



Fraser Valley Gleaners NEWSLETTER

October 2023

On August 4th we welcomed a new member to the Gleaners Family:
baby **Andrew David Pasma**

Born to our General Manager, Joel & his wife Cait.
Big sister Theresa is thrilled!



"People need to eat"

volunteer 'A.P.' on the reason
he comes to the Gleaners each week.

122 million more people pushed into hunger since
2019 due to multiple crises, reveals UN report.

When our hearts are breaking
we want to DO something.

Because of our volunteers and donors,
we have been able to produce

14,162,400 meals

to feed the hungry around the world in 2023.

Together we make a difference.

Gleaners Soup Mix, part of flood recovery in Pakistan

with Samaritan's Purse

More than 4.4 million acres of agricultural land was destroyed in Pakistan during the 2022 floods. Food scarcity and rising costs most affect those who were already poor, and many families are still struggling to survive. In June we were able to send 1.2 million servings of soup to flood-affected families in Pakistan with Samaritan's Purse.



Samaritan's
Purse distributed
pots, dishes and
Gleaners soup
bags to flood-
affected families
in Pakistan.

Food is always
an urgent need
for displaced
people.

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NEWS:

- ◆ Volunteer hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 am to noon. New volunteers welcome!
- ◆ Tours available any day we're open. 10:15am is a perfect time to come for a tour!
- ◆ Plant closed Monday, Nov 13th Remembrance Day observed.
- ◆ Christmas Social Thursday, December 7th 10:30am at the plant.
- ◆ FVG Clean-up day December 21st
- ◆ Plant closed for Christmas holidays: Dec 22nd-Jan 1st. Open again January 2nd to start our 2024 Production.
- ◆ Do you need a house sitter? We have wonderful volunteers who live out of town that love to come serve with us and just need a place to stay when in town. Let us know if you can help in this way.



SMALL DRYER UPGRADE

Total needed: \$250,000 (estimate)

Includes new burner and controls

47%

Raised so far: \$118,000

Still to raise: \$132,000

Small Dryer facts:

- Originally built/installed in 2001.
- Fits 6 racks, each rack holding 60 trays full of diced vegetables.
- 9.5 hours drying time
- A full load produces about 2 barrels of dried vegetables for the soup mix.

FVG Celebration Fundraiser Update

Thank you to all who came or supported our Celebration Fundraising Dinners!
We raised \$118,000. Thank you!



We had a great time over two evenings enjoying a great dinner, listening to some fabulous music, encouraged by volunteer testimonies, and hearing from one of our sending/distribution partners. Lindsey Schacter, COO of Global Aid Network shared powerful stories of the impact that our soup is making around the world. There were stories of children, families, churches, and communities helped by the food prepared at FVG. Nutrition Centers regularly serving our soup in places like Paraguay for the past 14 years has opened the door for many to hear and be changed by the gospel. One nutrition center even planted a church - all started with serving Gleaners soup! Wow, what God can do with our humble contributions and gifts!



Donations: Fraser Valley Gleaners is 100% donor driven. Your donation dollars help us feed some of the world's hungry by converting surplus food into a nutritious soup mix. Funds donated are used to operate our facility. Charitable tax receipts will be issued for tax purposes on your donations. Thank you for your continued support!

Fraser Valley Gleaners Directors

Don Sears (President), Trevor Fowler (Vice-President), Bill Spyksma (Treasurer),
Arden Thomas (Secretary), Randal Bartsch, Bob Neufeld, Jim Vriend.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."

Proverbs 19:17

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