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An update from Dominican Republic Report From Dominican Vision

The north shore of the Dominican Republic was hit by hurricanes this summer. We visited an area that lost some 40 homes along the ocean. Working with a local church some food was provided to those in need. Other places the soup mix is used is the school in Aroyo Seco where 112 students are given 1 meal each day. This varies from the soup mix which is sometimes made more into a stew with other additions by the cook or beans and rice purchased locally. We also give a package of the soup to some very poor families as we see fit. This gives them something to eat for a few weeks.

Thank you so much for the work you and all the volunteers do in creating this sustenance. It goes a lot further than just food in the stomach. It helps bring people together and



Gleaners soup in Dominican Republic

In Nicaragua and El Salvador

Prairie Board President The Gleaners recently travelled to Nicaragua and El Salvador along with the Director of Global Emergency Missions Society. A shipment of medical equipment, school supplies, and soup mix arrived by 40 ft. sea container in Nicaragua a few days prior to us arriving. The in country distributor is the Moravian Church, which has a long history of working with some of the most marginalized people in that part of the world. Along with Directors of the Churches national Board, we met with representatives of communities of migrants struggling to find employment in the capital city, as well as people from more distant

villages where crops were lost due to flooding.

We also had a few days in El Salvador where we were able to meet with individuals and projects that were aided with soup mix and medical equipment a number of months ago. It's such an encouragement to meet and hear directly from beneficiaries of the support provided. Every conversation seemed to end with a request to "please send more."



Clearing customs in Managua, Nicaragua

Plant Closure over Christmas

Please take note that our production plant will be closed over the Christmas and New Year holidays. Our <u>last day</u> of operation will be <u>Thursday</u>, <u>Dec. 21</u>. We will <u>reopen</u> in the new year on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>Jan. 3</u>.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Prairie Gleaners Society may your Christmas be a blessed time in celebration of the coming of Christ. And in the new year may we be ever mindful of the needs of others close to home and around the world as we help, with the hope for a world without hunger as well as...

ON EARTH PEACE AND GOOD WILL TOWARDS MEN

Mailing address: 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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