



Gleaning FOR THE World

Stewardship Report 2006

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it takes



FROM THE PRESIDENT & FOUNDER



We believe that all God's children are created equal and are deserving of a compassionate and reliable source of critical supplies, regardless of ethnic, religious or cultural background.

Gleaning For The World seeks to provide life-saving support to communities in critical need throughout the world by applying a powerful concept that we call "gleaning." We provide surplus medical and essential supplies to humanitarian projects worldwide.

GFTW provides expedited distribution channels, efficient logistical support and dependable service between corporate donors and mission groups at the lowest possible cost.

Often I am asked how we define the ministry of Gleaning For The World. The simple answer is that Gleaning For The World provides supplies that God uses to create miracles.

Several years ago, I visited an orphanage that cares for physically and mentally challenged children. While I was there, a little girl practically "attached" herself to my leg. Since she did not want to let go, I picked her up and carried her for almost an hour. The orphanage founder shared with me the story of how this girl's mother — who was not able to feed or care for her retarded child — left her at a government building hoping the officials would take her in. After three days of eating dirt and sleeping in the mud, the little girl was rescued by the orphanage. It took several weeks to clear the dirt out of her stomach.

This child — and thousands like her — will never know what Gleaning For The World is or that the food she eats, the clothes she wears, or the medical supplies used to clean out her system were provided by us. What is important is that she now has a chance to live and be loved.

In the last nine years, Gleaning For The World has provided more than \$300 million in supplies to impoverished people in thirty countries — including the United States. In 2006, we gave millions more people hope and a chance at life:

- GFTW provided new furniture to 3,000 families in a fishing village devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Local churches helped these families rebuild their homes; GFTW provided furniture so they could move in.
- HIV babies in the Dominican Republic were able to take their medications because GFTW sent food to their orphanage.
- Medical supplies from GFTW made it possible for more than one million people to receive health care at clinics in Africa, Asia and Central America.
- An orphanage in Guatemala used bulk candle wax provided by GFTW to begin a micro enterprise. Orphans receive valuable vocational training and the candles they sell provide thousands of meals a month for hungry children.
- GFTW shipped supplies to a new clinic in Lebanon and Israel to help people caught in the war.
- Medications donated by a medical manufacturer made it possible for a surgeon in Kenya to save the life of a boy with a compound fracture. Today, that boy is alive and can walk because the doctor had the supplies he needed.

Hurricane-ravaged cities in the U.S., clinics in Africa, hospitals in Lebanon, refugee camps in the Sudan and Rwanda, battle zones in Iraq, orphanages in Central America ... In all of these places, innocent people are suffering. And Gleaning For The World will do whatever it takes to provide the supplies — the hope — they so desperately need.

Rev. Ronald T. Davidson

2006: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

PROVIDING HELP IN THE UNITED STATES

It's no surprise that a significant amount of the recovery and rebuilding that has taken place in the Gulf states is due to the work of the faith-based community. Churches and community groups across the United States have opened their hearts and hands by developing teams to rebuild homes for families in some of the nation's poorest communities. However, these families — most of whom were already living below the poverty level before the storm — still face the problem of how to furnish their homes.

In 2006, Gleaning For The World (GFTW), in partnership with the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, secured and delivered new furniture that allowed more than 3,000 families to move into their homes. By the end of the year, 102 tractor trailer loads of furniture had been delivered — and more are on the way. With new homes and furniture, these families are now able to restart their lives and return to work, helping to rebuild their devastated economy.

HEART OF VIRGINIA-LIFELINE: WSET AND GLEANING FOR THE WORLD

In 2005, WSET, an ABC affiliate in Central Virginia, and Gleaning for the World joined forces to create the "Heart of Virginia-Lifeline." Through this program and the generosity of the Central Virginia community, we were able to help thousands of people affected by the 2004 tsunami and the 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes in the U.S.

In June 2006, WSET and Gleaning for the World were recognized by the American Association of Broadcasters with the national "Service to America Friend in Need"

award. The Virginia Association of Broadcasters also recognized this unique partnership with the "2005 Laurence E. Richardson Excellence in Community Service Award."

The Heart of Virginia program continues to reach people in crisis. From Central Virginians caught in floods to people whose homes were destroyed by hurricanes; from hungry children in Central American orphanages to HIV babies who need food to survive another day, this partnership has saved lives and continues to make a difference.

QUALITY SUPPLIES

In Third World countries, where hospitals are bare-bones masonry buildings and a clinic can be a tent, there is usually a dump in the back. People with the best of intentions often send medical supplies and equipment that cannot be used and must be thrown away. Other times, supplies are confiscated before the shipments even clear customs because the donations have not been packaged properly or the paperwork is incomplete. In these cases, the best intentions of people who really care never help anyone because the donations just are not useable.

In contrast, Gleaning for the World has provided over 1,700 tractor trailer loads of supplies to humanitarian organizations working in some of the most desolate locations in the world. The supplies we send are the supplies that are needed. They reach their destinations because our volunteers and staff take great pride in the professional methods used to sort, package and prepare them for shipment. Our experience and expertise ensure that donations sent through Gleaning For The World save lives.



MOBILE CLINICS

One of the most difficult challenges in providing medical care to impoverished communities or disaster areas is getting there. Refugee camps are rarely located on main roads. People with AIDS are often too weak to travel to a city for treatment. Hurricanes and other natural disasters can cripple stationary medical facilities and destroy roads and bridges. In response, Gleaning for the World developed the Mobile Medical Clinic (MMC).

The MMC is designed to withstand the rigors of travel on the worst roads and can be transported by helicopter to remote areas or places where roads have been destroyed.

In 2006, the first three units were constructed. One will be used in Appalachia (U.S.) and two will be used in Peru. With the Mobile Medical Clinic, health care can be provided to millions of people at a cost of less than \$2 per person. This can literally change the lives of millions of people by making health care available in remote, previously unreachable areas.

SUPPLIES FOR INTERNATIONAL RELIEF EFFORTS

Every day, U.S.-based industries throw away or destroy non-sellable products that could be used in Third World countries. Zero Waste America estimates that, in 2005, 278 million pounds of waste were dumped into America's landfills. Eight percent of that waste — 22 million tons — was useable product.

Gleaning for the World actively solicits donations of useable products that meet the needs of humanitarian organizations. With these donated products, over a million people in Third World countries receive some form of healthcare. When combined with the Mobile Medical Clinic, we can multiply the effects of these donations.

In the 21st Century, people should not die because of a lack of medical supplies. Medical professionals who provide health care in the worst conditions in the world should not jeopardize their health just because they lack protective surgical supplies. Gleaning for the World is committed to doing everything possible to enable Industry to make these donations so the poor can live and health care volunteers will not have to put their own lives in jeopardy.



SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Sponsorship Program provides an opportunity for congregations, businesses, civic organizations, foundations and individuals to become directly involved with our mission. Gleaning for the World receives, sorts, inventories and loads products for less than one percent of their estimated value. We are able to recoup some of our costs through a modest fee paid by the receiving charity; however, for each load shipped, GFTW faces a shortfall of approximately \$1,000. When a group or individual sponsors a load, their gift of \$1,000 sends up to \$250,000 worth of life-saving supplies to the poorest of the poor, and helps ensure that GFTW will be able to continue in its mission. *(For more information about the GFTW Sponsorship Program, call 1-877-913-9212.)*

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the largest work force at GFTW and one of our most valuable assets. Hundreds of volunteers share the responsibility of sorting medical supplies, checking product expiration dates, folding and sorting clothing, and helping with general office duties. More than 140 hours are donated each week, saving the organization more than \$109,000 a year.

Our volunteers know they are making a real difference in the lives of others. At the same time, they benefit from the joy and satisfaction of being God's agents of hope for others. Not everyone can go into the mission field, but everyone can save lives by working in missions. Gleaning For The World offers congregations and community organizations the opportunity to change the lives of people who cannot help themselves.

2006 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Income

Contributions	
Restricted	77,417
Unrestricted	93,762
Grants	100,000
Service Fees	1,310,897
Interest Income	915
Gifts In Kind	2,500
IRS Refund	2,763
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	1,588,254

Expenses

Fundraising and Development	94,732
Administration	147,479
Program (All Other) Expenses	1,423,417
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	1,665,628

Product Donations

Value of Products Received	58,334,695
Value of Products Shipped	51,956,403

Gleaning For The World is a non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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2007 INITIATIVES

DISASTER RESPONSE

Gleaning for the World will continue to reach out within the United States and around the world whenever disaster strikes. With more than 120 non-profit partners, we are able to place food and medical supplies into the most remote areas of the world. Whether it is avian influenza, war, famine, or natural disaster, Gleaning for the World will act immediately to support relief efforts by pre-positioning supplies and serving as a logistics operation and supply center for rapid response.

When a major disaster occurs, the first hours are spent rescuing people who are most affected and recovering the bodies of those who perished. The second priority is ensuring that people receive sustainable support with food, water, blankets and medical care. Gleaning For The World is committed to collecting and maintaining a half-million pounds of life-saving supplies and placing them within hours of a disaster occurrence. Then, long after the disaster has struck, we will still be there, providing the help that's needed. No one should be left behind.

PROVIDING THE HIGHEST QUALITY SUPPLIES WORLDWIDE

In 2006, Gleaning for the World provided over \$58 million in products to humanitarian and mission organizations — both around the world and in our own community. In eight years we have shipped \$310 million worth of supplies and equipment. Still, billions of pounds of supplies are destroyed in our nation's landfills when they could be used to saved lives.

"Gleaning" is a biblical concept that refers to saving the leftover perishable food so everyone — especially widows and orphans — would have food to eat. Our mission is to provide life saving products to all people regardless of their race, religion, gender or national origin.

In 2007, our goal is to locate, sort and prepare \$60 million in supplies for natural and man-made disasters. We believe our Creator has provided sufficient food, water, clothing and other life-saving supplies for every person. Our mission is to locate the supplies and make certain that no person is left out.

WHY DO WE DO THIS?

People often ask why we do what we do. The answer is best given by sharing the stories we hear every day. They are heartbreaking. And they are endless. This is why we do what we do:

- Many families rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina were unable to afford furniture. GFTW, working with the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, provided enough furniture for 3,000 families to return home.
- In Guatemala, we were able to exchange a tractor-trailer load of candy for 160,000 pounds of food. The exchange provided food for 4,200 children for three months. With another donation from the candy company, we were able to secure enough food for six months.
- Many countries have well-trained medical staff but do not have the supplies needed to provide medical care. In Kenya, supplies provided by GFTW helped a doctor save the life of a young child who otherwise may have died from a compound fracture.

- A major retailer donated unsaleable returns. GFTW was able to distribute the clothing to hundreds of homeless people, keeping them from freezing during the winter.
- An orphanage in the Dominican Republic needed food to care for babies with HIV. The children could not take their medications without it. GFTW shipped enough food and formula for the orphanage to care for these children and take in another 600.

From natural disasters to children who need food to live, GFTW reaches out to all people so they will have what they need to survive. No child has to be hungry. No person has to die from preventable diseases. No child has to be sold into sexual slavery or live in an alley unloved and unsupported. We have enough — all we must do is learn to share.



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