

# Meier's Memoirs

"God allows us to be an answer to someone's prayer."

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## CINDY REFLECTS

*God's recent revelation to me is that I have been living in fear of returning to the dark place of burn-out I experienced three years ago. It was a terrible place; I lost my joy in ministry, didn't want to see people, answer any questions, be responsible for anything. God revealed this fear of burn-out and feeling of being incapable while Fritz was in Switzerland. My initial response, when asked to speak to our incoming summer staff, was anger at Fritz for not being here. My thoughts were, "This is his job, but he's gone!" Then I heard God, "You can do this." God's challenge was to lean on His strength, step out, and do it. Soon afterward I was scheduled for morning devotions; again my initial desire was to find someone to take my place. Again, God gently encouraged me, "You can do this." So I did, I took both of those challenges, I leaned into God's strength and He gave me the confidence and the words to speak. And, guess what, it gave me life both times! A joy to teach, which I've experienced before, rose up in me. I felt like I was in a sweet spot, doing something for which God has called me. Of course, I still need to listen to God and set healthy boundaries, care for my well-being, realize I am not Superwoman. But, I have chosen not to continue to live in a cloud of feeling insufficient and incapable. As DTS quickly approaches I'll again have opportunity to do some teaching. There's lots of prayer and preparation happening for DTS, together with Kathryn, my assistant director. (She is an answer to prayer.) Please join us in prayer for our teachers, students, staff, wise decisions directed by God, and...then... Let the life-changing, transforming DTS adventure to "Know God and Make Him Known" begin on Sept. 25.*

**HAITI in January** Every time we're in Haiti we see improvements; it's exciting. Noticeable progress: Mission of Grace has a team of staff, elderly home is complete (with the solar system Gleanings' team installed) and housing residents, village water systems improved, the church is growing, and children thriving. A special treat was time with Esther, now 7 years old (We cared for her as a baby, during DTS outreach) and Maurice Fritz (Fritz's namesake who was abandoned 3 years ago). Madame LaFleur is caring for 52 children and operating a school. Her kids entertained us with songs and dances; so precious. Countless evident needs still existed; funds to purchase school property was one. We're extremely grateful for a team member's generous donation; God's Plan Orphanage now owns the school property! Monthly funds are still sent to purchase food and supplies and pay workers. This money is not from Gleanings, but our personal support or designated funds. Would you like to help? Our last night Fritz still had food to give away; he went to visit his friend Juno, who had no food in the house. Juno's response, "I just told my family God would provide and now here you are Mr. Fritz." Our team was preaching, teaching, singing, evangelizing in the school and village, ministering to the children and elderly, building homes, and more. An annual Jan. outreach is on the agenda. Interested?

**WASHINGTON in April** What an amazing week! Our intent and need was resting and building relationships. We stayed with wonderful friends, Jim & Shauna, who live on Stretch Island in Puget Sound. Orca whales were swimming by, putting on a show for us nearly every day and we had beautiful weather. Cherise, our oldest daughter, and family live nearby. We enjoyed marvelous, fun Grandma Cindy & Grandpa Fritz times with Eli Sven and Dahli-Mae.

**Such confidence we have through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. II Cor. 3:4 & 5**

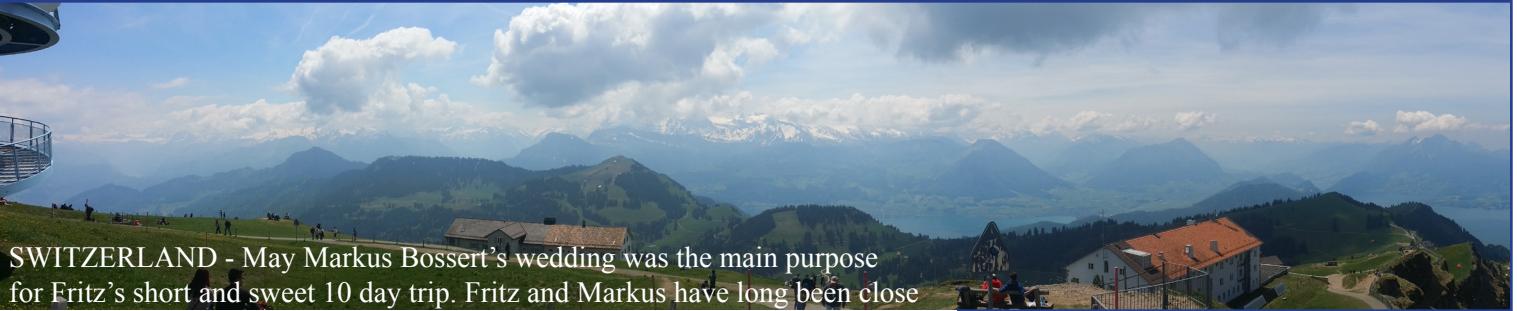


## TRAVELING WITH PURPOSE

When we met 24 years ago at DTS Fritz told me, "I decided my next trip would be for a purpose." After numerous, lengthy, sightseeing trips for pleasure (before marriage) he felt a need to change focus. Traveling with purpose became a reality during our DTS and continues...



**GUATEMALA in February** Malnourishment is extremely high for Guatemalan children. Eric & Lisa Rivera, former staff, have accomplished their vision to feed these children. A large portion of their food is provided by Gleanings; Fritz and Bruce (staff member) went to visit the Riveras to experience first-hand the impact being made as they feed 29,000 children a day. They drove long hours on dilapidated roads to distribute food. Of course, Fritz had a blast hanging out with the kids. It's painful, at times overwhelming, to see all the challenges in third world countries: unemployed people, parents struggling for daily food for their children, lack of medical care and education, so many needs, the greatest being to know God's love and salvation. But, as each of us do what God asks, our part, **together we make the world a better place.**



**SWITZERLAND** - May Markus Bossert's wedding was the main purpose for Fritz's short and sweet 10 day trip. Fritz and Markus have long been close friends; they attended youth group, travelled to New Zealand and Australia, and did DTS together. Edith, his mom, now 83, certainly appreciated having time with Fritz. Fritz also enjoyed time with his sister, Irene, and visited many friends. Of course, the 10 days passed quickly; he was unable to see everyone he would have liked. Ps. 89:8 "Your faithfulness surrounds you"



## WHAT'S UP WITH THE FAMILY?

**COLLEGE LIFE** - Tiffany successfully completed her first semester at Reedley College. She loved it! We had fun seeing her express creativity and talent crafting ceramics and three dementional design projects. She's working toward her goal of an AA in studio art, with intentions to transfer and complete a graphic design degree. Tiffany also participated in a newly formed art club on campus. This summer she is doing projects at home and taking a Sociology class.

**WORKING HARD** - Philip started working full time job in Lion Raisins' quality control dept. in January. He achieved his goal to save 80% of his wages for Discipleship Training School (DTS), tithe 10%, and spend 10%. How exciting when he was officially accepted to YWAM Yosemite DTS on his last day of work. Although he still needs funds for DTS, Philip has chosen to work at Gleanings this summer managing fruit plant operations with Bethany. It's a little surreal to see him doing what his dad once did, and as proud parents we have to say, he's doing a great job; he's attentive to the task and his team, leading effectively and with grace!

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