

## North Okanagan Valley Gleaners Society Newsletter No. 2 (January 2008)

*Leviticus 23:22 - When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God.*

### Food for thought:

According to WorldHunger.org, "The world produces enough food to feed everyone. World agriculture produces 17 percent more calories per person today than it did 30 years ago, despite a 70 percent population increase. The principal problem is that many people in the world do not have sufficient land to grow, or income to purchase enough food." Do we not have an obligation to be good stewards of this agriculturally rich region in which we live? Since our last newsletter we have had several developments. In October, 2007 we submitted our proposal to the District



of Coldstream requesting approval to build a Gleaners operation on our Lavington property. The proposal went before the Coldstream Council on Nov 13 and was voted unanimously in favor to go on to the Agricultural Land Commission for their adjudication. A week later we received notice that some of our neighbors had requested a delegation before Council to oppose our application. That came before Council on Nov. 26, and again Council voted for our application to go forward. Two articles came out in our local paper after each of these meetings and we have had a very favorable response from many people from those articles and we would like to sincerely thank all those who sent in letters of support. Despite the opposition from some of the neighbors, what spurs us on is the thought of some of the Nicaraguan children we've met, one for example who was 12 years old and the size of a 6 or 7 year old and many more with serious malnutrition issues. We've been in touch with a Pastor and his wife who minister to the very poorest areas of Chinandega Nicaragua and to people who live in the dump and they have been the recipient of some of the Oliver Gleaners Soup mix in the past. Their request has been for more of "that nutritious soup mix". We will have the blessing of going with him to distribute some of this food in Feb. of this year. We have recently heard from the ALC that they would like to meet with us and see our proposed site early March. And so we just ask for prayer that if it is the Lord's will that a gleaners operation come to life on our property, that the doors would open, otherwise that we, as a board, would be shown a clear direction where to take this next. So far doors seem to be opening and we are excited by the interest of people to be

involved in this humanitarian project. We thank you for your prayers and support and ask that you spread the word. Feel free to visit our website at [www.novgleaners.org](http://www.novgleaners.org) and if you wish to become a member, a lifetime membership is only \$10.00 and application forms are on the site. Please remember our Annual General Meeting on March 1, 2008 at the Lavington Fellowship Baptist Church at 1:30 p.m.



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