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*"I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.
I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings." (Psalm 77:11-12)*

Dear Praying Friends:

The calendar year starts on January 1, but the real year does not seem to start until the end of March or early April when spring and renewal finally come. The winter months are usually quieter, a time for remembering and reflecting. This idea of remembering recurred often as I worked through the psalms during the past few months.

"Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven." (Psalm 107:28-30) I can sympathize with the sailors in Psalm 107:23-27. Some of the times in the last eight years have felt very much like being in a tempest. It was a joy to come to my own "haven" at the Ministry Residence in January. There is still work that needs to be done (e.g. plumbing and electrical), but the building is fully functional. It has been great to have our own space for the clinic.

"For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust." (Psalm 103:14) The Grace Baptist Clinic now has more than 5700 patient charts. Each one represents a person who has heard the Gospel message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. We know of two men who trusted in the Lord Jesus in the past two months. As I see people, I try to remember that I am treating organized, animated dust, and that there are limits to what can be done as we all head toward the "dust to dust" moment. But I can rejoice when the treatment is making a difference. That was true for a woman I saw recently, three months after the delivery of her baby. She had major complications the same day, but then spent nearly two months at the house of a *bokor* (witch doctor). It sounds like he took all their money without doing her any good. It is by grace that she is still alive. She could not lie down because she was so short of breath, she could not eat, and her entire body was massively swollen. She was smiling when she returned because she could finally lie down, and she was able to eat. She has a long recovery ahead, but she will have another opportunity to hear the Gospel. We are hoping he husband will become a true Christian and not one in name only.

Praise I returned on January 12 to start my 30th year of medical ministry in Haiti. The years have not always been easy, but I remember God's faithfulness and that He has His purposes in all that happens.

We are making progress on "small" things. There are now clothes poles behind the Ministry Residence, and there is a place on the property to burn trash and dump garbage.

Projects The patient pavilion was built when I arrived, but then we learned the patients wanted the sides higher because they were getting too much breeze. This is the same group that wanted an open space last year to get more air. There is always something to learn once you are moved into a structure. That has been true for the Ministry Residence as well. We need to move the reservoirs higher to get better water pressure. We are building a room over the garage area (roof already reinforced) that will provide storage and let us move the tanks higher.

Prayer Mardi Gras was at the end of February. During the Lenten season, voodoo adherents have parades, demand money, and generally engage in a lot of partying. We heard in early March that three buses, loaded with revelers, were in a huge accident and 38 people died. Please pray that we will be able to reach out to the unsaved, such as these, before it is too late.

We remember how God heard us in our distress (Psalm 18:6), brought us out of a horrible pit (Psalm 40:1-2), and daily blesses us (Psalm 68:19). God remembers us and knows all about our sorrows, since He even collects our tears (Psalm 56:8). There is one thing He does not remember, and that is forgiven sin (Psalm 103:12). For all who come in repentance and faith, their sins are buried in the blood that Jesus Christ shed on Calvary, never to be remembered against them. That is the good news we share with guilty people in need of a Savior.

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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