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A Report from Haiti

One of the organizations that received Prairie Gleaners product in the past few months is **Haiti Friendship Centre** which is located in Source Matelas, a 45 minute drive northwest of Port au Prince, capital of Haiti. The Haiti Friendship Centre was started and is operated by a couple from southern Saskatchewan: they are dedicated to “creating leaders through education and the advancement of the gospel.” The Gleaners dried vegetable mix has been used to supplement the daily hot meal prepared for students receiving their education through the Centre. Students and their families are supported in various ways through becoming part of the Haiti Friendship Centre community. They see so much need all around them and hope to support more students in the future. They truly believe that having a school and feeding program gives opportunity to help the most vulnerable children. More than half of their students do not live with a parent, living with other relatives and/or relying on neighbours, resulting in a situation of many not being able to eat every day unless provided for through the school program.

New Equipment

In late spring, our new-to-us dicer arrived. We have been looking into this purchase for many months. Thanks to our many donors, and to board members and volunteers for their work on procurement! It is running smoothly, and offers a bit lower noise level than our previous version. Our original dicer was 40 years old when we bought it, in 2008 when we were just starting up, and was getting more and more difficult to repair, causing some anxiety for the smoothness of day-to-day operations – but it is not put out to pasture as we hope to use it for backup and special runs going forward.

Exhibition and Stampede booth

Once again, Prairie Gleaners exhibited in the local Medicine Hat exhibition. This is a great event that allows the volunteers who sign up to sit at the booth an opportunity to talk all they want about what they do at the plant, how valuable the work is, and how much fun too. Many visitors



find out for the first time what we are doing, many potential new volunteers are invited out, and many old friends are encouraged to come and help out. Thanks to all who helped out with this!



Going to Bridge 2 Malawi

Ten tons of dried soup mix from Prairie Gleaners is on its way to the small African nation of Malawi to assist with an organization tasked with feeding 350 kids a day. May it be a blessing.

*Prairie Gleaners Society accepts its mandate from **Isaiah 58:10** - If you give food to the hungry and satisfy those who are in need, then the darkness around you will turn to the brightness of noon.*

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