Ontario Christian Gleaners

Using Surplus Produce to Feed a Hungry World

OntarioGleaners.org
A registered charity demonstrating God’s love to a hungry world by collecting, processing and distributing surplus agricultural produce.
"Gleaning" ...to gather from a field after it has been reaped/harvested
Statistics

• 880 million people earn less than one dollar per day.
• Over 5 million children under the age of 5 die each year due to under nutrition.

• The world produces more than enough food to provide a nutritious diet of 2000 calories daily for every person on the planet.
The Gleaners – A food bank to the world
Consumers are demanding perfect looking produce.

In Ontario – every year millions of pounds of vegetables are not sold.
Gathering donated produce…

from grocery distributors, growers and packing plants
The ‘drive-through car wash’ for the vegetables
Washed produce is loaded into crates and delivered to the work stations.
Working together in teams at a table
The produce is cored or ended and any blemishes are removed.
Trimmed produce is diced into large bins.
Volunteers recharging over coffee break
The belt dryer... Dries about 1000 pounds in one hour.
Loading the dryer with diced produce
Up the conveyor and spread onto a wide stainless steel belt
About a 75 min ride, and the produce is dry (12% moisture rate)
Dried product is stored in bulk in the warehouse.
Packaging – all done by hand

Assembly line style
The mixed soup is poured into bags and heat sealed.
Pails and barrels are stored in the warehouse ready for distribution.
25 litres water

Package of mixed dried vegetables

100 Bowls Soup
Millions of servings of soup have been distributed all around the world!
Asia
Central & South America
Where is the Gleaners?

1550 Morrison Road, just off Hwy 8, south of Cambridge, ON, Canada
Taking a perishable product, turning it into a non-perishable, to benefit children around the world.

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