

2011 August 6 Wallondri update

Greetings from Wallondri, Haiti!

The weather in this area was a bit of a puzzle this week. We were expecting at least 4-8 inches of rain from Tropical Storm Emily on Wednesday. Having satellite connections has made a big difference in getting up-to-date weather news. The storm stalled in the south over Wednesday night, so we prepared for lots of rain later on Thursday. It never came north. That was good for us, but hard on the areas that did get all that rain.

We did have a lot of wind on both days. Falling branches were major hazards. So were falling mangos and coconuts. Those things can be deadly! We were grateful none of our patients under the trees were injured.

The Bowers have put a second story on their "seminary" building. They want the clinic to use much of the space on the ground floor. That will give us a room where patients can wait. I am especially pleased that my staff will have extra room to work. There is still some work that needs to be done, but we hope to be moved soon.

The papers for the property I purchased are being prepared. There was a delay in getting the owner's signature because he spends several months every year in the US. We are still waiting for an answer on the additional property that was supposed to be for sale. Whether or not that is purchased will determine the location of the storage depot/gatehouse. We want to know for sure about that property before proceeding.

My worker informed me this week that truck parts for most trucks are now available in Haiti. The Toyota and Nissan parts may be the easiest to find, but it sounds like all those imported trucks have encouraged businesses to stock other makes as well. That means a wider choice for a replacement truck. I am still looking for a diesel, standard shift, double cab pick-up truck, but it sounds like all American trucks can now be considered as well.

Thanks for your prayers and encouragement! Have a blessed day with God's people this Sunday.

In our Lord's service,