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“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.” (Joshua 1:8)

This year I have been reading longer passages of the Old Testament rather than just one chapter at a time. What surprised me was my repeated disappointment. I have known these histories from childhood, but the failures still hurt. Israel reaches the border of Canaan the first time, and turns back to the wilderness. Years later they are in the land of promise, but turn to wildness and their own ways. David becomes a willful king and the nation suffers. Solomon begins with great wisdom and ends up in the arms of many women, worshipping their foreign gods. Each time, turning away from obedience to God leads to failure.

Some of our patients have major health problems because they preferred their way to obedience to God’s Word. One man has a damaged heart from years of heavy alcohol use. He responded to medical treatment, but he needs to surrender to God. A 28-year-old man came recently with multiple health problems, including AIDS, TB and fungal disease. He was sure church attendance was enough to get him into heaven. We hope he reconsidered and accepted God’s way of salvation before he died that night.

A team came from North Carolina in late April. They did an amazing amount of work in four days! The men installed the electrical wires, hung the remaining doors and did several “small” jobs, and the lady who came to cook kept everyone well fed. My co-worker Harry Peart has offered to help with the plumbing and installation of the solar panels, and we may get some help for basic electrical connections to the solar system. I am grateful for the many people who have given labor, advice and gifts to make this building possible. We think it might be possible for me and the clinic to move into the Ministry Residence in late June or early July.

Rev. Jesse Garza, my Baptist World Mission representative, came in early May. I teased him that he brought the heavy rain he encountered in Miami along with him. Some of our plans changed because of impassable roads. He did have an opportunity to preach and to be involved in the ministries here on the Maranatha campus.

Praise The farmers were grateful for all the rain in May. Now they would like some dry weather!

We have had many opportunities to witness to patients in the clinic. God has given wisdom to deal with some very sick people.

Projects The Ministry Residence is almost at the point where we can move in. The Haitian kitchen is also nearing completion. This will make it possible for Haitian cooks to work over charcoal indoors.

Prayer Please pray about the move to the Ministry Residence. I could use the clinic vacation in July to get things organized for work in the new location.

The political situation in Haiti is unstable. We have had a provisional government since February, and it is uncertain what solution is going to be proposed. This is leading to much unrest in Port-au-Prince.

God has given us His Word, and promises success to those who will meditate on it and observe it. Every day we have a choice—His way or our way. It is sobering to think that we have no idea who will be affected by our decisions. May we choose God’s way for His glory and our blessing.

In our Lord’s service,

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“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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