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*“But thou, O man of God...follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness”
(I Timothy 6:11).*

Dear Praying Friends:

I was struck by this verse while working through I Timothy during the summer. If these are things the man of God should pursue, then I should be asking God to produce them in the lives of the men I know. It has changed how I pray for my supporting pastors.

Our Lord instructed us to pray for laborers. Recent months have provided two opportunities to put feet to those prayers.

I had the children of Maranatha Baptist Church for junior church during the summer. We studied the lives of Nehemiah and Joseph, with the themes “Nehemiah stood firm for God” and “The Lord was with Joseph.” The children learned important lessons about walking with God and knowing He is active in our lives. These children represent the future of this local church, and it was great to have an opportunity to influence them for God during this important time in their lives.

Nursing students Esperanza and Bethany came for six weeks. They worked in the clinic and helped with minor surgery. I had scheduled those cases for during their visit and was grateful for their assistance. They learned Haitian Creole and enjoyed using the language as they worked with children in a Vacation Bible School held at a rural church. Bethany and Esperanza are the most recent of several university students I have hosted over the years. These people have carried a vision of missions to their home churches, and some have gone to other mission fields.

I returned to Florida on September 22, but not alone this time. My worker Isaac Paul unexpectedly received his visa and asked to come with me. It has been interesting to see how God arranged my schedule in October to mesh with Isaac’s desire to see people he had worked with on teams.

Praise The elections for senators and deputies in August was calm in our area.

One of our elderly patients was saved during the summer.

Projects The last projects on the original list were a wall around the property and a well. They were moved up the list, and God graciously provided for both to be completed this summer. We also built a pump house. It is now evident that we need sidewalks between the main buildings. The Ministry Residence is almost finished since the installation of the doors and remaining grill work. We need electrical and plumbing lines run before we can move the clinic to that location.

Prayer Haiti and the Caribbean have been suffering from a severe drought. That caused crop failures for us this summer and made it difficult for people to pay for school for their children. Please pray that there will be rain this fall, and that the winter growing season will be successful.

The next elections, scheduled for October 25, will be for the president and all other offices, as well as run-off elections. Please pray that the country will be calm during this time.

Righteousness and godliness are not just for our pastors. God wants all His sons and daughters, no matter what age, to follow after the things that make us more like Christ. It is a privilege to encourage other believers to do the same.

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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