

2011 June 22 e-mail update Arrival in Haiti

It was light at 5 AM this morning. The sun was shining at 6 AM, and it was 82° and humid. The church band was already practicing. This is not Greenville SC!

The weather in Greenville was hot before I left. We had experienced several violent thunderstorms, including one last Wednesday that was a microburst or a small tornado. That storm toppled trees and took off the roof of a house a few blocks from us. This spring has been notable for the number of dangerous storms that have devastated cities. We have also seen massive flooding in some areas, and wildfires out of control in others. It has been an unusual year.

The drive to Ft. Piece and the trip to Haiti both went well. The last part of the trip to Wallondri was much better than in the past because the road had been graded. It was almost as good as asphalt, except that it can be damaged by heavy rains.

We had a severe thunderstorm last night. The lightning and rain were impressive. One lightning strike occurred close to this house and the lights promptly went out. I tried the power button for the inverter (converts battery 12V to 120V), but nothing happened. The good news was that I did not smell anything like electrical cable burning up. A bit later the Bowers were checking the river next to the property. That river had taken out a portion of the wall in the past when it flooded after a major storm. This time the river was high, but finally stopped rising. When I came back to the house, the inverter light was on and I had power once again. I praised God many times last night and this morning for preserving that equipment. We appreciate the “little” things more when we do not have them at our fingertips.

I remember a pastor saying years ago that when society is violent, nature is violent. It was another way to think of the way God uses natural events to try and get our attention so we will listen to Him. That would be a very good idea in this year of “natural” disasters.

In our Lord's service,

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