



Heart For Africa
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A video conference projected on the screen

Video Conferencing: Part Of A New Routine

Daily chapel services are an important start to the work day, and we would like to share some of what we are doing during our morning meetings. In the past, chapel typically started with live worship music, followed by a devotion and prayer. But chapel services look a little different this summer. Each day of the week has an intentional focus—with flexibility, of course, because that's the key to success, especially this summer.

Summer staff interns lead chapel on Monday, sharing songs and devotions to encourage and inspire. We hold a video conference call with a different ministry partner each Tuesday. These are the people we work with to distribute the food as a tangible sign of God's love. It is an honor to hear from the people who are on the front lines, and in some cases, risking their lives, and feeding the hungry. So far we have heard from G. L. from *Israeli Flying Aid*, serving the poor and orphans in very difficult places; Janine Maxwell and Rebekah Rutledge from *Heart for Africa*, serving in eSwatini; Ms. Linotte, who has devoted her life to feeding orphans in Haiti at *Mission of Grace*; and Sharlet Briggs from Adventist Health, along with Robin Robinson from *CityServe*, who are mobilizing the local church to bring food to people in need right here in central and southern California. These video calls are special to us because we can hear directly from our ministry partners, pray together, and encourage one another. At the end of each video conference call, we pray for, and sing the *Gleanings Blessing Song* over our ministry partner—something we normally do when we say goodbye to weekly volunteers. On Wednesdays, we study a book of the Bible. Staff member Elisabeth Correll prepares discussion questions and facilitates a special time where we listen to the insights and personal stories each person would like to share. So far, we studied Colossians and Jonah.

Thursday, our chapel service is all about worship. We sing our favorite songs, sometimes led by staff, summer staff, or the kids on base. Finishing off the work week on Friday, chapel is led by summer staff again, with music and a devotion. While this routine is very different from our normal summer schedule, every day chapel brings something new and fresh.



Volunteers gather at the screen to pray

From the Quilter's Quorum

As summer comes to an end and we look forward to the fall season, we are still not sure what that will mean for volunteering here at *Gleanings*. One thing we can plan on is continuing to make quilts! We made face masks for a time, but have been busily making quilts all summer. We want to pass along a request from our quilting team, to our faithful friends. Would you consider helping us replenish our quilting material supplies? Thank you from Sue Ross and all the quilters here at *Gleanings*!

Hebrews 10:24-25 "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Partner Report

FEED THE HUNGRY GUATEMALA

Our partner *Feed The Hungry (FTH)*, a mercy ministry of the *Lester Sumrall Evangelistic Association (LeSEA)* recently gave us wonderful feedback from ministries they operate in both Nicaragua and Guatemala.

Nicaragua: “We are writing this to say a big thank you to *Gleanings*. We are so grateful for your support. You have come to us in the exact timing to equip us to be Jesus’ hands and feet so we can reach out to the most vulnerable children all over the nation through our feeding program and humanitarian relief. With your support we have been able to provide not only rice and soy, but soup and dry fruit to all our feeding programs all over Nicaragua. Local churches are being empowered to reach out to their communities for Christ. Through the program *Every Child, Every Day* we are getting to the children with a daily and nutritious meal and with the Gospel of Jesus; these children become an open door in order to get to their parents and share Jesus with them.”

Guatemala: “Currently Guatemala is closed down and there are very rigid regulations regarding their freedom to move about. Fishing is illegal at the moment because the government believes it violates social distancing and as a result a lot of fishermen are out of work. Public transport is closed down as well. Even though the country is closed, our partners have been extremely creative in how they get food to those who are in need. They have been cooking soup from *Gleanings* and driving it around to the various communities where they are met by people with empty pots to take it home to their families. The local pastors are distributing food to their congregations via bicycles. They have seen the fruit coming from COVID because it has forced them to be more intentional in their relationships with the community. It has been a wonderful thing to be able to give back and be the hands and feet of Jesus because so many are unable to tithe and give to the church because of loss of work. Because of *FTH* however, the church is able to meet the needs of their communities by giving them food when they are hungry. In combination with the Holy Spirit, through word and deed, in April our team in Guatemala saw 900 people come to know Christ. They are equipping the new believers with tracks and we plan to send Red Letter Gospels down in the next couple months.”

We are thankful to God for such marvelous ministry reports; each amazing story brings glory to God. We love when God’s people respond in such creative and God-inspired ways and God blesses His kingdom work. Great reports *FTH!* Please join with us as we give God glory for what He is doing in Nicaragua and Guatemala.

Director’s Corner



Have you ever felt weak and inadequate and come into God’s presence where you know your ability brings very little to God’s work? But God has chosen us and given us His anointing and power to do His will on this earth. I don’t trust my ability to be able or worthy to feed millions. But Jesus makes *Gleanings* this miracle place where we can save many, especially in today’s crisis situations. We continue to produce close to three containers a week of life-saving sustenance for many nations. In awe, and humbled at God’s grace, we welcome Him to continue to use us in our simple act of working to ship more food to the ones who are in need. Thank you for continuing to pray and support *Gleanings*; we love the encouragement of the body of Christ.

May the Lord bless you as only He can.

Fritz Meier

