

## General Manager's Report



Pete Wierenga

**Our first ever** large food aid shipment left for Haiti on May 27th! This is something to celebrate as it feels like the final piece of our mission's puzzle. Everything from dreaming the concept of Niagara Christian Gleaners (NCG), raising the funds, building and equipping a brand new food plant, processing more than 500,000 lbs of donated produce is culminating in this first food aid shipment. Eight pallets of more than 30,000 servings each were included on a container headed for Haiti. We're working with a Christian organization called Speroway ([speroway.com](http://speroway.com)) who have been doing long standing relief work in many countries including Haiti. We began conversation with this organization more than 8 months ago and it's a joy to partner with them on



this initial, significant, milestone shipment. Much of this food aid will support school nutrition programs that they are a part

of in and around the city of Pignon, Haiti. Praise God for amazing progress at NCG!

Our ability to respond and actually meet this need in short order (*formal request came just 2 weeks before*) has much to do with our packaging line. Every day we package the previous days' dryer load(s) and then work through our barreled inventory. Eventually all of our dried produce will be packaged almost immediately and be available to meet requests as they come to us. This is particularly helpful when we may get urgent requests to meet crisis need. Our goal is to inventory minimally and ship the prepared food out more readily.



We've been equally blessed by a committed community of volunteers who come out every day to lend a hand. Many have added NCG into their weekly routine and I often find volunteers who have pegged their preferred part in this amazing mission. It could be a regular day (*or days*) they come or a task that they particularly enjoy doing. I'm also not surprised by the very DNA of our volunteers. They are a giving bunch who know the joy in serving. Often if I miss them it's because of their involvement in another worthy mission which clearly displays the hearts of service in the volunteers we are attracting. We desire this volunteer pool to grow and include as many as possible so that the saying in our warehouse is expanded: "You will be blessed when you come in

and blessed when you go out." Deuteronomy 28:6. If you are one of those individuals who have been wondering about getting involved with NCG - please come and spend some time with us. We love meeting new people and sharing our passion of righting a wrong in the area of food waste, building an amazing community of volunteers and meeting need in a hungry, hurting world. All for the glory of God!



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FREE FAMILY FUN

## Strawberry SOCIAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

THE OVERBEEKE FARM / 2-5PM  
1353 Balfour Street, Fenwick, ON

Strawberry Shortcake & Ice Cream • Touch-A-Truck • Face Painting  
Balloon Characters • Bouncy Castle • Wagon Rides • Horse Rides • Classic Cars

\*FEATURING A ZOONIVERSITY SHOW BY SAFARI NIAGARA!

Donations go towards NCG's budget





## Fundraising Report

With much thankfulness, we can report that the net proceeds of our Gratitude dinners was **\$97,000!** We were so blessed with the overwhelming response to these two dinners and all of the help that we received to make the evenings a success. Stay tuned to see what our plans are for next year's dinners!

Our next event is the **Strawberry Social** which is scheduled for June 22, 2019. This event is a great afternoon for young and old alike. Hope to see you there!

We are still in need of Funds to keep Niagara Christian Gleaners running without financial concerns. We have some exciting "new to us" ways of giving that we hope will make things convenient for you and help to keep cash flow healthy.

**SUPPORT US!**

- 1. E-transfer:** New email for this is [givingncg@gmail.com](mailto:givingncg@gmail.com)
- 2. Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD):** Support us monthly! Fill out the form below to help us with our monthly costs.
- 3. Cash/Cheque:** Donate by any amount, we appreciate it!
- 4. Square:** Plan to implement soon for accepting credit card donations at fundraising events & NCG Headquarters.

We continue to covet your prayers, your willingness to work at the plant, and are so grateful for the overwhelming support we receive to keep this ministry viable!

*Pre-Authorized Debit Form for*  
**NIAGARA CHRISTIAN GLEANERS**

**Contact Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation Information**

Monthly Donation Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation taken each 15th day starting \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month

**Authorization**

*I/we hereby authorize you to debit my/our account each month in the amount shown above and for such amount to be payable to Niagara Christian Gleaners. Your treatment of each payment shall be the same as if I/we had personally issued a cheque authorizing you to pay as indicated and to debit my/our account accordingly. This authorization may be cancelled at any time upon written notice by me/us.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Authorized Signatory \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*Please include a void cheque along with your form.*

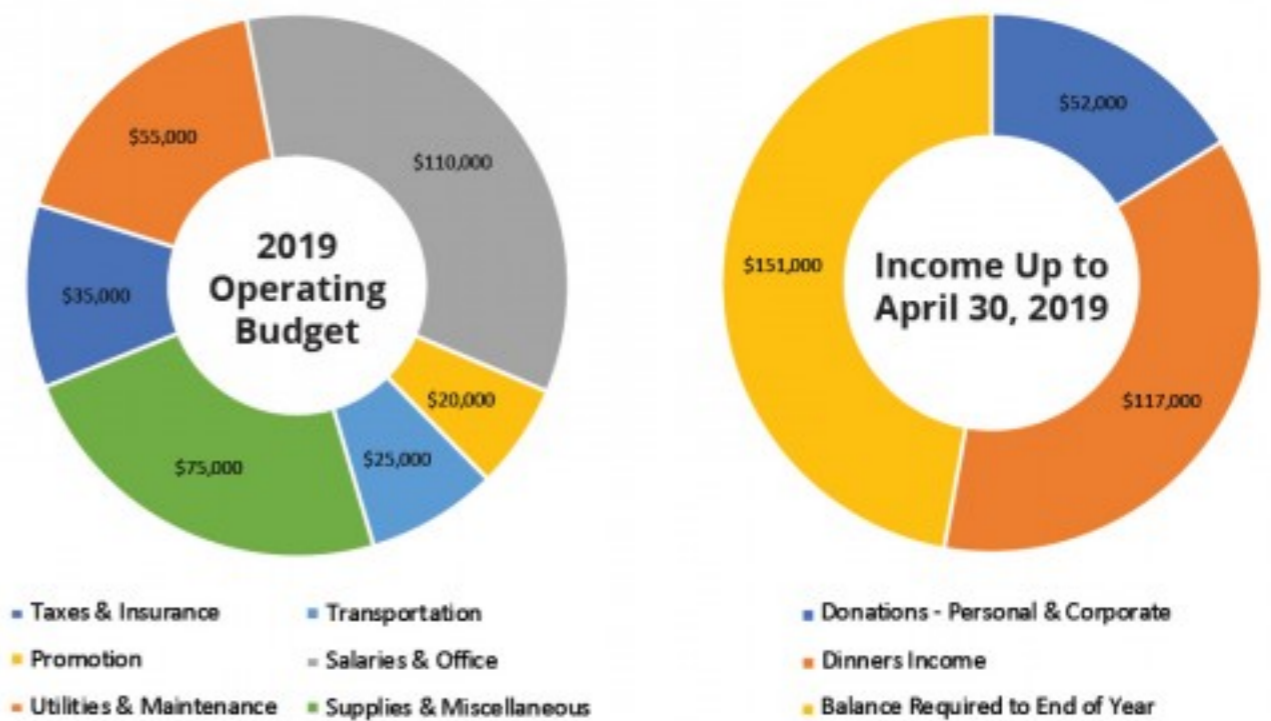
## Board Report

**May 27 marked the day** that our first major food shipment left our doors bound for Haiti (*see GM report*). We thank God for this opportunity to provide. We are also thankful for the support shown for this ministry at our Gratitude dinners. It was a joy, as board members, to meet many of you at this celebration of the Lord's goodness and provision. The support shown by our volunteers and the gifts received from our donors provide the means to fulfill our mission of providing food to those in need. Please continue to support us in reaching our budgetary needs for this year.

The board has approved the purchase of a spare dicer as a backup to ensure that our food production continues every day. Plans are also in place to expand the parking lot, so don't let finding a parking spot keep you from volunteering! Our third need, brought up at our dinners, was for another produce cooler. This has been met with a 53 foot long reefer trailer that has been provided for our use.

Continue to also pray not only for our task here in Smithville, but also now for the ministries that distribute the food and the people who will benefit from this nutrition. May it be part of our prayer when we pray, *"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done..."*.

## 2019 Budget & Income Report



## VOLUNTEERING

We have many areas where more help is needed and every hour of donated time is appreciated. We are approaching the time where we can work with fresh produce from a new growing season. There are several ways that you can become a volunteer at NCG:

- 1. Sign Up Online:** [niagaragleaners.org/volunteer](http://niagaragleaners.org/volunteer)  
You will receive a weekly email with the needs of that week, from which you can designate what morning you would like to volunteer. This will also give you updated pictures and highlights of the previous week.
- 2. Call Pete Wierenga (our GM):** 905-359-5028  
He will be able to give you more information!
- 3. Just show up on any weekday morning!**  
Your help will always be appreciated as we work and provide from our abundance for use by others.
- 4. Ask your neighbour who is already volunteering to take you along with them!**