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*“...the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!...[And the LORD said] Surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it.” (Numbers 14:2, 23)*

The people of Israel had repeatedly wailed, “Would that we had died!” This time God gave them their request; they would die without reaching the land of promise. They got what they wanted, but did not really want what they got.

Haiti has been in turmoil since early February. Theft and violent crime have increased, especially in the central part of the country. Prices have doubled for just about everything, including basic food items. It is hard to get fuel, and what is available may be watered. The government health department issued a bulletin warning of fake “medicine” being sold in legitimate pill bottles; no one knows what is really inside.

There are probably many causes behind these troubles, including political maneuvering, chronic corruption in the government, and the problems in Venezuela (fuel shortages with lack of price supports). The basic problem is the human heart. When the deceitful, desperately wicked heart (Jeremiah 17:9) embraces the love of money (I Timothy 6:10) and its own way, the results are ugly and people suffer.

I started this letter four months to the day since my second surgery, a total hip replacement after the broken femur did not heal. Recovery was much faster this time, undoubtedly helped by the physical therapy after the first surgery. I stopped using the walker after three weeks, and was discharged from therapy in early April. I am taking advantage of the offer from that center to return and use their equipment. My hands, especially the fourth and fifth fingers, are recovering from weakness and tingling due to using a walker for more than four months. I have been told that total recovery usually takes six to twelve months, and that is after one surgery! That may explain why so many people have commented on my rapid recovery. I am asking God for complete healing, as He wills. He has truly been good in all of this, even though this path has not always been easy.

**Praise** I made a 1775 mile trip through Florida starting the end of April. The biggest problem was the love bugs splattering the windshield and front of the car! It was good to see friends and report to the churches I had scheduled for last October. I was encouraged to hear comments about how well I am walking, and to be able to walk up and down a flight of twenty stairs carrying my “stuff” without problems.

**Projects** There are things I would like to see done for the Ministry Residence, but those are hold for the present.

**Prayer** I have been very encouraged as people have sent notes or told me in person that they are praying for my situation. Thank you so much!

**My return date is now June 25.** Please pray for wisdom about that date, and that I will be willing to listen to advice, even if that means another delay.

Every day we encounter people who want God to leave them alone. Let us pray that He does not give them their request, and that He uses us to show them the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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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