



# Fraser Valley Gleaners NEWSLETTER

February 2022

## General Manager and family!

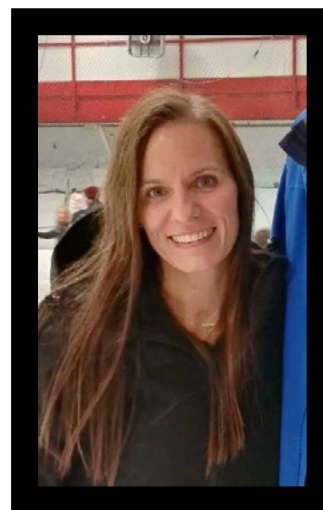
Joel Pasma has recently taken on the position of General Manager at Fraser Valley Gleaners. Joel with wife Cait, have been part of this ministry for the past 3 years as Assistant to the Manager and Caretakers of FVG. You will often see Cait and their 11 month old daughter Theresa, visiting our volunteers during coffee break.

Joel and family attend Living Hope Church in Abbotsford where they are actively involved. When Joel has some free time he likes hiking and enjoying the many trails in the area. We wish him and his family all the best in his new leadership role.



## New Office Administrator!

Meet Malinda Rogusky who recently started as our Office Administrator at the Gleaners. You might recognize her from past years of volunteering at the plant with her younger children. Malinda and her husband Derek, attend Northview Church in Abbotsford. Together they have six adult children. Malinda enjoys hiking and kayaking and is active in women's ministry at church. We look forward to getting to know you as you join the Gleaner team!



## Positions Available:

### Ministry Opportunity: Floor Supervisor

Location: Fraser Valley Gleaners, Abbotsford

Fraser Valley Gleaners is actively recruiting a Floor Supervisor – assistant to the Manager. This is a paid position involving approximately 30-35 hours per week. This person will be directly involved with the daily operations and volunteer coordination. The right candidate will be expected to agree with and support the Mission Statement of Fraser Valley Gleaners, including the statement of faith. If you are interested, please call the plant at 604-870-9272, or email at [info@fvgleaners.org](mailto:info@fvgleaners.org) for a more detailed description of the job opportunity.

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Plant Manager - Joel Pasma

## NEWS:

- ◆ We are currently open Monday to Friday – 8:30 am to noon. Working on onions and putting soup mix together for export in next couple of months
- ◆ Volunteer Appreciation Week cancelled.
- ◆ Plant closed Family Day, February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ◆ Plant closed Easter weekend April 15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Current Fundraising Projects: Purchase of truckload of dried protein – 42 tonnes at \$1000/tonne.
- ◆ AGM is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 10:30 am

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ◆ Pray for God to give direction for the 2022 Year at Fraser Valley Gleaners.
- ◆ Pray for transition of staff. Joel, Malinda and Eric.
- ◆ Pray for donations of beans, lentils and peas (already dried) to add protein to the soup mix. For our Saskatchewan Rep contact Mike Wonnick at #306-251-1588 for more info. For BC & Alberta contact Joel at 1-866-772-7070.

**Coffee Breaks** are a highlight for our volunteers each day. There is a lot of fellowship and laughter to be heard. Thank you to the many people who bring baking for this time of refreshment. We often have guests and representatives from organizations who give us a report of how the Gleaners Soup Mix is being received in their country. It gives us a boost of energy to continue cutting up vegetables and packaging soup mix for this amazing project of feeding people around the world. We would like to thank the team of dedicated ladies that put on a great coffee break for us every day. Ann VanderMeulen, Carol Reichert and Verna May. We could use more help in this area of ministry in the kitchen for one day a week – if you have a love for people and enjoy serving in this way – contact Ann VanderMeulen at 604-870-9272.



## Annual General Meeting Saturday, April 30, 2022

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. Meeting will be held at the plant, located at 85 Winson Road, Abbotsford. Refreshments will be served. Sign up only – limit to 50 members and masks are mandatory.

Nominations: The FVG Constitution states that **“Nominations for directors must be submitted to the Board of Directors, in writing, at least 24 hours before an annual meeting, in such a form as is published from time to time by the society.”**

"The nominations committee is beginning to look for people who would be willing to serve on the board of directors for 2022. We would be looking for persons who are committed Christians and are committed to the work and vision of Gleaners, and are members of FVG society, and willing to contribute to the decision-making process of the board. If you are interested or know of someone who would be a good candidate, please contact the nominations committee chair, Ann VanderMeulen, or Ed Klassen, president."



**Countries Receiving Gleaner Soup Mix in 2021:** Burundi, Colombia, Cuba, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Liberia, Paraguay, Philippines, Romania, Tajikistan and Venezuela.

### Partnering Organizations in 2021:

Agape Ministries, Compassionate Resource Warehouse, Fellowship International, Food for the Hungry Canada, Global Aid Network, Hungry for Life, International Messengers and World Serve Ministries.

**Total Volunteer Hours for 2021 – 30,251 hours.**

**Fraser Valley Gleaners partnered with 9 organizations and food was distributed in 12 countries this past year.**

## Fraser Valley Gleaners Directors

Trevor Fowler, Ed Klassen, Bob Neufeld, Don Sears, Bill Spysksma,  
Ann VanderMeulen, Case VanMuyen and Jim Vriend.

The Bible says: *“If you serve, you should do so with the strength that God provides so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 4:11*

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