

North Okanagan Valley Gleaners Society Newsletter No. 3 (July 2008)

Proverbs 19:21 - Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Reflecting back a little over a year ago when we had our first "gleaners" information meeting, we can't help but be amazed at all that has happened and how the Lord has closed some doors and opened unexpected doors and changed the course of our direction somewhat. As we prayerfully and faithfully continue to seek the Lord's guidance in this project, we are excited to see what this year brings.



We believe that God calls us to be generous, give, show mercy and compassion to our fellow man, and now as we see often in the news about world food shortages, this compels us to keep on diligently with the work involved in getting this project going.

Our youngest daughter who is spending her summer in Nicaragua on a Missionary Internship program told me the other day that the price of rice and beans has gone up in Nicaragua. This is their cheapest food, and now for some this will mean the difference between having some food and no food. This is a situation most of us will never know here in North America.

As most of you know, after the Land Commission turned down our proposal to build a Gleaners facility on our property, we were contacted by a fellow who lives 5 minutes from our place in Lavington about the possibility of using his now unused, ginseng processing facility. This facility comes complete with dehydrators, coolers, processing area - almost ready to go.

The owner of the property is agreeable to us using the building, but ideally he would like to sell the property to the North Okanagan Valley Gleaners Society. This will entail quite a lot of work. We have, at this point, talked to the Regional District and they have said to go ahead and submit an application to the Agricultural Land Commission to use the property for non-farm use. If this is approved, then an application to the Ministry of

Transport for subdivision approval and then an application to NORD for a temporary industrial use to permit the processing of farm products.

In the last couple of months, the North Okanagan Valley Gleaners Society has generously been given donations and pledges that total around \$30,000. We are thankful to those who have given and support this project. We have a long way to go, but we are trusting in God to bring this to pass.

Many of you have asked "How can we help". So we ask that you spread the word. Any of us on the Board of Directors would welcome the opportunity to speak at your Church or organization. If you are not a member, we encourage you to become a member - a lifetime membership is \$10.00. Our website has membership forms you can print off. And if God has put on your heart to give financially, we can offer a charitable tax receipt.



Thank you to so many of you who continue to support us with words of encouragement - it is much appreciated.

God Bless.

Eileen Nogue, on behalf of the North Okanagan Valley Gleaners Society.

We would ask for your prayers as well.