

## **Dr. Anne Livingston**

UNIT 1079—NTBF, 3170 Airmans Drive, Ft. Pierce, FL 34946 fannelivingston@gmail.com; alivingston@baptistworldmission.org 5 Crowndale Drive, Taylors, South Carolina 29687 April-May-June, 2023



"And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh..." [the LORD will provide] (Genesis 22:14)

## Dear Praying Friends:

You have been praying with me about God's wisdom and guidance for the clinic ministry in Haiti. I would like to share with you the ongoing story of how God is providing and answering prayer.

Direction. "*And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it...*" (Isaiah 30:21) Sometimes God tells us to go a different way than we planned, even when we thought we were following His will. I made plans in early May to return to Haiti for a short trip in June, and asked a couple of men to consider going with me. It became clear soon after that God did not want me to go to Haiti, but rather to cancel the trip and wait for further direction. I was blessed with wise counsel from my pastor, mission representative and God's Word, along with the prayers of many in making that decision.

Wisdom. "*If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God…and it shall be given him.*" (James 1:5) At the same time that the door to the plane flight closed, another opened for dealing with the obligations to my Haitian workers. God gave wisdom to understand what was involved and the details that needed to be worked out. He had already given wisdom to start preparing for this settlement more than three years ago. My home church, my mission board, Missionary Flights International (MFI), and Haitian co-workers were all involved in the plans. I was encouraged to see how God worked to change possibilities to realities and gave assurance this was the way to proceed. I traveled to MFI in Ft. Pierce, Florida, recently and delivered everything going to Haiti. Now, I am waiting to hear back from my workers and answer any questions they might have.

Patience. "*Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*" (James 1:3-4) Both James and Paul (Romans 5:3-5) remind us that God uses the trying of our faith to produce endurance and maturity, as well as increased trust in Him. It has not been easy to cancel returns to Haiti due to political upheaval and government breakdown, COVID, the assassination of the president, and continually worsening violence with gangs now controlling most of Port-au-Prince. But I have definitely known God's leading and trusted Him to increase my faith in His timing.

- **Praise** One thing that made the new plans possible was the trust that my workers and I have in each other, a blessing of being brothers and sisters in Christ and years of working together.
- **Prayer** I would still like to return to Haiti, but this is not the time. Please pray that God will make it clear if that time should come.

I heard at MFI that veteran missionaries have said this is the worst they have seen Haiti, and then they report something worse happening. Please pray for the Christians that God will keep them safe and provide their needs, and that they will have a clear witness to those around them. Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict people of sin, righteousness and judgment and draw them to faith in Jesus Christ.

*"The LORD will provide."* God not only sees our future; He directs it and plans it for our increased trust in Him and for His glory. Our God has provided everything we need and will continue to do so. Let us praise Him!

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)* Baptist World Mission, PO Box 2149, Decatur AL 35602-2149; www.baptistworldmission.org