

November 2016

Annual Harvest Supper & Fundraiser

We enjoyed a great evening at our annual Harvest Supper last month. It was a nice problem to have to scramble to set up tables and chairs for almost 50 more people than expected. Our kitchen staff wisely had enough soup made to meet the need. We were especially encouraged hearing from Elmer & Sherry Komant with Christian Life Ministries in Burundi. They spoke about the great challenges and opportunities in that tiny African nation and how our support with food aid is helping them to meet some of the needs.



a feeding program in Bujumbura, Burundi Meet Oled and Alice



This young couple has taken on the task of oversight for the distribution of Prairie Gleaners product in Burundi.

Gleaners soup packages have been shipped to at least 50 different nations around the world in partnership with aid and relief ministries helping people of many different languages and backgrounds. There may be uncertainty about what Gleaners product is and how to cook and serve it. Thankfully there are people like Oled and Alice as part of the distribution chain. This couple provides training and follow-up to all feeding programs they distribute to in Burundi. The training includes cooking instructions and recipes, the biblical history of Gleaning and helping the hungry, while stressing the importance of letting nothing go to waste. We are all part of a worldwide team.

Support in Canada's Arctic

In late summer of this year, nine 40 ft. shipping containers arrived in the Arctic communities circled in the map below.



The sea containers were packed with winter clothina. household essentials, educational supplies, powdered infant formula and Gleaners soup mix. The Society of St. Vincent De Paul in partnership with the Anglican Church orchestrated the shipping to assist needy families. Statistics Canada reports that 60% of households in Nunavut experience food shortages. Initial reports from the S.S.V.D.P. state the Gleaners soup mix is well received and is ideal for transporting north since it is not adversely affected by either warm or freezing temperatures and provides good supplemental nutrition where needed.

Plant closure over Christmas holidays

Please make note that our production plant will be closed for the holidays. Our <u>last day of work</u> for 2016 will be Saturday Dec. 17 and <u>we will</u> <u>reopen</u> on Wednesday Jan. 4, 2017.

We wish all a joyous Christmas and that we be inspired to be a blessing to many in the New Year.

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P.O Box 656, Medicine Hat, AB. T1A 7G6. The Prairie Gleaners 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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