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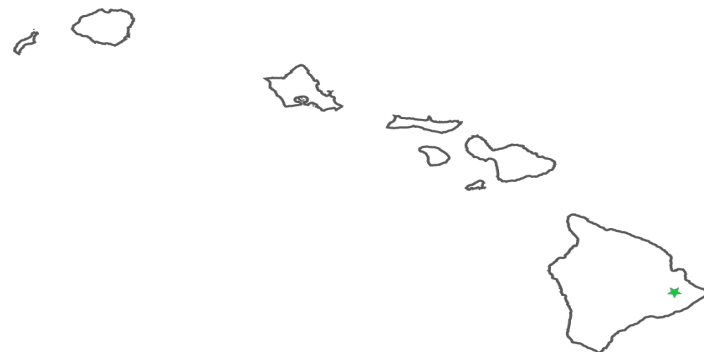
Dear Friends,

Some of you will remember 26 years ago when I (Frederick) flew to Bonaire for the second time on July 25, 1995 to start my short term missionary service, filling in for career missionaries during their furloughs. The first time was my summer missions trip in 1993. Marlies arrived on Bonaire five years prior to this in 1990, 31 years ago.

The End or is it?

All good things come to an end, and with this prayer letter we are informing you that we are ending our missionary service. We will finish with active missionary service at the end of June 2021. Interlink Ministries Inc. will continue to accept and pay out donations for three months more until the end of September 2021. This is to help with our repatriation and moving costs.

As we informed you in the last prayer letter, we will be moving to the land we purchased in the US to live there. It would be hard to say that I am coming home. Where we are moving to will be even further away from the farm where I grew up in Pennsylvania, than where we are now in Switzerland. As some of you maybe figured out from our Easter Egg in the last prayer letter we will be moving 12 time zones, half-way around the world to



Watermark from last prayer letter

The star marks the location of our new home on Hawai'i.

The Big Island of Hawai'i. The star in the watermark is the location of where our property is in the community of Hawaiian Acres.

As you might guess this decision is not one that was made overnight and has been years in the making. During our two month trip to Hawai'i in October and November of 2019 we saw God's confirmation over and over again, through the friends we made and brought together, the home church we found, and even through the piece of land that we purchased. We saw a listing for it shortly after it went on the market on June 19, 2019. We thought that it was a very nice property, especially for the asking price.



Our orchard as we first saw it in 2019. Can you find the small coconut palm in the grass? (it is in the center of the photo)

Many of the properties for sale are undeveloped lots with plant growth that stands taller than you are. It is so thick you can only walk up and down the street in front of them, stand on your tip-toes and peer in hoping to see something unless you want to hack a path with a machete. Not an easy way to gain input to make such a big decision. In 2007 the previous owner of our property had a bulldozer make a driveway, clear a house pad and an area for five rows for fruit trees in a process they call ripping. The

Please note: Donations for the Hendersons' work should be sent to **Interlink Ministries, Inc., PO Box 460, Apple Creek, OH 44606**. Please mark the memo line of your check **Frederick & Marlies Henderson**. **NOTE: Donations sent after the end of September 2021 will be returned to the donor.** If you would like to contact us by mail, please send mail directly to our Switzerland address above until our departure. Interlink Ministries does not forward mail.



Orchard area after the previous owner had it ripped with a bulldozer in 2007

bulldozer dug its giant hook through the lava flow mounds to break them up and then used its own weight to crush and pack them making a leveler surface. They also planted around 20 fruit trees and a Macadamia nut tree on the property. However when we viewed the property the grass (light green in the photo) had grown so tall that we could not see many of the trees.

Before we left we hired a man to come each month to care for the orchard and to do improvements. We are so thankful for having found someone so reliable and hard working. The property is flourishing under his care.



40' High Cube Shipping Container

Recently we were able to purchase a 40' shipping container and friends of ours on the island helped to get it delivered to our property. So now we will have a place for a workshop and to store things when we arrive.

Some people who already knew about our plan to move, have asked us or assumed that we are retiring, but this is not the case. This is a lifestyle change for us. We plan to farm our land

mostly through agro-forestry and permaculture principles and to develop small income streams.

We currently do not have an exact date that we will leave Switzerland, as Marlies' US immigration visa application is still in progress. We submitted the first papers in September 2020. Currently we are waiting on the National Visa Center (NVC) to determine that the submissions of my Affidavit of Support and



Sunday Morning in Hawai'i before church

Marlies application for an immigration visa are "documentarily complete." After this Marlies will get an appointment for her visa interview at the US Embassy in Bern. Before this she will need to go for a medical examination. Once Marlies has her visa we will be able to set a date to leave.

This will be the last prayer letter we send out. However we do not want to lose contact with you. We currently do not know what our new mailing address is as our area does not have home mail delivery and there is a waiting list for post office boxes. We plan to send out a yearly letter to family and friends. If you are interested to continue hearing from us and would like to be included on that list, send us an email or mail us here in Switzerland soon. If you have been sending us your yearly newsletters in the past

years, consider yourself already added to our yearly update list.

After September Interlink Ministries will return any donations sent in for us to the donor. We would encourage you to find another missionary to support and we are sure that God has already laid on many of your hearts another missionary.

Thanks in advance to those of you that help us out with our relocation and moving costs either by supporting us until September or sending in a one time donation.

Thanks one last time to all of our faithful supporters whose prayers and financial support have made our years of ministry possible! Thanks also to all the missions we have served with over the years and to our current supporting mission in the USA Interlink Ministries!

May God bless you as you serve Him!

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Prayer and Praise

- Pray for a good finish for Frederick at MEOS and for a good transfer of information to those that will carry on the work.
- Pray for Marlies' US immigration visa to be granted and that we will be able to safely travel to Hawai'i this year.



Orchard in April 2021 with the native 'ōhi'a trees in the background. The coconut palm has grown. The piles to the left are black cinder and dirt used in the orchard. The driveway to the street is on the right.