



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT DANIEL DAVENPORT

Daniel met Alexas Ruybal while they served as **Gleanings** summer staff interns three years ago in 2019. They fell in love and were married on April 17, 2021. They spent their honeymoon in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. Daniel is currently leading the summer fruit production. Alexas is a certified midwife assistant and works as a coffee barista. We welcome Alexas to our community. Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Davenport, and God bless the happy newlyweds!!



## WELCOME BACK VOLUNTEERS

With intentionality and safety in mind, we restarted the weekly volunteer program in April 2021. Volunteer teams are back, and everyone is feeling the blessing of obedience and the wholeness of the Father's love. "After the last year, being back here in a community where I can be the hands and feet of Jesus for so many people—I'm so grateful for that," Veronica from Wilshire Community Church said.

"We come to bless others, but we get blessed double," said Janyne, also from Wilshire.

While the slower pace of the past year was a much-needed break for many, it was a temporary recess. The volunteers are slowly returning, and more people are here to help produce as much food as possible to meet the growing need.

"Every bag of soup that I touch, I ask, 'Who will receive this bag? Who is going to have food for their children?'" Susan from Wilshire said. "Every time I go home, I am filled with blessings. I can't put it into words. You just have to be here."



**"You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed." Joel 2:26**

## DTS ON OUTREACH

Please pray for the 2021 DTS outreach going on right now in Mexico. The team is working with ministry partners including **Foundation for His Ministry** and **Mujeres Nuevo Comienzo**, sharing the love of Christ, leading Vacation Bible School, building a house, partnering with local pastors, and feeding the hungry. Please keep the team in your prayers as they serve from June 1 to July 24.



# COUNTRY REPORT

## SOUTH AFRICA



**Gleanings for the Hungry** and **Grace Family Church Ministries** in South Africa are reaching beyond the church walls to rescue orphans and the most vulnerable young people and make positive, long-term change in their communities. The church does not only operate inside the building. They go into the community to provide food for families and ministries, help people start small businesses, and work with ministries, businesses, and the government to make long-term change in the region.

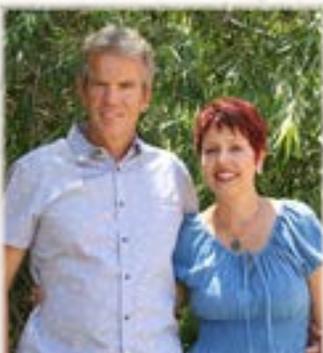
The ministry's vision includes a holistic approach to helping. They give orphans and at-risk children a stable home, provide meals which include **Gleanings** soup mix, dried fruit, oatmeal, and poppy seeds, give loving care, access to Jesus and a healthy spiritual environment, healing processes, and education.

They achieve their holistic mission by creating villages that are centered around a church. Long-term foster homes are built around the church, along with pre-schools, their own administration, social services, psychologists, physical and speech therapists, to help the children with individual needs caused by their previous neglect and abuse. Each home has a house mother, where the orphans are raised in an environment of love, care, and safety. By following this model they have created villages throughout South Africa that are raising "the least of these" to become strong and pure men and women of God who are prepared to lead in the future.

**Grace Family Church Ministries** also work in the communities around them to provide much-needed food, evangelize, disciple, create businesses, and build strong communities that will be healthy places for their children to return to when they are older. The heart of **Grace Family Church** is to be a testimony of God's transformative power to those who do not know Him by working together to establish and maintain Christ-centered communities which are growing and thriving. Please continue to pray for **Grace Family Church**, their ministries, and **Gleanings for the Hungry** as we work together to accomplish this goal!



## Director's Corner



Dear Friend,

Being involved with the ministry of **Gleanings** means being a GIVER, which is a big deal here. We are not just looking for workers to get the job done. We are looking for servants who connect with our mission to accomplish the task of feeding the hungry in Jesus' name. Together we share our resources and our time to serve Jesus. He himself said that whatever we do for the least of these we do as unto Him, Matthew 25:40. Can you imagine if Jesus came to your home today? How would you prepare for him? Here, we have an opportunity to welcome Jesus everyday by serving someone in need.

Thank you for your love and support in this season where much has changed in this world. The word of the Lord will never change and will bring fruit as we live for Him. I hope you have a healthy and joy filled summer.

**Fritz Meier**