



**GLEANINGS  
FOR THE HUNGRY**

# **SUMMER PEACH SEASON**

## **HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP | JUNE 8-13, 2025**

### **INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**Cost: \$250**

**Location:** Gleanings for the Hungry  
43029 Rd 104, Dinuba, CA 93618

**What will we be doing?:** Every summer, packers from the Central Valley donate their cull peaches and nectarines. From June through the end of August, over 1,200 youth from all over California, other states, and Canada, come to process the fruit. It takes approximately 80 people to run the fruit line efficiently. Fruit must also be picked up from the field after being dried. Working in the California heat is a character building experience for most teams that come to serve.

**Emergency Number:** Preston Henry (209) 233-1640

#### **Dress Code:**

Here at Gleanings, we are committed to honoring God and each other in every area of our lives. There are many people who come to serve at Gleanings with various backgrounds and degrees of modesty. We ask that you help us in respecting each other as we work to serve the Lord in community.

### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Mandatory Team Meeting:** Sunday, April 6, 12-12:30pm in the High School Room

- Parents & Students
- **Bring your permission slips.**

**Final Payment Due:** Sunday, June 1

**Commissioning:** Sunday, June 8 during the combined service

**Departure:** Sunday, June 8 @ 2pm from First Pres. Please arrive by 1:30pm.

**Return:** Friday, June 13 @ approx. 2pm

## **What To Bring:**

- Bible, paper, & pen
- Water bottle
- Hat/Baseball cap
- Sunscreen
- Sleeping bag or sheets
- Pillow
- Work clothes (Don't bring new clothes. We'll be working and likely getting dirty most of the day.)
- Closed-toe shoes are required (Don't wear new shoes you don't want to get messed up)
- Flipflops or sandals (for shower or chill time)
- Casual clothes and shoes for after work
- A dressy outfit for love feast
- Work gloves
- Bath towel
- Pool towel
- Bathing suit or swim trunks (Suits should cover cleavage, mid-section, and buttocks.)
- \$\$\$ for T-Shirt/Book
- Laundry bag to put your peachy clothes in
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, etc.)
- Snacks for the van ride and free time (optional)
- Flashlight
- Camera
- Games to play during free time.

\*\* Cell phones will be permitted for limited use. Preston reserves the right to take phones that are being used too much and becoming a distraction.

## **What Not to Bring:**

- iPods/iPads/Tablets/Kindles, etc.
- Computers, Video games
- Drugs, Alcohol, Fireworks
- Knives, guns, nuclear bombs, missiles, anything that would be considered a weapon.

**Sulfur Alert:** There is a light dusting of sulfur is placed on the peaches before they go into the field to dry. If anyone has allergies to sulfur, we ask that they use caution if they plan on participating in our ministry.

# **SUPPORT LETTERS**

## **Why should I write a support letter?**

- To raise financial support.
- To raise prayer support and awareness.
- To provide others the opportunity to be a part of the trip we are going on.

## **What should I include in the letter?**

- What you've been up to. (Some of the recipients may not have seen you in a while.)
- Talk about the trip. (What are you going to be doing, why are you going to do it?)
- State the need for support. (Talk about the cost of the trip and the prayer needed)
- Ask for them to partner with you and support you. (Both prayer and financial)
- **Include this paragraph:**
  - If I raise more than my portion of the trip, the excess will be applied to the High School Missions Fund here at First Presbyterian Church. If you would like to partner in either or both of these areas, please fill out the slip below and mail it in the enclosed envelope. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church.
- Mention any prayer requests you have regarding the trip.
- Thank them for their support.
- Include a picture.

## **What goes in the envelope?**

- Your support letter
- **Stamped** return envelope (6 3/4" envelope) addressed to

First Presbyterian Church  
Attn: Aileen Miller, Admin. Asst.  
1705 17th St.  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**When should I send them out?** You should send out a support letter as soon as possible. Having funds come in takes time, so make sure you give supporters time to respond.

# Sample Support Letter



*Date*

*Dear*

God has opened the doors for my church youth group to do a short-term mission from June 8-13, 2025 at Gleanings for the Hungry in Dinuba, CA. We will be part of a team who will be supporting the ministry of Gleanings by participating in their dried fruit processing and helping with maintenance tasks around the facility.

I would like to ask you to partner with us in this work. First, would you commit to pray with us and for us, that God would be glorified in everything we do and *(add your own prayer requests here)*. Would you also consider a financial gift to support our trip? My responsibility for the trip is \$250. All contributions are tax-deductible. If I raise more than my portion of the trip, the excess will be applied to the High School Missions Fund here at First Presbyterian Church.

If you would like to partner in either or both of these areas, please fill out the slip below and mail it in the enclosed envelope. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church.

We are very excited to step out with God. We are thankful for your prayer support and partnership in this ministry and for your friendship.

Joyfully,

*Name*

----- detach and place in your return envelope -----

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supporter's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Mailing Address):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:**

- I commit to be a prayer partner.
- I commit to support you financially, in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church.)*

**Please return letters and financial support to:** First Presbyterian Church  
Attn: Aileen Miller, Admin Asst  
1705 17<sup>th</sup> St.  
Bakersfield, CA 93301





# Gleanings for the Hungry High School Mission Trip

## First Presbyterian Church Permission Slip

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions/Allergies/Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE:**

As the parent or legal guardian of the above referenced student, I hereby give consent for him/her to participate in activities of the First Presbyterian Church of Bakersfield at Gleanings for the Hungry in Dinuba, CA. I further consent for any licensed driver to transport him/her to and from such activities. I hereby release the First Presbyterian Church of Bakersfield, their staff and workers, from any legal liability for any injuries to him/her or damage to his/her property which may arise during or from such activities or transportation. I also release from liability any person or persons who offer emergency first-aid treatment to above minor.

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize a First Presbyterian Church staff member or worker to consent to medical and hospital care to be rendered to said minor upon the advice of a licensed physician. This authorization is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 25.8 of the Civil Code of California. It is understood that if time and circumstances reasonably permit, the staff member or worker will endeavor, but is not required, to communicate with me prior to such treatment. The undersigned further agrees that the First Presbyterian Church, their staff, and workers, are not legally or financially liable for any claim arising from any consent given in good faith in connection with such diagnosis or advised treatment.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
*(Parent or guardian)* Month Day Year



# Mandatory Release and Waiver of Liability



I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, (the adult participant(s) or legal parent/guardian of the minor participant) do hereby release Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Gleanings For The Hungry, Inc., any of its staff, volunteers, or representatives, from any liability whatsoever arising out of any injury, damage or loss which may be sustained by the participant during the course of involvement with YWAM Gleanings For The Hungry, Inc.

I/We understand and accept all liabilities knowing that the participant will be exposed to risks associated with a rural agricultural setting and with activities involved with a food production facility. These risks include, but are not limited to the following common activities:

- Being in close proximity to and operating large machinery with moving parts, including food processing machinery, power tools, and landscaping equipment
- Working in the vicinity of forklifts and semi-trucks
- Exposure to chemicals used for food preservation (sulfur dioxide), pool maintenance (chlorine), and general cleaning
- Working outdoors in extreme heat
- Helping in a commercial kitchen
- Being near or in a pool that does not have a lifeguard present

## Medical Release

In case of emergency, I/we (as the adult participant or legal parent/guardian of the minor participant), hereby agree to allow the performance of such treatment, including anesthesia and surgery, as the attending doctor or physician may deem necessary. If the participant needs medical treatment as a result of his or her participation with YWAM Gleanings For The Hungry, Inc., I/We also accept full responsibility for any costs incurred as a result of such medical treatment.

## Photographic Release

I/We (as the adult participant or legal parent/guardian of the minor participant) grant and convey to YWAM Gleanings For The Hungry, Inc. all rights, title, and interest in any and all photographs, images, video, and audio in connection with volunteer services by the participant at YWAM Gleanings For The Hungry, Inc. This agreement includes photos taken both on and off campus or any outreach location. I/ We agree and will allow YWAM Gleanings For The Hungry, Inc and any staff or representatives to use any photographs, video or audio of the participant for any printed material, videos or any website. By signing in the designated box below, I/we express my/our understanding and intent to enter into this Release and Waiver of Liability, Medical Release, and Photographic Release willingly and voluntarily. (If you are signing this for your entire family and your spouse will be attending as well, both adults must agree and sign below.)

**Signatures:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Participant/Legal Parent/Guardian

Dates of Volunteer Participation

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name & Age of Minor Children Included in the Liability Waiver:**

## Emergency Contact

If a minor child is being registered with this form by an adult that is NOT attending, please enter an emergency contact name and phone number. (Adults may enter a contact, if they desire.)

Emergency Contact Name Emergency Contact Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

