

## NOVEMBER 2010

### Harvest Banquet Report

We had a great turnout and another wonderful meal at our third annual Harvest Banquet. We were especially glad to have our friends from the Red Hat Co-op and Eldorado Farms attend. The Red Hat Co-op packages and markets tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers all across western Canada. Eldorado Farms is one of the largest vegetable producers on the Prairies. Both have contributed to our vegetable supply in significant ways.

It was great to see so many new people at our Banquet this year.

### Visitors from the Okanagan

We had the pleasant surprise of having a visit from John and Susanna Martens from the Okanagan Gleaners recently.

John's advice and encouragement at our initial stages of starting the Prairie Gleaners was greatly appreciated. John was one of the founders of the Okanagan Gleaners and probably has the most experience and knowledge of this manner of food aid in Canada.



### Prairie Gleaners is airborne

This past week we were able to begin shipment of approximately 4 metric tons of the dried vegetable mix by air cargo to Pakistan. At the request of some members of the local Pakistan Canadian community arrangements were made to assist flood

victims in Pakistan. Air Canada generously agreed to transport 5 skids of our product from Calgary to Toronto Airport for no charge. From Toronto, Pakistan International Airlines will fly the product on to Pakistan, also at no charge. The food will be distributed by a Canadian based mission organization working in the western mountain region of Pakistan where there has been extensive flooding, causing much damage to buildings, roads and farm land. There are many refugees from Afghanistan in this area. There are many miles and transfers to get the food to its final destination in Pakistan.

### New Truck for the Gleaners

The Rotary clubs of Medicine Hat surprised us recently with the gift of a 3 ton cutaway truck which will be used for our ongoing vegetable pickups from local producers. Thank you to the Rotary clubs, for believing in us. May the truck be a blessing to many others.



The Prairie Gleaners accepts its mandate from **Isaiah 58:10** - *If you give food to the hungry and satisfy those who are in need, then the darkness around you will turn to the brightness of noon.*

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