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# GLEANINGS FOR THE HUNGRY

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*Happy Independence Day!*



## MEET THE 2025 SUMMER STAFF LEADERS

**THE TEAM:** Introducing our Summer Staff team in alphabetical order: Grace Barnhart, Justice Carkner, Evangeline Flores, Anabelle Gomez, Andrew Hohberg, Andrew Krahn, Grace Nemec, Miranda Ochoa, Caitlin Ormonde, Benjamin Paulin, Alek Polischuk, Fanilo Rakotomalala, Wadell (Dee) Simon, and Nina Timonina. "We have a very dedicated and focused team who are here to serve the Lord," Andy, the Summer Staff director, said. "They work diligently and support each other."

**LAUNCH WEEK:** Their first week, called Launch Week, included peach plant training, forklift training, team building, leadership seminars, and a Hume Lake ropes course. Production managers Jesse and Bryn did an excellent job with training, as well as Empowerment Team Leader Andrew Hohberg.

**EMPOWERMENT LEADER:** Summer 2025 is Andrew Hohberg's third year serving in the Summer Staff program. He has always been a leader, and this year he's taken on the position of empowerment. "Even in the first few weeks he has shown his skills in being detail oriented, efficient, and production-minded," Andy said. "Andrew is passionate about seeing people grow and succeed."

**FIRST EVER SUMMER STAFF PREVIEW TEAM:** Nathan Krahn, Lark Miller, and Thomas Prince are Summer Staff previewers who are younger than 18 years old yet committed to work as volunteers in the program and serve as Summer Staff for two to three weeks. We are looking forward to this great team, and a great summer together. May God's goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life.

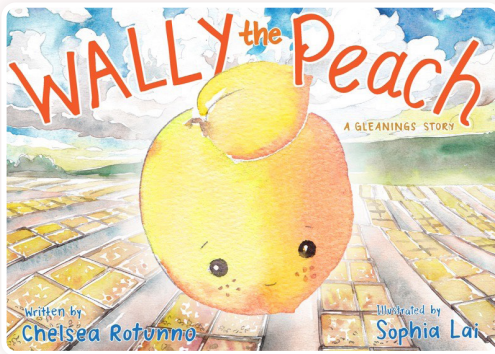
## CONGRATULATIONS, SARA & AZARIAH!

**Sara Pekary** (Bartel) completed three years serving on **Gleanings** staff in March 2025. She and Azariah Pekary were married on May 10, 2025. The beautiful celebration took place in the **Gleanings** courtyard. During Sara's time on staff at **Gleanings**, she contributed gifts to the community of a servant's heart, strong work ethic, and genuine love for people. Sara faithfully served in the areas of housekeeping, backpacker ministry, and maintaining the **Gleanings** swimming pool. On any given day, Sara could be found shopping for supplies, folding laundry, driving back and forth to the airport and bus stations to pick up backpackers, and sitting with people during meals. She frequently hosted dinners, gatherings, and book clubs, especially with backpackers. We are grateful for Sara's obedience as she stepped out in different areas of ministry. We will miss seeing Sara and Azariah's smiles every day, as well as their helpful presence, but we trust that God has good things in store for their next chapter of life. We love you both!





## ILLUSTRATED BOOK FOR ALL AGES - *Wally the Peach: A Gleanings Story*



*Wally the Peach: A Gleanings Story* is about the peace that comes from the comforting voice of the Lord Jesus, even during the most challenging seasons of our lives — as told from the perspective of an unmarketable peach named Wally.

"This inspiring story perfectly communicates the heart of *Gleanings for the Hungry* that aligns with God's heart to care for the poor," Cindy Meier said. "You will find yourself immersed in the miracle of *Gleanings* as you read this book. Everyone young and old will enjoy the touching message and beautiful illustrations found in *Wally the Peach*."

Share this story with your kids, grandkids, church library, Christian private school, homeschool group, and local hospital to share the gospel, encourage readers, and inspire hope and faith. All proceeds support *Gleanings for the Hungry*, support-raising missionaries, and food ministry partners.

*Wally the Peach: A Gleanings Story* was written by *Gleanings* staff member Chelsea Rotunno and illustrated by professional watercolor artist Sophia Lai. The book is hardcover, 11 x 8.5 inches. You can order online at [chelsearotunno.com/peachbook](http://chelsearotunno.com/peachbook) or pick up a copy from the *Gleanings* bookstore during your next visit.

## COUNTRY REPORT

*Radville, Saskatchewan*

Jesse Correll recently had the special opportunity to help with seeding at *The Pierce* family farm in Radville, Saskatchewan. Jesse flew to Canada on Easter Sunday this past April. He spent two weeks helping seed a portion of *The Pierce's* 3,700 acres, also known as *Riverview Farm*.

### Intentional Service

"After working with soup-mix on a daily basis, I wanted to be able to see how the peas and lentils got their start," Jesse said. "On behalf of *Gleanings*, I also wanted to give back to the Pierces who are amazing to come and serve with us and donate some of their crop." *The Pierce* family generously donates a portion of their yearly pulse harvest to the ministry of *Gleanings for the Hungry*.

### Planting Seeds

The April weather was brisk and snowy, but Jesse was able to join in with the seeding of canola and durum. This looked like Kent driving the tractor, with a drill attached to

plant seeds, and Jesse driving a grain cart to refill the seed and fertilizer, while another family member was spraying the fields. Jesse really enjoyed this work!

### Other Farming Tasks

In addition to planting, he was able to help roll alfalfa, assist with equipment maintenance, change the oil in tractors and trucks, help bring finished canola seed to grain elevators, and perform everyday farming chores.

### Deeper Connection

The best part of the experience was being able to get to know the farming community of Radville, Saskatchewan. *The Gleanings* connection with this community continues to deepen. Jesse was able to speak at the nearby Beaubier Pentacostal Church while he was visiting. He thanked the congregation for their participation in the mission of *Gleanings* and encouraged them to come visit.



Jesse's eyes were opened to the experience of the life of a farmer. "It's not easy to be dependent on God's provision for rain and sun. It's a radical way to live," Jesse noted. This is true for our stone fruit farming neighbors in the Central Valley, too. "I now know what it takes for a bag of lentils to be added to the mix at *Gleanings*." Our prayer is that as more soup-mix is made from God's soil, hungry stomachs would be filled, and broken hearts would be healed. We marvel at God's supply chain and continued provision. Thank you for the wonderful experience, *Pierce family* and *Riverview Farm*!

“But I will bless the person who puts his trust in me. He is like a tree growing near a stream and sending out roots to the water. It is not afraid when hot weather comes, because its leaves stay green; it has no worries when there is no rain; it keeps on bearing fruit.

— Jeremiah 17:7-8