

Meet the Geiszler Family



**Garin, Rod, Michelle, Ben
Joe**

How does a successful couple with three sons from Medford, Oregon end up on the mission field of Haiti?

Rod and Michelle met at Family Camp and Annual Conferences when both of their fathers were ministers in the Free Methodist Church. They married in 1991 and were blessed with three sons, Benjamin, Joseph, and Garin.

Following a couple of short-term mission trips, working in Guatemala City with a team from Rod's brother's church, Rod and Michelle said that God used that time to show them they can completely rely on Him and spoke to them about working for the Lord on a full-time basis. Michelle was an elementary school teacher, and Rod was working in a leadership position with a Kodak plant manufacturing medical imaging media. They were comfortable in their jobs and lived close to family.

The call to full-time mission work lead them to join the Wesleyan Church where they were approved through the Wesleyan Global Partners mission service and appointed to Haiti. They met Butch and Tricia Alexander in Indianapolis during mission training. It was through that connection that WISH was informed of their desire to partner with our mission, where their talents could best be used in the Lord's plan.

Rod has plenty of mechanical experience in servicing the family vehicles. He also enjoys biking, motorcycle riding and getting his hands dirty with a variety of work projects.

During their introductory visit to WISH in July, Rod worked with Butch and the crew, repairing broken waterlines, troubleshooting a generator, and lots of other mission duties. Michelle helped Tricia in the WISH office with payroll and accounting. She slid easily into the flow of the mission house and the many duties that fall on the lady of the house. She looks forward to teaching English classes, even as she learns the Creole language.

Ben is completing high school classes through the internet. Many missionary families utilize this modern technology to bring the best possible education to their children in remote areas of the world. Michelle is home-schooling Ben and Garin, although she is hopeful that a teacher will come to the island to serve with Global Partners.

Rod and Michelle's desire is "to show God's love by being His hands and feet through simple acts of servanthood wherever He leads." Please pray for the Geiszler family as they meet the challenges of a new culture and serve the Lord on LaGonave.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Colossians 3:17 NIV)

Birthdays: **Rod** - May 11, **Michelle** - August 11

Ben – June 30, 1996, **Joe** – July 31, 2000, **Garin** – November 3, 2004

Anniversary: August 24