



Niagara Christian Gleaners

Board Update:

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Pete Wierenga as General Manager. By way of an introduction, Pete was asked a few questions by Arthur Struyk, our current Board Chair, for this newsletter:



Arthur: What attracted you to the Niagara Christian Gleaners?

Pete: The concept of a Gleaners organization was something that my wife Lorraine and I have been interested in for a while. We had dreamed of a day when our current commitments would lighten and allow us to be involved with the Gleaner operation in Cambridge, Ontario. That has now happened, and I am honoured to be called to this mission as we build a new facility in Smithville.

Arthur: What past experiences have prepared you for the task of General Manager?

Pete: I feel that God has been preparing me in many ways to serve as General Manager for NCG. My past experience with our family business provided me with solid skills and insights in the running of a successful small business. Also, my church and community involvement over the years has taught me to value the amazing contributions made by dedicated volunteers.

Arthur: What will your duties be immediately, and in daily operations?

Pete: This summer my first task will be to visit existing Canadian Gleaner Operations, learn from their experiences, and develop solid relationships. It will also be an exciting time of construction and equipment acquisition. Later, my duties will involve the oversight of day-to-day operations. I will be taking a lead in fostering a God-honouring atmosphere where volunteers feel valued. I will also work as a critical link between our food donors, supporters, and partners. I will also be working directly with the NGC Board of Directors, and be involved as needed in our current committees.

The NGC Board also welcomes Arthur Struyk as new NGC Board Chair. Arthur has worked for 35 years in agriculture in the Niagara area and is very familiar with the food supply chain. He also comes from a long line of ancestors who tilled the soil for their daily sustenance, which was one of the many things that attracted him to being involved in the gleaning of food in our area.

Arthur is very excited to serve, and looks forward to lending a hand as NGC Board Chair.

Fundraising / Building Update:

The Fundraising Committee continues to push towards the goal of having all funds raised by completion of the building in late summer.



Donations continue to come in, with over half of the 2.2 million dollar goal raised to date. We thank everyone for their generosity and above all we praise God as we continue His work.

We have more than 30 church representatives who do incredible work for us! If your church does not have a representative please consider volunteering! Proverbs 3:28 speaks to us with these words, "Do not say to your neighbor "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it," when you have it with you." -ESV



The storm drains have arrived, the building permit obtained, and the footings will be poured shortly!