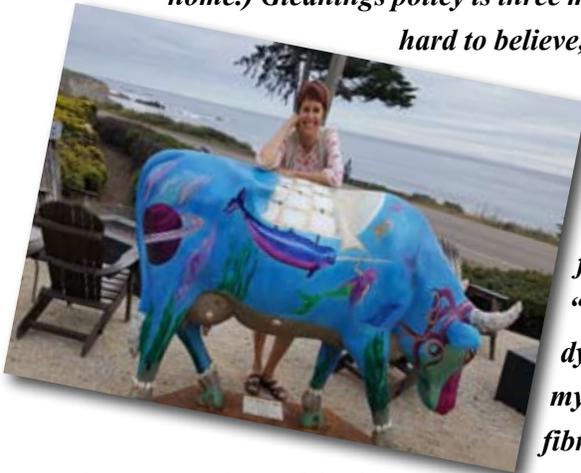


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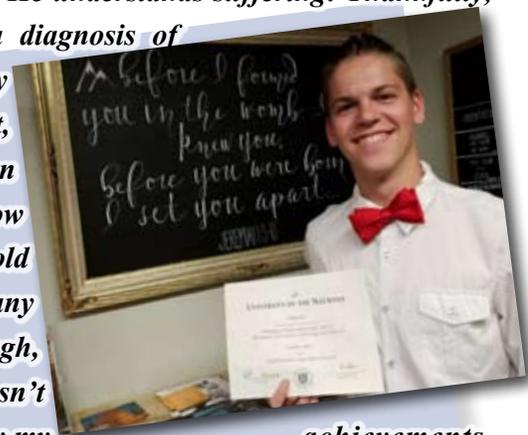


The first half of 2018 was full of blessings and challenges. Fritz enjoyed travelling to: Haiti, Mexico for YWAM Base Leader's Conference (directly followed by Gleanings' board meeting), and Canada, then he's off to Switzerland on July 4th for two weeks. Together, we took a relaxing, three-day trip to beautiful, seaside Cambria. It's vital for us to get away for respite. Actually, we are overdue for a sabbatical, which is planned for August-October. (Would you consider a special donation towards our sabbatical? Our expenses will be greater due to travelling and being away from home.) Gleanings policy is three months off after seven years of service. We're headed into our 16th year!!! Seems hard to believe, but looking back, so much has transpired and our children have become young adults.



Tough questions arise when we suffer. "Why doesn't God heal me?" "Does He not care or love me enough to heal me?" "Am I being punished?" I (Cindy) believe in divine healing, have experienced the miraculous, and been prayed for countless times. Yet, God hasn't chosen to remove my suffering, but told me, "We'll get through this together." Jesus suffered and paid the ultimate sacrifice, dying on a cross, having done no wrong. He understands suffering! Thankfully, my health is slowly improving. After a diagnosis of fibromyalgia, I did research and began my

regime. Rest, lots of it, less supplements, and a quest to learn my boundaries. Too much activity on a good day can cause great pain for a few days. Most recently, I'm studying an interesting book, *How to Unlearn Your Pain*. God continues to stretch my faith and teach me. I strive to hold on to His promises, His Word, over circumstances and feelings. Healing comes in many ways. I KNOW God loves me and is good, despite feelings of failure, not being enough, or my pain and struggles. A life-giving truth is sinking into my spirit - God doesn't love me for what I do, but for who I am, His beloved daughter! I am not defined by my



responsibility to reduce stress, a special diet, and my achievements.

Each of us is created in His image; He loves us with an everlasting, unconditional love before we even speak or take our first breath. Thank you for all your prayers and love. Please continue to pray for us, as all are affected when a family member has a chronic illness.

"THE LORD GOD IS IN YOUR MIDST-A WARRIOR BRINGING VICTORY. HE WILL CREATE CALM WITH HIS LOVE; HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH SINGING."

ZEPH. 3:17

NEPAL DTS OUTREACH by Philip



My 11-week outreach was an amazing adventure! I was blessed to experience a Nepali Christmas and enjoy the hospitality and love of the people. Our team went to four weeks of trekking through the Mugu district in northwestern Nepal. This is one of the most remote and least developed areas. A pastor led us to churches and Christians' houses where we encouraged and shared spiritual truths. We also evangelized, showing the Jesus film whenever the opportunity arose. Once our trekking was completed we spent two weeks teaching seminars at churches near India. There were struggles and difficulties, but I know people's lives were impacted through my sacrifice, and I would do it all again. Thank you to everyone who supported me through prayers and/or finances.

HAITI OUTREACH

For the third year I, (Fritz) led a team to Haiti. It's a wonderful experience to build relationship with Mission of Grace and the people in Carries. The mission is growing and expanding, especially the school and church. One highlight was a seven-hour, five-day trip to a remote village in Plaisance du Sud to help with a construction project. It was awesome! Our crew was most of the men. We rode motorcycle taxis through a river because an accident had caused the road to be closed. We finished the electrical work for a new orphanage and prayed and interacted with many villagers. There has been much prayer for a container Gleanings sent over a year ago; we are so glad it finally was released. It's quite unusual for me to get sick, but I came down with a high fever. It took the last few days of our stay to get feeling better. If you are interested in joining us next year let me know; I will put you on the list.



FRITZ VISITS HUTTERITES IN CANADA

What an experience I had in Saskatchewan for a week with Ron Wagner! I went to support Ron in his efforts to acquire more product. Many of our peas and lentils are donated from farmers and Hutterite colonies in Canada. We focused on these colonies and visited about 25 different ones. These people are

remarkable. They try to live totally removed from worldly influences. Their dress code and dedication to work and the Bible are something else. On the other side, they are very inward focused and don't have many opportunities for world mission. Coming and sharing our passion for feeding the hungry of the world resonates with many. They have responded more generously than



received a lot of favor because of my Swiss background! Hutterites study and love their heritage, so I had many connections talking about Switzerland and Austria. We pray for more product and connection in this partnership to build God's kingdom through the ministry of feeding people.

HIGHLIGHTS

Gleanings DTS graduation and Philip's DTS graduation

Grandma time in February

Tiffany's college art exhibit

God's provision of five new staff members

Countless lives transformed, like backpacker, Saku's, salvation and baptism

And Ashley's testimony, "I first experienced God at Gleanings."

Containers of peaches and soup soon bound to refugees in Syria and victims of the volcano eruption in Guatemala

Vacation Bible School children at First Presbyterian Church Bakersfield made 4,100 lbs. of dried soup mix



Thank you for your support with prayer and finances. AND, we'd enjoy hearing from you.

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Note: Gleanings' staff do not receive a salary and are responsible to raise their individual support.

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