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Dear friends.

A wise person once said: "The only constant thing in life is change." We have a tendency to fight against change in our lives as we like our routine, but many times God uses these changes to grow and stretch us to become more like Jesus. On the subject of changes . . .

New Mission Director at MEOS

At the MEOS new year celebration in February I witnessed the passing of the baton from the former MEOS Director Martin Sägesser to the new Niklaus Meier. Martin is retiring and after searching for over a year God provided MEOS with new leadership.



Martin passing the baton to Niklaus while Markus Frauchiger watches

Niklaus did an apprenticeship as a baker and pastry maker with the goal of working on the OM Ship Logos, which he later did, also serving as an evangelism team leader at port calls in Africa and South America.

After completing missions training he and his family served for eleven years in Central

Asia. Living in a city with over 100 ethnical groups he taught language courses at a private university. In addition to this they were able to start a child and youth work. Later they worked with a church in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation work. Back in Switzerland he worked with a church for two years, then for seven and half years he served as the business manager for the Swiss Association of Evangelical Missions.

Niklaus sees the job of Mission Director as the person who supports and visionizes so that others can live out their missions calling. He says of himself that he has a talent for networking people and organizations. He hopes that MEOS will be perceived by the church and society as a bridge builder and that thanks to MEOS, many churches, initiatives and individuals will be encouraged to engage with migrants, to walk the path of life with them - privately or in their work.

MEOS on the Radio

As I (Frederick) have been writing this prayer letter I have been listening to a program on the Christian radio station here in Switzerland, Life Channel. The program is titled: "Coping better with migrants". The new MEOS director Niklaus Meier along with Markus Frauchiger and Johannes Müller from the leadership team were able to present the work that MEOS is doing with migrants in the hour long interview program called Zoom.

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Sport as door opener

A growing trend in work with migrants is sport as a door opener. In the last **mein Nächster** (the MEOS magazine) the new director Niklaus states that sport works well to network people. At the inter-cultural meeting center **Intro** in Bülach, it is also a door opener.



Hansjörg Schärer says that he sees the FC Intro Bülach (Intro soccer club) team pictures with the sponsored uniforms over and over again in social media. The men were our guests for a while. They appreciated our friendship and realized that they were welcome in Switzerland and also heard the message of Jesus. That makes us grateful.

Websites and such

The work on the new MEOS Medien web shop continues. I am currently doing development work on it. I have also been meeting with Markus Burri, the director of MEOS Medien, regarding the layout and data migration to the new web shop.

Recently I worked to update all of MEOS' Drupal sites to fix a highly critical security hole soon after the fix was made public. It was very important to do this to prevent the MEOS websites from being hacked. It was not too long after the security fix was

released before automatic attacks on Drupal sites on the Internet were seen.

US Furlough in 2018

Spring is here and summer will soon follow. Lord willing, I am planning to be in the US from the middle of June to the middle of August.

Please contact me (Frederick) to schedule a meeting. We have a US phone number (see the header) that you can use to contact me. If it is night it will go to voice mail and I will get back to you.

I trust that I will be able to connect with many of you, that have faithfully supported us for many years in our missions work, during my time in the USA.

Thank you for your financial support and prayers for us and our ministry!



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Pray and Praise

- Pray for wisdom for Frederick in decision making in the development work on the new web shop for MEOS Medien.
- Pray for wisdom in planning the USA furlough in 2018.
- Praise for the new MEOS Director Niklaus Meier and pray for wisdom as he starts his ministry with MEOS.
- Praise the Lord for all our faithful supporters that make our ministry possible.