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“Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; preserve me from violent men... (Psalm 140:1)

I say to the LORD, You are my God; give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!” (Psalm 140:6)

There have been many reasons to call to the Lord since the beginning of July. Haiti’s president, Jovenel Moïse, was assassinated in his house on July 7. There was a temporary pause in crime, but then the violence and kidnappings increased. Jimmy Pierre, a Baptist World missionary appointee to Cap Haitien, Haiti, lost his best friend to violence. There have been hindrances to the investigation of the assassination, and it is possible we may never know who was responsible. Haitians are discouraged over insecurity and lack of justice.

A major earthquake struck the southwest of Haiti on August 14. The Aristides, Baptist World Mission appointees to Haiti who are originally from this area, let me know their families and friends were safe. But there were many people who needed prayer because of loss of family members and homes, as well as crops and animals. The arrival of Tropical Storm Grace a couple of days later complicated rescue efforts. Medical treatment, water, food and shelter are desperately needed. Many of the churches and schools that would normally serve as shelters are either destroyed or seriously damaged. Pray that God will use this time to show Haitians their need to call on Him, the only secure refuge in this unstable world.

The epicenter of the quake was about 75 miles from Port-au-Prince. That does not seem far, but travel was already slow due to gang activity and road conditions. Now, there are many landslides and damaged roads. Aid groups have had their transport vehicles stopped and looted, both by thieves and by desperate locals. The most rapid way to get relief supplies and workers in and patients out right now is by air.

Praise I completed the translation of the discipleship book (60+ pages!) in July.

I greatly appreciate the help and support of the people in the home office of my mission board. Taking care of missionary support is only part of what they do. Working with churches, negotiating health insurance, setting individual budgets, dealing with government issues and helping with prayer letters are among the many things our office staff does. I am grateful to them and praise God for His provision.

I also appreciate the pilots and workers at Missionary Flights International. They have made it possible to send in medications and supplies as well as provide for my workers, especially in the past two years. Their motto is “Standing in the Gap.” They have done that for me, and now they are doing it for Haiti as they fly relief supplies into Les Cayes and patients out to the capital.

Prayer There are several Christian organizations that have worked with the Haitian government in the past, and can plan and carry out the assistance needed for this disaster. Please pray for their safety, wisdom, needed rest for workers, and opportunities to share the Gospel.

Haitian churches in the disaster areas met this past Sunday, many of them outside because their buildings were damaged or destroyed. One pastor said, “Today was a must, to thank God. He protected us. We did not die.”

Magda Victor of the Haitian Bible Society said, “Please pray for the witness of the Haitian church. The country is in desperate need of a church which will fulfill the role of salt and light.” Amen.

We all want to be delivered from wicked, violent people. I have been reminded several times in recent weeks that the seed of such wickedness is in me, and it is only God’s Gospel grace, the forgiveness of sin and new life through faith in Christ, that can control it. O Lord, please convict wicked people of their sin and need to repent. And remind me that I need the Gospel for every day of my life.

In our Lord’s service, *Dr. Anne*

“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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