



NIAGARA CHRISTIAN GLEANERS

Hello NCG Volunteers,

Following a short break it sure feels good to be back into production once again. Our amazing grower partners helped us reload our coolers with beautiful, fresh produce. More than 120,000 lbs of food has arrived over the last week. This included over 25,000 lbs of local fruit.

Our volunteers are great. One day this week we had over 100 volunteers! Likely a single day record. The other 3 days were also strong, with nearly 350 people lending a hand during this shortened production week. Thank-you once again. We couldn't do this work without you.

Our construction work has also resumed and columns for the 2nd floor mezzanine will be installed soon. The heat recovery unit on Dryer #2 was also finished off and we are now able to monitor the improvements that this will make on our energy consumption and dryer performance. Thankfully we have 2 identical dryer units, which makes for real-time comparisons possible. Once we have gathered all of our data from the comparison trial we will proceed with installation of the other recovery unit on Dryer #1.

We loaded our first aid shipment for the year this week as well. This was a blended aid container with 2/3 dehydrated food aid from NCG and the rest was a mix of construction equipment and supplies, school supplies and other miscellaneous aid items. It's now on the seas to Guatemala and our trusted partners from Wells of Hope (<https://www.wellofhope.com/>) will distribute the aid. They work primarily in the hard-pressed, remote areas of Guatemala, providing much needed food and water.

Blessings to all of you as we embark on this New Year. We can only imagine what the Lord has in store for Niagara Christian Gleaners this year. We will open handedly follow His leading as NCG seeks to act mercifully in a hurting, hungry world.

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- Our volunteers work up quite an appetite by coffee time. The home baking is a true blessing to our volunteers and so if you are able to help us out in this way, we'd sure appreciate it. The goodies can be dropped off at our kitchen any weekday morning. Thank-you.