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*“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:  
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” Matthew 11: 29*

People are plowing their fields for the next planting. In the St. Raphael area, that means using oxen, often a yoked team. The work gets done slowly, but steadily, and is done best when the team works well together.

It has been nearly three years since I left my previous location. There have been unexpected challenges and great opportunities. I suspect our Lord does not show us more than the next few steps because we would plow around the difficulties rather than go through them with Him and learn the lessons He wants to teach us.

I believe it is time to move forward with plans for developing the Wallondri property. The gatehouse/storage building is on its way to completion. I originally thought the next project would be a wall around the property, just over three acres of land. I now believe that a house with room for visitors is the next project to tackle. I drew plans for a house and clinic building in the fall of 2009, taking advantage of the many lessons learned from Paul Whitfield, the man who designed and built at the other location. Recently, I revised the house plans based on experience from living in the Peart's house.

The gatehouse was a good learning experience in addition to providing a needed building. The construction supervisor gave me a detailed estimate, but now I know some of the “extras” that need to be added, e.g. the money for the ladies who carry the water. I had heard that construction prices had gone up, but now I have a better idea of how much. The supervisor is using guidelines issued since the 2010 earthquake. This will make the building more stable, but increases the costs. There are other things to be considered, such as grillwork for the windows and doors, plus a septic system.

The planned house will have three bedrooms and a small multipurpose room. The living space will be a bit less than 1940 square feet because of concrete block walls. In addition, there will be a carport and storage space on one end of the building, and a small porch on the other end. The estimated cost is \$45,000 U.S. There are some practical details that need to be worked out.

There is more to a house than just the shell, and here is a list of items that will be needed to make the building useful.

- Water/Plumbing—There has been a generous offer for us to use the purified water from the system on Maranatha Baptist property. To take advantage of this, we will need to run a water line, install a reservoir, and have some type of pumping system for the house. Other practical items include toilets, sinks, a tub, indoor plumbing lines, etc.
- Electricity—To make use of solar power, we essentially need to pay 10-15 years of electric bills up front. I have an inverter (converts battery DC to house AC). The other system needs include: eight large 6v batteries at \$320 each, plus shipping and duty; at least four solar panels; a regulator; cables. The house will need a service entrance, electrical lines and outlets.
- Communications—It is hard to imagine functioning without satellite connections. I have a dish, but need a transmitter, modem and cables.
- Other considerations—Paint for walls; sealing floors.

It would be great to have American teams help with several of these areas. Some of you have already asked about having a part, and you may see your opportunity in one of the needs listed above.



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I am looking forward to seeing this building be part of the clinic ministry and an aid to fellow missionaries. The Pearts and Bowers have teams for ministry and construction, and the extra housing would be helpful for them. I have a newly graduated nurse coming this summer, and would like to host college students in future summers. There will be housing for medical teams and other groups.

The construction crew would like to begin work on the house right away, however I told them we need to wait for God's provision. If you want to be a part of that provision, please send your gift to Baptist World Mission and indicate that it is for one of the following funds set up for me by the mission: Building Project (all construction), Equipment Project (e.g. solar system batteries); Furnishing Project (e.g. medical equipment in the future).

Our Lord has lessons to teach each of us, and His instruction is individualized and very personal. If we will accept His yoke, we will be in step with Him. What an amazing privilege we have that our Lord favors us with His intimate concern, coming to our level and encouraging us to work with Him. He also brings us together to work as His body. Thank you for being co-laborers in this ministry.

In our Lord's service,

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