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MISSION BUILDER SPOTLIGHT

Bob and Laverne Pringle

Seventeen years ago, Bob and Laverne Pringle had dreams to travel in a motorhome as snowbirds, winter visitors, to California and Arizona. In 2007 they made the purchase, and left the cold climate of Langley, BC Canada. With the desire to serve with a purpose in a Christian setting, God brought them to ***Gleanings*** where they were inspired immediately by the sincere fellowship of other Christians.

During daily chapel, their faith deepened with expanded belief and trust in the Lord. An encouraging YWAM staff gifted them with a plaque with scripture from Joshua 24: "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." The couple has returned to ***Gleanings*** 30 times in the winter months as well spring months.

Bob is privileged to be involved in the ***Gleanings*** mercy ministry dried soup mix productivity. He regularly operates a forklift, and puts in order the soup plant and warehouse. Laverne participates by assisting in hospitality during weekly Love Feast dinners and special events. She embraces flower gardening on the grounds and seeks opportunities in the laundry and housekeeping departments.

Bob and Laverne value fellowshipping with others of all ages from the wee little ones of YWAM to seniors. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, his love endures forever."

We are so grateful for faithful Mission Builders like Bob, Laverne, and many others who make this ministry a beautiful picture of the Body of Christ. Thank you, Mission Builders! many others who make this ministry a beautiful picture of the Body of Christ. Thank you, Mission Builders!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6).

SUMMER 2024

WHOLE HEART

The most important commandment; the greatest commandment in the Law; the way to inherit eternal life: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, with all your might." --Deuteronomy 6:5

The theme for summer 2024 at ***Gleanings*** is Whole Heart. Loving God with your whole heart—what does that mean to you? What does it look like? How do you know if you love God with your whole heart? We look forward to exploring the Whole Heart theme with the volunteers, Summer Staff, and guest speakers as we serve the Lord with a whole heart.

Will you prayerfully consider joining us this summer? You can serve for a week as a volunteer or commit to the whole summer as a Summer Staff (18-25 yrs. old) or Mission Builder. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." --Mark 12:30

Country Report - Haiti

GLEANINGS SETS UP ELECTRICITY FOR MISSION OF GRACE

At the beginning of 2024, ***Gleanings'*** director Fritz Meier and staff member Jonathan Blaser traveled to ***Mission of Grace*** Orphanage in Haiti to install electricity at the new site. Because of the violence and gang control in Haiti, ***Mission of Grace*** recently moved 250 orphans and caregivers from Carries to Plaisance, in the northern part of the country. The new building will provide much-needed space for the girls, many of whom have been sleeping on the floor.

AN INVITATION TO VISIT HAITI

Fritz has visited ***Mission of Grace*** many times and stays in touch with the director, Ms. Lynn. "We were talking on the phone on a Monday in January," Fritz said. "She invited me to come install a solar panel system for their new home for girls." Fritz said yes and reached out to various supporters that week. By Friday, the funds were raised for his and Jonathan's flights, as well as the materials necessary for the electrical project.

Jonathan had never been to Haiti. He finally had the opportunity to meet John, a boy he and his wife Andria have supported since 2011. "Seeing the reactions and the smiles of the kids was priceless," Jonathan said. "It was impressive for me to hear about the history of Ms. Lynn's family organization, Foundation Guillaume, and the good work that they do."

Similarly, Fritz reconnected with a girl named Esther whom Fritz and Cindy cared for as a baby while leading a Discipleship Training School outreach in 2011.

GETTING THE WORK DONE

Over the course of nine days, Fritz, Jonathan, and a local crew of workers were able to buy the electrical equipment, install the 5,000-watt solar panels on the roof, wire up all the rooms –six bedrooms, bathroom, office, caregiver rooms, and kitchen– and ultimately provide light and power to the entire building. By God's grace, they accomplished what they came to do.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM MS. LYNN

Mission of Grace wrote this message on the day they returned home: "Fritz and Jonathan, thank you for being obedient to come and serve in this huge way. God put His stamp of approval on this home, and He continues to send His people to come to see His children move from the floor to a bed. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for coming and supporting us. We hope to see you again soon with another team."

PLEASE PRAY FOR MISSION OF GRACE

"It is a huge struggle for the staff to feed these kids every day," Fritz said. "We need to pray that God will open doors to continue to help ***Mission of Grace***, as they are in desperate need of food," Jonathan said. Please pray that Gleanings can send more food to ***Mission of Grace***. You can help provide clothing, food, and necessary items for the orphans at ***Mission of Grace*** by sponsoring a child. To learn more, go to http://www.missionofgracehaiti.com. Thank you for your support!

GETTING MORE FOOD INTO HAITI

Even though it has been almost impossible to get food to Haiti since the uprising, ***Gleanings*** was able to send a truckload of food on April 4 through Convoy of Hope. However, this food will not go to ***Mission of Grace***, but to the feeding programs run by Convoy of Hope.

Fritz and Esther

Director's Corner

Dear friend and **Gleanings** partner,

We are a Jesus focused ministry, and the Holy Spirit is welcome to move and direct us. It seems like we are in God's school. We are learning to have faith and be obedient to His leading. A benefit of God's way of life is that we are being blessed by Him. That means we are getting not just what we deserve or what we diligently work for, but He is giving us more than we can think or imagine. In many areas of our ministry, we could be discouraged that our needs are beyond our ability to supply. Exactly where we are at our end the wisdom and provision of God (blessings) seems to miraculously make a way for amazing solutions. And sometimes what we think is important might not be on the "blessing list" of God, so it needs pruning.

This is the time to seek Jesus wholeheartedly. There is not a more fulfilling life than that.

Thank you all for your friendship. May the Lord bless profoundly.

Fritz Meier