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Dear friends,

As I write this we have lots of snow. Snow is a reminder to me of what God does with our sins (Isa. 1:18, Ps. 51:7). I trust that in this Christmas season, snow or no snow, that you will remember the reason Jesus came to this earth.



I (Frederick) have had two checkups following my tumor removal / hip replacement surgery late last year. The results of both is that there is no sign of a new tumor and that I have good movement with the new hip joint. I will have two checkups in 2013. Thanks to all that prayed for me.

This past summer, as many of you know, we were in the US for furlough and had good opportunities to meet with many of you. We have one new supporting church for which we are thankful for!

I returned to Switzerland after furlough and the next week headed for Munich, Germany for a technical conference about the program we use for websites called Drupal. It was a good time to learn and make valuable contacts.

Shortly after this I learned that Christen

begegnen Muslimen's (CM) operational director had asked the board of directors for a six month leave of absence due to family issues.

Not long after this I learned that the board of directors was searching for a replacement for the operational director or another organization to oversee the day-to-day operations of CM.

In late October it was voted to enter into a transition phase with a Swiss mission called MEOS. This transition will last till around the end of April 2013 when MEOS will present a plan to CM as to how the two organizations will work

together.

MEOS was started in 1963 to reach the many Italians that had come on a temporary basis to work in Switzerland. MEOS' name comes from its founding and is in Italian. MEOS full name is "Missione Evangelica per Operai Stranieri in Svizzera" translated to English, "Evangelical Mission for Foreign Workers in Switzerland". This has been shortened to MEOS Svizzera and also the even shorter MEOS.

MEOS ministry consists of two main areas.

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The first is "local missionaries" that work in Switzerland to reach foreigners for Christ. Some of these were missionaries in other countries before returning to Switzerland. Others are from foreign cultures and want to reach their people for Christ.

The second area is media. MEOS operates a media shop were Christians and churches in Switzerland can purchase media to reach people in languages that they cannot speak. Media is available in over 100 languages. Bibles, New Testaments, Bible portions, tracts, evangelistic books, CDs, DVDs, and MP3s are just some of what is available at the shop online and at the MEOS offices in Zürich.

The online shop is available in four languages one of which is English. If you would like to visit it the address is <u>http://www.meos.ch/shop/index.php?</u> language=en

With CM now being a ministry of MEOS, I have been going to the MEOS office two days a week to help out with the Christmas / calendar end of the year order rush. Each year MEOS offers in the last quarter of the year calendars in many languages. These are gifts that can be given alone or with other literature in a persons native tongue. These have scripture verses on them and are a conversation piece qood to start а conversation about spiritual things.

So, you may be asking where does this transition phase with CM and MEOS leave me? It leaves me in a position to have more opportunities to serve in ministry. Helping out in the stockroom pulling and packing orders, pricing items and restocking shelves this Christmas season, I believe, is just the start.

In a recent meeting with MEOS Mission President, Martin Saegesser and the Managing Director, Pietro Canonica I was told how pleased that they were to have me as a web developer and jack-of-all trades working with them. Already there has been talk of a new website for MEOS and a new online shop. A big wish for the shop would be better integration with their current database system.

I want to say a big thank you to everyone that has been a part of our ministry this year. To everyone that gives financially, prays, or helps us out in some other way, thank you for being obedient to what God has called you to do.

Enclosed with this prayer letter you should find a copy of our new prayer card. I trust that you will use it as a reminder to pray for us. You can also see a copy of our prayer card on our website here:

http://henderson-meier.org/about/pc2012



I want to wish you and yours a Christ centered Christmas and a Blessed New Year in 2013 from all the Hendersons!

Your missionaries reaching Muslims for Christ,

Frederick and Marlies Henderson with Oliver and Alice