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“As for the word thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee.”
(Jeremiah 44:16)

A man came to the clinic recently with the complaint that he had not been able to sleep for a month because of bad dreams. I asked if he had been to a *bokò* (bokor—witch doctor), and he said he had gone to one in January. I promptly went for Pastor Thelamour, grateful for his help in this situation. In recent weeks, the man had gone to a second *bokò* who had hung him up by his wrists and knocked out his front teeth. It turned out the patient himself was a *bokò*, and it was clear this was a spiritual conflict involving forces that God alone could deal with. The man surprised me by saying, “I love Satan.” It is the first time in twenty-five years that I have heard someone say that. We talked to him about his need for Christ, but he seemed to be only partially listening, which made me wonder if he was listening to someone else, perhaps his personal spirit. I asked him what kind of testimony he could give for Satan. No sleep for a month, bad dreams, wrists scarred from ropes, probable nerve damage in his right arm, missing front teeth—the one who did that would usually be considered an enemy, but the man insisted he loved Satan. Pastor Thelamour talked with him again, and came back saying the man is addicted to *bokò*. Pastor told the man that only Jesus Christ could deliver him. If he would not turn to Christ, he would probably die at the hands of a *bokò*.

I have been reading Jeremiah and Ezekiel recently, and have been struck with how stubborn we are to do evil and to refuse to listen to God. These prophets faithfully proclaimed God’s message to an audience that had made up its mind to go its own way. I have seen that here in Haiti, but not so bluntly demonstrated as by this man. I will be praying for Romaine, even if I do not hear the outcome, because the Spirit of God can take the Word of God this man has heard and use it to break his stony heart.

Praise A lady sent money for tools, and we now have two new wheelbarrows and two new shovels.

Friends from a visiting team brought tools that we requested, and their church paid for those.

That same team finished the electrical work for the apartment. I have especially enjoyed the light in the courtyard when I do e-mail at night.

The solid rains that we needed for planting finally arrived in mid-May.

Projects The construction men have strongly urged the completion of the block walls for the ministry residence while we wait for the funds to come in for the roof. That will mean using some of the money on hand to do the work, but will make good use of materials that could be damaged by sitting in mud. This job does not include the final cement wall coatings, which will be done after the roof is on. The estimated cost for the roof and inside stairway is still \$18,000.

Prayer Romaine, and many others like him, are trusting in a being who will drag them with him to hell if they do not repent. Please pray with us that the Holy Spirit will use the Word of God we proclaim to bring light to those in great darkness.

This encounter made me reflect on my relationship with my Lord. I have the promises in His Word that the troubles I pass through are used by God to conform me to the image of Christ. My Lord Himself went through trials and suffering during His life, but gave us a vision of the glory and joy that is ahead for those who trust in Him. Am I so in love with my Lord that I proclaim my love for Him no matter what happens, knowing He intends it for my good? It’s something to think about.

In our Lord’s service,

Dr. Anne

“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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