds and not forget. As we were sharing afterwards, we remembered many of our former staff and volunteers who had come before us. God used them to set a foundation for us to build on. Some of you may read this right now and for some reason you can't come and work with us anymore. Please be assured, we appreciate your labor of love and pray the blessings of God are with you.

Fritz Meier

