

“Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who trust in him!” Ps. 34:8 NLT

Donor Banquet

In November our local donors were invited to our Donor Banquet. We are extremely thankful for each and every company and individual who donates their services and goods. Without the help of our many contributors, we would be unable to produce the food. Rick O'Dwyer, *Gleanings*'s Director, and Eric Rivera, (pictured) our procurement and distribution director, thanked each donor by presenting a plaque.



Scott Hendrix, *GAIN Global Aid Network*, was sharing at our donor banquet. We saw God's goodness displayed through the food we produce, as Scott shared testimonies and pictures of recipients in Africa and Guatemala.



Anthony's group prays for the trail mix they completed, and those who will receive it. May they taste and see the goodness of God as they are physically fed.

Tomato Donation God's Abundant Provision



Olam Tomato Processing Inc., Lemoore, CA donated the processing of approximately 12 truckloads of tomatoes! Hauling of the 3 1/2 truckloads of empty cans and 12 truckloads of finished product was also donated.

God's goodness is evident as He is filling our storehouses with over 400,000 pounds of tomato product that was recently donated. What a joy to include these tomatoes with the soup mix and other food products. Thank you to all who made this possible.



Senior Project

Anthony Wurz, a senior from Twaine Harte, CA, arranged a trip to *Gleanings*. Every senior at Anthony's school is required to complete a community service project, along with a report of the contribution they made to the community. After Anthony joined a fellow student last year, he was also compelled to serve at *Gleanings*. He recruited his youth pastor and youth group to join him. His group enjoyed washing buckets and filling them with some of the first trail mix of the season. Thank you Anthony, for choosing to serve the poor and needy at *Gleanings For The Hungry*.

Trail Mix

We are thankful for donors who contributed almonds, dried fruits and coated peanuts. Adding our dried peaches and nectarines, we began producing trail mix.



250,000 28 ounce cans were donated by *Ball Metal Food Corp.* Stockton, CA.

HAITI - Food For The Poor



Foyer de l'Avenir is one of their orphanages receiving our food. Created to receive young girls from the disfavored sector in Haiti, there are 45 girls from the age 13 to 25 years old, totally supported by Food For The Poor. "We are very grateful to receive help from Food For The Poor, and we also want to say a big thank you to the charitable donors, we ask God to bless them."

The *Centre des Enfants de Jésus* is a handicapped home created by *Food For The Poor*. Blind, deaf, mental handicaps, etc. are the types of illnesses these kids, youth and adults are facing. From the age of 1 to 39 years old,

there are 102 people living there with an infirmity, some of them not even being conscious of it. Most have lost their parents. Some have been thrown away by their own parents and found on the street and can only count on the family named *Food For The Poor*. "This morning we had prepared the soup mix as breakfast for them, and it was a success because they really like it; and we use the flour as supper. I am really happy to be part of this big work that *Food For The Poor* is doing. A big thank you to all the donors! God Bless you all!" From Mrs. Nonez responsible of *Centre des Enfants de Jesus*.



IDEJEN, a ministry intent on aiding the development of young people in difficult positions in Haiti; also received soup, cereal and flour. *IDEJEN* works to improve the position of youth aged 15 to 24, outside the school environment. They minister to them by teaching them trades through apprenticeship programs, enabling them to support themselves in the future.



Armenia - Flour Contribution

Zangakatun Charitable NGO is working with over 980 families, 2500 children. Beneficiaries that received the flour are grateful for the humanitarian aid. "Thank you for helping our nation in these bad and hard conditions. All the families kept saying

that it was a great contribution. And they wouldn't have to buy bread for a while, but would make bread themselves with the flour. One must see in order to be able to understand how brightly were shining those people's eyes who were getting the



flour. Families who received them already were speaking what they would make with them. One of the women said "Excellent pies with potatoes will come out of this flour" and the children commented "biscuits as well, mum". Whatever you send for the poor and our children is so essential and needed. May God bless you much! We are happy to have you! Thank you!"

Reflecting on this past year and all the blessings God has bestowed upon Gleanings For The Hungry, I am overwhelmed with awe and amazement at how good and gracious our God is. We give thanks to our Lord for all He has done in 2009 through this ministry. Over 2000 volunteers arrived with hearts to serve their God by blending over 27 million, 8 ounce servings of soup mix, producing almost 600,000 pounds of dried fruit, and working to make it possible to ship almost 4 million pounds of food, along with the general maintenance that it takes to keep this growing ministry functioning. Thank you Lord for your provision! We are continually seeking the Lord for wisdom and guidance on the direction He would have us take in 2010. In doing so, we are praying Psalms 2:8 and we are asking the Lord for an abundance of food, and the nations to ship the food to. Expand our territory Lord! There are more nations now than ever that need to hear about God's love, forgiveness, and His saving grace. Thank you for your faithfulness to partner with us. Please continue to pray for the work here at Gleanings in the year 2010. Prayer holds us up when times are trying. On a personal note, I would ask that you would pray for Lynn and I as we enter the final application process to receive our permanent residency green card, which will allow us to serve another 10 years, Lord willing. Once again, thank you and may you and yours have a blessed 2010. May God richly bless you as only He can. Proverbs 19:17

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