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## DTS Prepares for Outreach



In preparation for their international outreach, the *Discipleship Training School (DTS)* team joined in the fun of packing up soup mix and praying for the truckload as it was shipped out. It was a joyful experience to send off the pallets of soup that will arrive in Colombia as the team arrives.



During the months of April and May, the *DTS* team will be sharing the gospel in both Colombia and Peru and distributing food in Colombia. They will work alongside *YWAM Bogota*, *Compassion International*, *Samaritan's Purse*, and many local churches in Bogota, Cucuta, and Ica.



The team has prepared creative ways to share the gospel with the people they meet. Their creative presentations include skits, songs, testimonies, children's stories, and visuals. All of their hard work and preparation is an expression of their love for God and their love for their neighbors.



**“ . . . Serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Galatians 5:13-14.**



ALOHA JERRY & CYNTHIA



Jerry and Cynthia Viernes are examples of excellence, servanthood, and obedience to the Lord. After fulfilling their two-year commitment as *YWAM* staff here at *Gleanings*, they have decided to move on. In an open letter to *Gleanings* staff they shared: “We thank God for allowing us to fulfill His call on our lives by serving and complimenting the various ministries at *Gleanings*.” They went on to say “We hope we are leaving the ministries we had a little better for the people coming after us.”

Jerry kept the grounds looking beautiful and Cynthia managed the housekeeping department, keeping our volunteer housing clean and welcoming. It was a pleasure and a privilege to have them on our staff. With hearts full of gratitude, appreciation, and love, we wish them all the best.



# COUNTRY REPORT - SOUTH AFRICA

## Grace Family Church Container Ministry

**Grace Family Church** is a large multi-campus church in the country of South Africa. They live and work in multiple communities, and they have missions outreach in many parts of Africa. A big part of the church's missions program is its **Container Ministry**. When they started distributing food, they found that the container the food came in was often as much of a blessing as the food. People could repurpose a bucket as a seat, or a base for a makeshift table - almost anything! Rosemary Khanyile from **Grace Family Church** recently commented, "These dried fruits are not just nutritious and yummy but our partners often request them. They are also appreciated by the communities living in the streets as they don't have to be cooked." In another recent email she shared, "When I notified our partners that the soup mix has arrived, there was so much excitement as they have been eagerly waiting for this much-needed supply. The appreciation is felt in tons of 'thank you' letters and heartwarming pictures that we receive from our partners."

We are so grateful for partner ministries such as **Container Ministry** who are an active part in their communities. They are bringing life-giving food as well as transforming lives with the gospel of Jesus. The **Container Ministry** shared with **Gleanings** their absolute joy and excitement in receiving the 40th container of soup and peaches! Their ministry continues to grow. They recently moved to a new warehouse and distribution facility. We celebrate with **Grace Family Church's Container Ministry** as they continue to bless communities and countries around them.



The first sea container arriving at the new depot.

### Director's Corner



Dear supporter and friend,

As we are quickly moving toward summer, we pray for the right summer staff would invest their summer serving with us. We need cooks to prepare the meals that feed our amazing volunteers and staff. If you are planning to make serving a part of your summer, give us a call. We would love to discuss the options with you. One of the highlights this spring has been our Discipleship Training School. We are very grateful to see how God has met our students and brought transformation in each one of them. As they transition from the three-month lecture phase to their two-month outreach, we continue to pray they will apply what they learned and walk in authority to share the gospel and our Gleanings food in Colombia and Peru.

With love and gratitude for all your prayers and support,

**Fritz Meier**