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*“When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek” (Psalm 27:8).*

Dear Praying Friends:

The end of the year is often a time to pause and reflect on what has been accomplished. Some things worked out the way we planned and we are pleased with the results (and perhaps, a little too pleased with ourselves, as though we actually made everything happen). Other times, we reacted to unexpected events, and we may not be satisfied with the outcome. I have often been reminded that I should be seeking my Lord's desires, looking for His hand in events, so that I am encouraged, at the end of each day, that the results are what He planned.

I spent several weeks reviewing for the American Board of Surgery recertification exam. It was interesting to see what is now being emphasized, but at the same time I was reminded that questions could be asked about everything in surgery. This exam was entirely done by computer, as was much of the application process. The results will not be available for eight-ten weeks after the exam, and the usual response is, “You're kidding!” The delay seems to get rid of one of the great advantages of computer testing, but there is undoubtedly a reason.

In addition to studying, I also reported to churches and my pastor, prepared a ministry update presentation (which we plan to put on the website), had a meeting about future construction, and spent time with family and friends. I also learned how to use another software program in order to update the presentation.

Now it is time to return to the clinic ministry. **I plan to return to Haiti on January 10**, our Lord willing.

**Praise** A supporting church sent a generous gift toward the next project, a house on the new property.

I was grateful to have time to study for the ABS examination.

**Projects** I mentioned, in an earlier letter, that the government had increased the minimum daily wage by a substantial amount. That had a ripple effect throughout the economy, with increased prices for food, household goods, building materials and finally, increased wage demands. The construction “boss” gave me a detailed cost estimate for the residence last spring. I made adjustments for price increases, but would like to review all anticipated costs and have a current estimate. I have been grateful for the reminders from my pastor Drew Conley and my mission field administrator Jesse Garza to be prepared to see the costs for the project go up, because they usually do—and they have.

**Prayer** I need wisdom for medication purchases in the United States. It seems like pricing is changing unexpectedly (prices are usually much higher), or medications are suddenly not available. I am grateful I can ask for advice from former students, who are now doctors and nurses.

Recently, I heard a radio preacher talking about Nehemiah's courage, his prayers and his focus on God. The plea the preacher made that stayed with me was, “Let us resolve to live our lives for an audience of one.” This is a great resolution for 2013. If I am seeking my Lord's face, then His approval will be all I need, and His presence will satisfy my heart.

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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