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“...and [Jesus] began to wash the disciples’ feet...” (John 12:5)

Dear Praying Friends:

I live in a dusty area, and conditions seem worse than usual this year. Homemakers are complaining that they can clean in the morning, and there is a film of dust over everything by noon. The roads in Wallondri are not paved, but even the pavement in St. Raphael has not decreased the grit. Most of my patients wear flip-flops or sandals and their feet get dusty. Recently, a young man came with a foot problem, and I needed to gently scrub the sole of his foot before I could see the small skin change that indicated an abscess inside.

Some of our patients need spiritual foot washing, and some need complete cleansing. There are people living in sin, but they say they are Christians, usually basing that on their good works and church attendance. I am troubled by how often this is true of our young adults. Other patients recognize they need to repent and return to their walk with God. And many do not care about their spiritual needs. They want treatment for their physical problems and nothing more. We are especially grateful when the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to break through their indifference.

We have completely cleared the property of brush again. The clinic property is made up of several small fields, and it is now possible to see the old property lines, and even some of the old furrows. Looking out, most of the property seems fairly flat, but that is not what feet find when walking across it! There is a good possibility that we will be able to arrange for equipment to level the ground in a couple of months. We will take advantage of this waiting time to collect rocks and gravel, remove old stumps and get rid of weeds with weed killer.

Praise A young man with advanced cancer placed his trust Christ at the clinic a couple of weeks before he died.

Projects The electrician who did the wiring for the Ministry Residence is not able to return. He started the work for an integrated solar/generator/public power system and sent in some of the materials. I need someone to review what has been done, complete that project and do several other electrical jobs in the building.

Prayer The cost of living has gone up markedly in the past two years. Government workers (e.g. hospital and clinic personnel, teachers, customs agents) have received huge pay raises, and prices usually go up after that. People without government jobs are having a hard time making ends meet. That affects the clinic as more people with chronic major health problems need help paying for their medications. Please pray that God will provide for His people, continue to meet clinic needs and receive glory as He shows Himself faithful.

There is a possible project we could do, but I want to be sure it is God’s will and not just a nice idea before going ahead. Thank you for praying for wisdom and the clearance of any obstacles.

Resurrection Day guarantees eternal life for all who place their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as the final renewal of all things. We long for the day when we will be free from sin and He will present us “faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 24). We eagerly anticipate the day we will see our Lord with the glory He had with the Father before the world existed, and He will be victorious and exalted forever. But today, my gracious and patient Lord and Redeemer, please wash my feet...again.

Have a blessed and thoughtful Easter.

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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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