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*“...we had spoken to the King saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him.”*  
Ezra 8:22

Ezra had many preparations to make as he sought to achieve the mission God had given him. Those included working with volunteers, recruiting team members, doing paperwork, and dealing with important officials and bureaucracy. He gave God the credit for what was happening, even before the king of Persia, with the beautiful personal picture of God’s hand being on this group.

I am grateful for God’s hand on the clinic ministry. He has given wisdom, provided healing and opened doors for spiritual conversations with many patients. We were very glad when an 85 year old man came to faith in Christ after the preaching service. We are sad when people have put their trust in spirits, suffer the consequences, and still will not trust Christ.

When our Lord walked this earth, He called little children, put His hand on them and blessed them. I have had junior church services at Maranatha Baptist church since living on this property. Short term worker Serena Honeycutt has been holding Bible clubs in four churches this summer, including Maranatha. Many children have come to Christ, including kids from my junior church. We are rejoicing in the results of teamwork in ministry.

The Bowers had visitors in for a soccer camp and young people’s retreat at the end of July. It was my privilege to speak to more than 180 young people (guys and gals in separate groups) about moral purity. I learned afterward that several people made decisions, and trust that many of the listeners will experience the good hand of God on their lives.

Carrie Sieger, a recent nursing grad, arrived at the end of July for a six week stay. She helped Serena with a weekly prenatal clinic and the Bible Clubs, worked with me in the Grace Baptist Clinic, took lessons in Haitian Creole and learned to eat mangoes Haitian style. Here are Carrie’s comments about her experiences here.

“It’s hard to put into a short paragraph just how life changing a six week trip to a place like Haiti can be. First off, you get to pick your own avocados, mangoes, and passion fruit, which should convince everyone to visit at least once. In your back yard is a horizon filled with mountains that are changing their shades of green on a regular basis. At 5 o’clock in the evening is the time to get outside and sit for an hour, just to feel the breeze and listen to all the sounds that are going on around you. And the people...the people are so fun to form relationships with and get to know. Even if that relationship consists of just a brief greeting walking down the street, the people are so open and friendly. The calm, laid back, and simple life style kind of forces you, especially when you’re used to constant motion mentally and physically, to “be still.” The relatively limited electronic availability opened up time that, in the states would usually be occupied by unnecessary busy work; and it opened that time up for me to practice “being still” and listening. Listening to what is going on around me, listening to those who I work with, and listening to what the Holy Spirit has to say. This trip has showed me so much about myself...and placed many of my weaknesses in the spotlight. My difficulty with really listening to what God has to say was one of the main things, and with various circumstances, I was able to practice and work on both my prayer life and really seeking God when it comes to decisions that I make.”

We were grateful for God’s protecting hand during Hurricane Isaac. It rained continuously for 24 hours, but there was no flooding locally. The bigger excitement came from a severe storm that knocked out the transmitter for our satellite communications earlier in the week. A backup unit was available, so it was possible to get back online in a relatively short time.



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**Praise** The storage building is finished, paid for and being used to store construction materials and personal goods.

We are making good progress on the renovations for temporary living quarters on the Maranatha campus. The plans are to move in early September. This will give the Pearts more room to house the teams they plan to host during the coming year.

**Projects** Local construction workers and suppliers are eager to start on my house, but the funds must be available first. My original estimate for this project was \$45,000. As noted in my last letter, the total may be a bit higher due to increased labor and material costs.

**Prayer** The Haitian government is now requiring the payment of the equivalent of our Social Security tax by both the workers and the clinic administration. These expenses were unexpected (by me, but not by God). I need to understand the details and deal with the payments.

**I plan to return to the US on September 25, as our Lord wills, and stay through December.** As usual, there is much to do before leaving. I sent my application in to take the recertification exam for the American Board of Surgery. It looks like there is much studying ahead this fall!

It was because of the good hand of God on their lives that Ezra and Nehemiah were able to accomplish their missions. Our God draws us to seek Him, prepares us for His service, and uses us for His glory as He blesses us in the process. We have the astounding privilege of being taken from uselessness in ourselves to being useful in God's hand, and then He rewards such unworthy servants as well. Let us seek Him that He may bless us and make us a blessing to those around us.

In our Lord's service,

*Dr. Anne*

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Plastic on the windows, food in the 'fridge and water in the storage tank.  
Hurricane Isaac, we are ready! Serena Honeycutt, Anne Livingston, Carrie Sieger