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Dear Pastors, Church Family Members, and Individual Supporters,

Greetings from Greenville, South Carolina!

My field administrator asked me in the summer of 2018 how long I planned to work in Haiti. I told him I hoped to continue working until age 75, as our Lord willed. That remained true in 2019, even after two surgeries for a hip fracture since recovery was going so well. However, as I was getting better, Haiti was entering a time of political instability and general insecurity. I was advised by Haitian friends that it was not safe to return. The COVID pandemic, and then the assassination of the president in 2021 only made things worse, and criminal gangs have now taken control of most of the capital.

My desire has still been to return, but God definitely made it clear the last three times through good advice and circumstances that He did not want me to go. The most recent occasion was in June, 2023. I still had obligations to my workers, but God graciously opened a way for those to be handled. That was made possible in part by the trust we all have in each other, as well as by my preparations for this time over the past three years.

My heart is still with the people in Haiti, but it is clear that it is not safe for me to return, even for a short visit, and that I will be a danger to my co-workers, friends, and patients if I do. After praying about the situation and discussing it with my sending church pastors and the mission board, God has shown me that I should retire at the end of 2023. That does not mean that there will be no opportunities for ministry elsewhere, or even short-term in Haiti at some safer time! It does mean a closure to this part of my life.

I want to thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and faithful support. Some of you have been with me for the entire 40 years of this ministry. I look forward to visiting you and thanking you personally in the coming year.

May you know God's blessings for your faithfulness.

In our Lord's service,

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