

6 June 2012 Sad Surprises

Last Thursday the construction crew was excited about what they had to show me. The metal double doors for the storage building had been installed. The below-ground cement block work for the Haitian toilet had just been completed. I took pictures, esp. of the block work since it would be covered the next day...we thought.

That night there was a noisy storm and torrential rain for several hours. The river just north of us rose fairly quickly, but did not top the wall on that side of the property. I was glad to hear the next day that no one died because of local flooding.

The news from the construction site was disappointing. The common saying is that heavy rain is the enemy of recently-laid cement, and it proved true for the rows of blocks that had just been laid. It took several days for the water in the hole to subside, and we are now finding out how much work needs to be done again. That is being done while the work on the storage building continues.

The good news was that no one was hurt since all this happened after dark, and the blocks can be replaced. The comment of several of the workers was that God had a reason, and we must accept that He knows best. That echoed the statement I had just seen by a Puritan writer who considered that his response to present adversity might have consequences many years in the future, so it was important to act in a godly fashion now.

The support letter for June 4 gives you information about the next project.

Thanks for your prayers and encouragement.

In our Lord's service,