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*"...there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." II Peter 3:3,4*

Hurricane Irene was headed our way about the time I was reading these verses. Then an earthquake shook Washington D.C. People around the globe are dealing with natural and political disasters. Experience teaches us that nothing stays the same.

Every day someone suffers personal loss. A young man brought his father to the clinic, saying he had not been well for a week. I found a very sick man with advanced liver cancer, already in his last days or even hours of life. I gave the news to the son as gently as I could. The father was a Christian and entered the presence of his Lord that night. Such a wonderful change for him, but such a difficult change for the young man who now needs to make his way through life without his father's help.

The clinic is looking forward to a change in location. The Bowers put a second story on their "seminary" building and generously offered us a place on the first floor. There have been a few delays in the preparation of the area, but we hope to be moved by mid-September. God has provided the funds for the changes that need to be made.

Some things do not change much, and one of those is the speed of bureaucracy. The necessary details for the deed to the property I bought were completed in July. I am still waiting for the papers six weeks later. I am reluctant to go further with construction plans until the legal work is complete.

**Praise** My generous patients shared their bronchopneumonia with me. The antibiotic was effective, but it took me about three weeks to recover. I am grateful for good medications.

The Pearts have had several medical problems during furlough. Their last report said they are clear medically to return on September 15.

The Junior church group has increased recently. Several of the children are very attentive and show they are learning scripture verses and Biblical principles.

**Projects** The original estimate for the cost of the wall around the new property was actually only for the clinic area. The other section, for housing, will require much longer wall sections, and those will double the earlier cost estimate.

**Prayer** We have opportunities every day to witness to patients. The same week I saw the man with liver cancer, I saw a woman with advanced cervical cancer. Her reply to the news was, "God knows." Then she said she was not a Christian, which opened the way for us to talk with her. Please pray that we will be faithful to deal with spiritual as well as physical needs.

I will be returning to the US on September 27, our Lord willing. As usual, there is much to do between now and then. It looks like the fall schedule will be busy.

*"For I am the LORD, I change not." Malachi 3:6*

We live in a changing world that sometimes seems out of control. However, we have an unchanging God Who is in control of all things. He will keep all His promises and accomplish all His will to the praise of His glory. What a solid foundation for our faith and lives!

In our Lord's service,

*Dr. Anne*