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“Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.”
(John 6:28-29)

People think checking off the items on a “to do” list will satisfy God. But their outward behavior does not necessarily reflect what they really are. Jesus said there is one work God wants, and that is that we believe in the one whom God has sent, Jesus Christ. That may not seem like doing much, but it is the most important work in our lives.

The importance of that work became clear again this past month as I had opportunities to talk with patients about their spiritual needs. Some patients were trusting in Jesus alone for salvation. That made it much easier to talk to two patients about their serious health problems. Others told me of all they were doing, and faith in Christ was not even mentioned. That was true for a woman with advanced cancer. What is sad is that she was convinced she was saved at birth because she was born “into” a Christian family, and so she was sure there was nothing else she needed to do.

The Haitian work crew made a lot of progress on the Ministry Residence while I was in the US. They did the plastering work and completed the stairway. We have finished several other jobs since I came back last month, and now we are ready to paint. A painter did the estimates, friends paid for the supplies, and we made the purchases at the Sherwin Williams store (!) in Cap Haitien. Last week, a team member for the Bowers did an electrical layout and gave me a list of supplies. I am encouraged!

Praise The Nissan Patrol is running again. It was necessary to make several trips to Port-au-Prince to get the correct parts.

Communications via Skype have been good. That was helpful because I needed to make several important phone calls earlier this month.

Projects I have been asking for God to provide for the Ministry Residence project in His time, in His way and for His glory. He has answered in unusual ways, especially in the past eight months. Now we could use help from electricians, a plumber and someone with construction/cabinet making experience. It will be interesting to see how God provides for this need.

Prayer Espie (Esperanza) and Bethany are nursing students who are planning to come for several weeks this summer. Please pray for all of us as we prepare. I would like to be established in the Ministry Residence before they come.

God has given me an opportunity to learn to trust Him more. Please pray for me as I go through this faith building time.

Trusting God can be hard work. We tend to want to rush ahead and do something rather than be still and believe. We have to trust Jesus Christ, not just for salvation, but for every minute of every day. There is much to do, but believing comes first. Then we will have God’s direction for how to proceed, and He will receive the glory.

In our Lord’s service,

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“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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