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"And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy on you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him." Isaiah 30:18

This verse came to mind while I was seeing patients last week. There was the 86 year old lady who heard the Gospel when my mission board director was here and preached in the clinic service. During her return visit, I asked her if she had trusted Jesus Christ for salvation, but she said she was waiting. For what? Just waiting, and her daughter said the same. An elderly lady who has been my patient for years is still trusting in church membership. After more than fifteen years, a friendly, middle-aged patient still says, "Not today." It is clear that God is gracious and patient with those who hear His invitation but decide to wait.

God has used the salaries and support of the clinic ministry to reach out to church members and unsaved in the community. I know of the help that two of my workers have given to the fatherless, widows and poor. Other workers regularly help the poor and sick. Another worker faithfully visits the sick and bereaved, and is also a lay preacher. One of my patients is very active in evangelism. Your support is multiplied through this area and beyond, showing God's mercy to many for His glory.

Construction guys are a hard-working, optimistic bunch in my experience. They see building plans and want to go purchase all the materials and get started right away. Now that my crew has started again, they do not want to stop. There is what the Haitians call a "little problem"—paying for all those supplies and labor. I am grateful for the encouraging gifts that have come in. Other people have also been optimistic. Thanks to generous friends, I now have enough sheets for the bunk beds that will be in the guest bedrooms. Now, I am waiting for God's provision to build those bedrooms.

Praise We had a good visit with Baptist World Mission executive director Dr. Bud Steadman and his wife Ruth in January. They were able to see the area and participate in the ministries of my co-workers. We were able to purchase many needed medications when I returned in January.

I passed the American Board of Surgery exam, and am now board certified through December, 2024. **Projects** I smiled to see the suggestions about tools because they all came from ladies.

The crew now has all the columns in place for the residence, and they are working on the beams and walls. We still need approximately \$34,000 for the project.

Prayer Please pray with us that the Holy Spirit will open hearts to God's Word as is it faithfully proclaimed at the clinic through preaching, tracts and individual witness.

Haiti is in a time of transition between old and new ways of doing things. Please pray for wisdom since it is sometimes a challenge to know which method is being used. Banking is one area of change, as American checks are no longer accepted as cash; there is a mandatory delay. Infrastructure development and technology are also creating great changes. There have been road blocks and violence in areas that feel they are not getting their share of modernization.

I am glad God waits for us, but all waiting comes to an end. Judgment is coming, and on that day the individual's "not now" will be changed to God's "not ever." May we be faithful to proclaim the mercy and grace of God that He extends today.

In our Lord's service,

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