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“Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way” (Psalm 25:8).

How good is God? Sometimes it is hard for us to drop what we are doing and help a friend. Because God is good, He patiently teaches even His enemies in the way they should go. If they are listening, they may choose to stop their rebellion, turn to Him and walk in His way.

I was reminded of God’s goodness and patience in the clinic recently when I saw a couple of men with serious illnesses. One man was having a major heart problem, but was not interested in the Gospel. When I asked the other man about his relationship with God, he said he was “waiting” (so did his son who was with him). Waiting for what? God has given him many opportunities during his 75 years, but this man has not yet accepted the free gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. In God’s goodness, He still sends people to teach sinners His way.

We saw our Lord’s goodness in July when we moved everything for the clinic and my personal belongings to the Ministry Residence. After a great deal of hard work in the next two weeks, the clinic area was ready for patients. The staff is pleased about the new location and separate work spaces. However, I had to smile when I heard that this is not a “real” clinic, because it does not have departments (e.g. finance, records) in separate rooms. So much for open floor plans! There is always something to learn in a different culture.

All God’s ways are good, even when His mercy seems severe. I recently saw a woman with advanced cervical cancer on a Monday. By the end of the week, she was having trouble walking, probably due to tumor progression. I needed to tell her about her condition and asked her about her relationship with Jesus Christ. She is a Christian and is trusting that God will do what is best for her.

Praise Seven years ago, it became necessary for me to leave the previous clinic location. The missionaries of Maranatha Baptist campus have generously provided living space and a place for the clinic since then. We are now rejoicing that the clinic and I have moved to our own location next door.

I have had my first guest! Charise Guidinger has helped in the clinic ministries several times in the past, and it was a pleasure to have her come work with us for a week.

Projects There are still jobs that need to be done to complete the Ministry Residence. The clinic staff and patients already have projects in mind (e.g. a “real” clinic building!). It would be helpful to have a pavilion where patients who arrive early (6 a.m. or before) could wait for the start of the clinic day at 8 a.m., rather than sit on my porch. It would also give patients a place to rest during the day. We are working on the costs for this.

Prayer **I will return to the United States on September 29**, our Lord willing, and drive from Florida to South Carolina overnight. I have two weeks to prepare a new presentation before my first meeting. Elections are scheduled here for October 8. Please pray that things will go smoothly.

*“All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies”
(Psalm 25:10).*

How kind is God? We rejoice in God’s mercy when our way is pleasant and everything seems to be going well. But there are times our way leads through loss and pain. Someday, we will stand before our Father’s throne and praise Him that all His paths are mercy and truth. And we will bless our Savior for being with us every step of the way.

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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