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“... (Jesus) went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him...” (Luke 8:1)

“But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy.” (Luke 8:23)

Dear Praying Friends:

It was hot and dusty during July and August in Wallondri. Farmers were discouraged about their crops failing. The money from those harvests was intended for their kids' school tuition, uniforms and books. No harvest, no school. Then, Hurricanes Irma and Maria passed nearby. We were grateful that we did not get direct hits, but the storms dropped a lot of rain. People in our area lost part or all of their new plantings, the rivers flooded, and a rock/mud slide sent water and mud through one section of nearby St. Raphael. The road down the mountain was damaged, but passable, which was good news for my trip out at the end of September.

We saw patients with many different conditions, including a baby with meningitis and an old man with tetanus (lockjaw). We are seeing a lot more patients with adult-onset diabetes, many presenting with blood sugars higher than 400. One of our challenges is to convince these people that this problem, like hypertension, is something that needs to be managed over their lives, rather than something that can be cured. The repeat visits give us extra opportunities to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The last storm showed a problem with the Ministry Residence roof. The roof itself did not leak, and that made me happy. There is a stairway to the roof, and a doorway giving access outside. Things went well all during the day, and then, in the last fifteen minutes, there was a burst of heavy rain that overcame the capacity of the roof drains, along with a strong wind that pushed water at the door and under it. I had help cleaning up the water that came down the stairs and across the floor. Storms expose our weaknesses, and this is one that needs to be fixed.

Praise Fellow missionaries in Dominica and Puerto Rico were protected in the center of the recent hurricanes.

I was able to get my things out of storage after not seeing the contents of some of those boxes in eight years.

I had a safe trip from Ft. Pierce, Florida, to Greenville, South Carolina, on September 26.

Projects The shelves are up for my books. My co-worker Harry Peart suggested track shelving, and helped with cutting and planing some of the boards. I sanded (and sanded, and sanded) and sealed the boards, and then set up the shelves in the areas planned for them when the house was designed.

We need to finish the surface of the outside walls and the floor of the upstairs room. Then we can move the water system higher. We would also like to upgrade the electrical system. I was grateful for the good solar system that got us through the storms.

All the rain caused everything on the property to grow quickly. I need to be looking at equipment to keep the property clear of all that growth.

Prayer I have a very busy schedule for the next two months. Please pray for clearness of thinking, safety on the roads, and a constant awareness of God's leading.

Whether we are on the dusty roads of ordinary days or in the midst of storms that threaten to destroy us, our Lord is always with us. May that reality encourage you as you walk 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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