

April 2017

Annual General (Business) Meeting

Our A.G.M. was held on Saturday, March 4th, 2017 with a great turn-out. The current Board of Directors for 2017 is:

- James Smith
- Clarence Knodel
- Dan Kammerer
- Annette Simons
- Art Widmer
- James Lieske
- Louisa Smith

Two changes were approved to our bylaws:
INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

And the following change to QUORUM

- Any meeting of member's quorum shall not consist of less than Thirty-Five (35%) Per Centum of the total number of members in the Society.

Please feel free to contact our admin office if you require further information.

Update from Burundi

Recently, James & Louisa Smith were in Burundi and had opportunity to observe how Gleaners food was being distributed to help people in desperate situations. The people shown below had lost their homes to flooding and were staying on a school yard, because it was relatively dry and had a well for water. They had been homeless for 5 days and without any assistance for food.



Working with village elders and a local pastor, we were able to provide some emergency relief with packages of Gleaners soup mix as an interim measure while mud bricks are being formed to rebuild the homes washed away. Detailed instructions were provided to the recipients regarding the contents of the packages as well as cooking instructions. The food will be cooked over charcoal or wood fires in the school yard.



This was just one example of how the soup mix was helping to alleviate hunger and malnutrition, which is so extensive in this part of the world. While in Burundi they also received reports from 4 major international relief organizations outlining the severity of food shortages throughout eastern Africa and the challenges with their attempts to assist. We pray for needs to be met.

Volunteer Recognition

For an organization such as ours, which relies entirely on volunteers for all aspects of the work involved to obtain - process - package and ship many tons of produce to distant parts of the world, your value is beyond measure. Prairie Gleaners would not exist without your contributions. As a small gesture of thanks we will be offering a lunch at noon for those who join us in our morning's work each day beginning Tuesday, April 25 until Saturday April 29. Thank you everyone.



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*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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