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*“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed:
for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” (Joshua 1:9)*

Dear Praying Friends:

The last sermon I heard in 2018 was based on the first chapter of Joshua. I confess that verse nine caught my attention so much that I missed part of the message. Three weeks earlier my orthopedic doctor had said that there would be no more surgery, and I was starting to let go of the walker. But by the end of December, it was getting harder to do my exercises, the walker was a necessity, and my hip was starting to ache. Ten days later I learned that the fracture was not healing and there would be a total hip replacement in my immediate future. I needed to hear God’s command to fear not, and His promise that He is always with me. These words have continued to encourage me.

My original plans were to return to Haiti at the end of January, but the second surgery made that impossible. As a result, I was not in the country on February 7 when there were major demonstrations and riots. Many missionaries left in the following two weeks. It became evident that God, in His kindness, had taken the decision about leaving so soon after arrival out of my hands. I might have made the wrong choice.

Conditions in Haiti have continually worsened since February. Prices continue to soar, and basic food staples and gasoline are hard to find. There are reports of armed gangs, robberies and murders. My workers tell me they are in their houses at 6 p.m., and no one is on the street. Even daytime travel is not safe due to people throwing rocks and bottles, and there are barricades with people demanding money and getting violent if they do not get what they expect. Some patients make it to the clinic for their medications, but they are often delayed. Our Haitian brothers and sisters need to know that God is with them as they go through this time of trouble.

Praise My second surgery was successful, and recovery was helped by the therapy I had done after the first surgery. I was released from therapy in April, but still do exercises and continue to see improvement. I am grateful for such simple things as being able to sleep in my own bed—and then get out of it easily.

Many of you have sent notes of encouragement. Thank you!

It looks like all the bills are paid!

Projects Everything is on hold, but I am still making plans for doing needed property work when I return.

Prayer I continue to ask for wisdom about a return date. Three workers recently asked me not to return right now because it is not safe. It is not possible to send medications from Cap Haitien to Wallondri.

Please pray that the violence and unrest in Haiti will end and a measure of stability will return. Pray for Haitian Christians that they would grow in their faith, that God would supply their needs, and that they will be witnesses to our Lord’s saving power. Several people have said they are counting on our prayers.

In the face of the unknown, in danger and disappointments, God tells His people not to be afraid, and for the best reason—He is always with us.

In our Lord’s service,

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“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)
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