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“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might...” (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.” (Colossians 3:23-24)

Have you ever been struck by a word or phrase in a verse that you have read many times before? That happened to me last week while reading Ecclesiastes. I was struck by the word “might”, and then my mind went to “heartily” in Colossians. It can be easy to go on autopilot while doing ordinary jobs, but I was strongly reminded that my work attitude is important before God.

A constitutional referendum vote is scheduled this summer in Haiti. One of my missionary neighbors was planning to return with his family in June or July to get the school ready for the coming year, but he has been rethinking that timing in light of reports of planned increased violence before the voting. He wrote me two weeks ago to tell me that the three missionary men plan to return in August, and will evaluate if it is safe for the rest of us to return.

I feel like the “Pause” button has been hit again. But there are lots of “whatsoever” jobs to do. What about the translation project? Do it heartily. How about some needed yard work for a believer going through great challenges? Do it with my might (and, yes, this verse came to mind as I was heading to completion). Meeting the needs of my workers, my Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ? They also belong to the Lord, so it needs to be done as to Him. And the delay means I can sign up to participate in VBS this year.

Praise My workers and their families are still safe, and their needs have been met. They greatly appreciate your prayers. Thank you for your faithfulness.

The translation project is now more than half done. I have been reminded many times that, while a word might be technically correct, it will not convey the meaning of the author of the study. It is sometimes necessary to reword a sentence so that it will accurately reflect what the writer intended. I have a new appreciation for those who have translated God’s Word from the original languages into English.

Projects These are still on hold.

Prayer Crime and violence are getting worse. Churches used to be considered safe, but that changed with kidnappings while services were being held the Thursday and Friday before Easter. Please pray for the spiritual and physical welfare of Christians and for conviction and repentance for the violent people. The constitutional referendum vote is now scheduled for June 27. There is a debate about this by the international community, along with several changes of opinions in recent months. General elections are long overdue, and now it seems that there is agreement that those elections should be held and the referendum put off. It is hard to imagine that people who are afraid to go outside to the market or church will be willing to risk their lives going to polling places. Please pray that the wrath of man will praise God, and that He will restrain the rest, as He assured us in Psalm 76:10.

Please pray for the possibility of my return to Haiti in late August or September, even if only for a few weeks, so I can take care of responsibilities and plan for the future.

The best reason of all for having a good attitude and working diligently is that we serve the Lord Christ. He has promised an inheritance, but the best reward would be to hear Him say, *“Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” (Matthew 25:21)*

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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