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“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.” (Hebrews 4:9)

“...his servants shall serve him.” (Revelation 22:3b) “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” (2 Peter 3:18)

The past two weeks were special. It was the first real vacation my sister and I have taken together in years. Not just three or four days pulled out of busy schedules, but twelve days to relax and do things that had waited, such as visits to museums, a tour of the restored Michigan Central Train Station, shopping both locally and in Shipshewana, Indiana, and going to favorite restaurants. There was even time for naps!

The free time did not mean we were not productive. Work and personal emails never end, but it was nice to deal with those when we chose. We were able to practice together in preparation for future handbell solos (she rings, I accompany). We served together in her home church the Sundays I was there. I was able to work on some things for Haiti. Looking back, this vacation was a great time of rest and accomplishment.

The news from Haiti has been bad for years, but each week seems to have an ugly new story of gang activity. It would be hard to explain Haitians attacking their own people, destroying homes and lives, and openly defying any force trying to restore law and order if we did not understand that sin is the cause. When self is first and there is no fear of God or judgment, people can do horrifying things. Even the bad old days of Papa Doc's dictatorship don't look so bad to Haitians now. At least there was a functioning government and some restraint on evil.

It has been interesting over the years to see how Haitian laws have been applied (or not). There is an old law that states that the property of a foreigner may be forfeit to the government if the person is out of the country more than eight months. The law has often been ignored, only to be revived when a different group was in control, especially if an official wanted the property. With modern transportation it was possible to return to Haiti a couple of times a year. That is no longer true since there are no commercial flights to Haiti, even if it were safe to return. God has not made it clear that I should let the clinic property go. I still hope that someday it will again be used for gospel ministry, which is the reason for paying for security as well as taking all the necessary legal steps to protect the property. I am grateful for those that have made this possible and are willing to help in these unusual times.

Praise The boxes of medications I sent in June arrived safely.

My medical appointments have gone well the past two months.

I had a part in the Vacation Bible School at my home church last month.

God has provided for the salaries and legal fees, as well as the needs of the two orphans I am responsible for.

Projects The local judge says we need razor wire on the “open” walls of the clinic property. This will cost about \$2800. We do not need to be concerned about the wall shared with adjacent property.

Prayer Living in Haiti is both expensive and dangerous. Please pray that God will provide for physical needs, encourage His people and strengthen their faith in their trials, and convict sinners and bring them to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

Vacations are nice, but I like to get things done at the same time. That seems easier without the pressure of deadlines. We are blessed in this country to have a functioning government and legal system, even though those are flawed. Someday, God's people will know productive rest and enjoy universal righteousness when our King, the Lord Jesus, reigns. What a blessed future we have!

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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