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“By him [Christ] therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.” (Hebrews 13:15)

Dear Praying Friends:

My plans for the second week of September changed twice, the second time pretty abruptly. I found out on September 8 that Hurricane Florence would likely go over the route I planned to travel from Ft. Pierce, Florida, to Greenville, South Carolina, the following Thursday, so I asked Missionary Flights International (MFI) for a change of date to September 11. That meant trying to get three days work done in a day and a half. Things were going well on Monday until about 6 pm when I tripped and landed on my hip on a cement floor. That put a quick end to what I could do that day! Friends and neighbors packed the last box and my suitcases. I was able to send messages to Leslye at MFI and my friend Greg to arrange for flights to Greenville, since it was clear I would not be able to drive.

As we were going down the mountain to Cap Haitien the next morning, I wondered how I could glorify God in all of this. I would be dependent on others for just about everything over the next two days. Then I remembered I could praise God to others for how He arranged the flights, for friends to help, for the unexpected gift of a high-pain threshold, for His goodness in what could have been a very difficult time. Some people told me it was luck, but others thanked God with me.



The surgery went well, and the doctor thinks there will be complete recovery. The time in rehab provided opportunities to witness and to encourage others. Now I am at home working on physical therapy.

The clinic was very busy this summer. Most patients did well, but we had a couple of people that needed to be referred for more intensive care than I could provide. One lady had not taken her medications for blood pressure and diabetes, and there may be major consequences from a foot infection.

Praise I was able to get most of the important work done before leaving Haiti.

God showed His goodness in so many small details related to that accident that only He could work out. I want to make a list of all of those when I get caught up with other jobs.

Projects I am waiting to see what God wants us to do next.

Prayer There are several churches in eastern North Carolina that support me. It was hard to watch the hurricane reports while I was in the hospital, knowing that all of these churches could be dealing with flooding or worse. A supporting church in Wilmington reported that it had water in the sanctuary and had lost the gymnasium and fellowship hall to a tornado. Please pray for God's grace, since so many people face devastating losses. Pray that this will be what turns some to faith in Christ as they realize they are not in control and need a Savior.

The clinic staff will be taking care of return visit patients while I am gone. They have the knowledge to do this, and we have discussed any changes in medications they may need to make.

Accidents happen to all of us, sometimes minor and sometimes completely upsetting our lives. We choose how we will respond. I am grateful God reminded me of that choice early in this adventure because it has put me on alert to see the ways He is acting in this unexpected event in my life.

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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