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*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;” (Psalm 46:1-2)*

Dear Praying Friends:

We all know what it is like to be afraid. We fear job loss, illness, car accidents, death of loved ones and unexpected changes. The COVID pandemic has reminded us that we are unable to control our lives, and that our world can be upset in a moment. Our refuge is God, even in the midst of catastrophes.

Haitians have had many reasons for fear in recent months. President Jovenel Moïse was assassinated on July 7. The investigation still has not revealed the individual(s) behind the attack, leaving many Haitians wondering if there is any justice in the country. The earthquake in southwest Haiti on August 14 killed more than 2000 people, and was followed two days later by huge amounts of rain from Tropical Depression Grace. Many people in that region lost everything and are living in the open. The mountainous region, landslides across the roads and blockades by gangs have made it difficult to get even minimum supplies to these people. Armed gangs dominate the country. Elections were supposed to take place in early November, but many people doubt that will happen, or that elections can be fair and safe. People are afraid to go out of their houses because of gunfire and kidnapping. Christians are crying to God in these hard days, knowing He will hear them.

The men from Maranatha Baptist campus, which is next door to the clinic property, went to Wallondri at the end of August. They had a meeting with a large number of Haitian leaders (pastors, lay pastors, deacons) who are also friends. The advice the Haitians gave is that foreigners are not safe right now, and their presence could put Haitian workers and co-laborers at risk. They strongly advised waiting until after the elections and after a new president takes office. There was also the encouragement to pray because God could turn the situation around in a day, a minute, a second.

**Praise** God is faithful to answer prayer and give direction, even though we may be disappointed with what He sends. I had hoped in June that it might be possible to go to Haiti in mid-September, but that is clearly not His will. And God uses His people to help with that guidance.

The first edit for the discipleship book has now been done by my missionary co-worker. We have identified at least two places where Haitian input is needed. The author of the book added another chapter and I have translated that. Now, it is my turn to go through the chapters, make the necessary agreed changes, and note continuing questions before sending it back to my co-worker. I am grateful for my computer and the Internet as I do this!

**Projects** On hold.

**Prayer** Haitians would like to see fair, safe elections held by the end of this year. The recommendation of our Haitian co-workers is to delay returning until the new president is in office for a month.

Please pray that the basic needs of Haitians will be met. That includes those affected by the earthquake and heavy rainfall, and also many who have fled their homes because of violence. Ask God to use these difficult times to awaken people to their spiritual needs and encourage Christians to have greater trust in God.

*“Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” (Psalm 61:1-2)*

We don't like hard times, uncertainty and the fear those bring. So often, we delay calling to God, but He always hears us. He uses these times to lead us to the place that is above fear because it is with Him.

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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