

2015 September 12 Do now...so you can do later

“Do now what others won’t so that you can do later what others can’t.” John B. Eberly, M.D.

I read this quote in *The Bulletin* of the Greenville County Medical Society recently. It keeps coming to mind as I remember choices made that opened the way for great opportunities. Now I am seeing young people making decisions that will affect the rest of their lives. Doing the Father’s will today in something that everyone else refuses may be the path to getting our heart’s desire tomorrow—and making us qualified to have it.

This has been part of an ongoing reflection in what my service for God will be in eternity. Revelation 22:3 says, “*his servants shall serve him,*” but my current profession as a doctor will not be needed. Someone once asked me if I was sorry I would not get to keep on being a doctor. But there will be, “*no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.*” (Revelation 21:4) How can I be sorry about that? It does raise an interesting question. There will not be any job postings for my current work when I get to Heaven, so what will I be doing? And how are the choices I am making even now affecting the work that God has made especially for me? It is something to think about.

I still plan to return to the U.S. on September 22, our Lord willing, but it turns out I won’t be traveling alone. My worker Isaac Paul received his visa recently, and wants to travel with me. He would like to see the friends he made from work teams in the past, or at least be able to call them. This is becoming especially important to him as some of his older friends have already gone to Heaven. He will be in the U.S. for about five weeks before returning to Haiti. Planning for his trip has added extra activities to all that needs to be done my first three weeks in South Carolina. Please pray for safety on the roads, schedules that actually work, happy meetings with friends and encouraging reports to the mission board and supporting churches.

In our Lord’s service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Anne".

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