



NIAGARA CHRISTIAN GLEANERS

Fall 2022

To Niagara Christian Gleaners' valued supporters;

With sincere humbleness Niagara Christian Gleaners (NCG) finds itself once again making plans for another significant milestone project. As we share our vision and an invitation for you to come alongside us, it's fitting to share some context to the mission of NCG and what has been accomplished in our brief history.

We have been blessed beyond words and the Lord has seen fit to shine His face on the work and efforts of Niagara Christian Gleaners. The mission of NCG was born out of a desire to share our abundance of food with those less fortunate and to do this in Christ's name as a witness to the gospel in a hungry, hurting world. God's call to establish a Gleaner operation in Niagara was placed on the hearts of a few visionaries back in 2015. In 2018 we were blessed to be able to build a brand new food plant and by December 2018 we had begun production. In short order we were running our single commercial food dehydrator at capacity. With encouragement and support from those who understood what we are all about, a 2nd dehydrator was purchased in 2021. This significant upgrade was just another way of NCG taking steps to meet a growing demand for global food aid as the reality of food insecurity heightens for many. In 2019 we intercepted 1.5 million lbs of fresh produce. Comparably, in 2022, we will likely exceed 3.5 million lbs of incoming produce. By the end of 2022 we will have shared nearly 30 million servings of food aid with hungry people all across the globe. As we adapted to the increased drying capacity we quickly realized that we were being faced with many related new challenges. These challenges included the need to provide a safe work environment for our volunteers who are often working in overcrowded situations. A growing need for increased cooler capacity to hold the extra fresh produce that our produce partners are sending to us. A larger holding room is also a requirement as we match the additional dryer's output levels. Coinciding with all of this is the need for additional storage for our finished goods as they await transport. All of these current realities point to the fact that NCG is outgrowing our current facilities and that a long term solution needs to be found.

Our Board of Directors and Management, with input from our ad-hoc Long Term Planning Team, prayerfully considered the Lord's direction for the mission of NCG and in particular this next milestone step of faith. It is with sincere humbleness that we share with you our

plan to expand our facilities with a 5,000 square foot building addition. It is our hope that construction will begin in the spring/summer of 2023. We expect the cost for this project to be approximately \$1.3 million dollars.

We have been blessed by supporters, like yourselves, who love this cause and have already come alongside us in so many ways. In fact our two most recent capital projects could not have been accomplished without the help of our generous supporters. In 2021 our 2nd commercial dehydrator was purchased at a cost of \$300,000.00 and recently we acquired our own 53" Refrigerated Trailer. By way of this letter we are inviting you to personally get involved with this latest exciting NCG project. We receive no government funding and we provide the dried food aid at no charge to our distribution partners. We remain entirely reliant on those who align with our goals and feel called to partner with us financially. Please consider this a letter of invitation to be a part of something quite special at NCG. If you are able to help us out with this rather large undertaking, we promise to be wise stewards of whatever you entrust to us. There are a few ways that we can facilitate your gift for this important project. We still appreciate the traditional way of mailing a cheque. (6251 Spring Creek Road, PO Box 361 Smithville, Ontario L0R 2A0.) Alternatively, there are convenient online giving tools at www.niagaragleaners.org. As a charity we will provide tax receipts accordingly and we can accommodate your 2022 and/or your 2023 receipt requirements. With the Lord's blessing we hope to raise all the necessary funds prior to the start of construction. Thanks for considering this sincere request as we partner together to share with those in need. If you have any questions feel free to connect with any one of our Fundraising Team Members listed below.

Without question God is ordaining the work of mercy at NCG and His grace has been shown in the providential love and care that He continues to bless us with. This next important step in faith for the Gleaners is taken as an act of obedience in loving our neighbour. We know that many of you share these sentiments and we couldn't be more thankful for your continued love and support.

In His service,

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