

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, April 21, 2012



Our AGM will start at **10:00 AM** at the plant located at 85 Winson Rd. in Abbotsford. Hamburgers, hot-dogs and beverages will be served from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM and tours will be available.

Nominations: The FVG constitution states that: *"nominations for directors must be submitted to the board of directors, in writing, at least 24 hours before an annual meeting, in such a form as is published from time to time by the society."* Several director positions are up for re-election and we have appointed a nominations committee with nomination forms available at the plant. Please contact Karyn Santiago (604-859-0624), Bob Spyksma (604-859-9759), or Abe Heinrichs (604-504-1812) for further information.



Guatemala - these pictures are sent from an organization called "Love Guatemala." Phil & Judy Bergen have their home base in Abbotsford, B.C. and live six months of the year near Antigua and minister to many children providing student sponsorship, widows and poor families distributing food in the surrounding villages of this area. In January, 2012, they started a breakfast program for 90 pre-schoolers. The Bergen's have been taking Gleaners Soup for the past 5 years, along with medical and school supplies, clothing, blankets, teacher resources and libraries. They take teams of volunteers from the Fraser Valley and build homes for single moms and widows, medical clinics and visit some families that have husbands and fathers that come to Canada to work in the greenhouse industry. Their love for the people of Guatemala grows as they build relationships and share the gospel, pray and hug the many people they are in touch with. Please contact the Bergen's at loveguat@gmail.com or check out their website at www.luvsent.wordpress.com



Fraser Valley Gleaners now accepts donations by Visa and MasterCard. Please email us at info@fvgleaners.org and request a representative to contact you by phone. FVG also accepts online donations through CanadaHelps® click on www.fvgleaners.org/donations for details.

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News:

- We are currently open Monday - Friday 8:30 am until noon. Saturdays and evenings will resume in May.
- Volunteer Appreciation Week will be February 20-24. Join us for a soup and bun lunch at the plant!
- Annual Fundraiser Banquet in Abbotsford will be September 21 & 22, 2012. More information to follow.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who faithfully support the Gleaners! 47,560 volunteer hours were logged in 2011 at our plant. We are presently packaging soup mix, our goal is 11.5 million soup servings! Praise God!

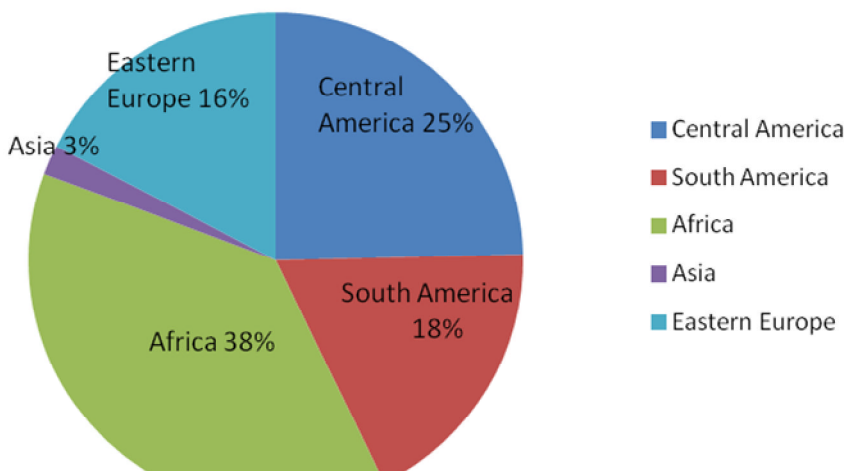
Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Okanagan Gleaners and family as they grieve the passing of Steve Hetherington, president of OK Gleaners.
- Pray for Prairie Gleaners as they started production in their new plant. www.prairiegleaners.org
- Pray that God would give direction and wisdom for the 2012 year at Fraser Valley Gleaners.

News Items from the Board:

- Our forklift is an indispensable piece of equipment for the operation of the Gleaners. It is a 1996 model with over 11,500 hours and needs to be replaced. We are seeking monetary contributions to cover the cost of a newer forklift. The cost for a replacement is about \$14,000.
- Many people have been requesting information about the discussions with MCC-BC regarding purchase of the property on Winson Road. Discussions have taken place and it is expected that a report from the Land Acquisition Committee will be forth coming in early March 2012.
- Plastic bins for frozen product are needed for the plant. The cost for 112 bins will be \$23,000.
- We would like to say a huge "**THANK YOU**" to our 2011 financial partners. The Gleaners has received in excess of \$516,300 in donations with \$181,000 being specifically designated for the future property purchase. \$284,000 has been used towards 2011 operating costs and the remainder will be allocated towards the purchase of badly needed capital assets such as a new forklift and new produce bins.

Where does the soup go?



Countries receiving food in 2011: Bulgaria, Burundi, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Philippines, Romania, South Africa, Swaziland, Thailand, Ukraine, Uganda and Zambia.

Rental Accommodations Available

Location: Fraser Valley Gleaners, Abbotsford

Fraser Valley Gleaners is looking for an individual or a couple who would enjoy exchanging light work duties and onsite presence for modest rental accommodations. The right individual(s) would be willing to exchange 12 to 15 hours per week of duties for rent-free living arrangements. This includes accommodations in a trailer unit, all heat, electricity and water utilities, wireless internet and laundry facilities. Work duties involve dryer load changes in the evenings, overall presence on the property, and guest relations during the warmer months.

Prospective individuals must be willing to undergo a criminal record check and be in agreement with FVG's statement of faith. Available immediately.

If you are interested, please call the plant at 604 870 9272, email us at info@fvgleaners.org, or fax your resume to 604 870 9273. All inquires should be addressed to the attention of Carl Goosen.

FV Gleaners Directors

Abe Heinrichs, Ed Klassen, Ray Lepp, Richard Loewen, Karyn Santiago, Henry Schulz, Bob Spyksma, Wally Unger, Ann VanderMeulen, Jack Weyh.

The Bible says: "But God will never forget the needy;
the hope of the afflicted will never perish.." Psalm 9:18

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