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(And the LORD said) "But as truly as I live, all the earth shall by filled with the glory of the LORD."

(Numbers 14:21)

This world is sometimes a very grubby place in which to live. Crews are digging up the dirt roads in St. Raphael in preparation for paving them. The final result will be great, but meanwhile there is a huge amount of dust and debris. Haitian politics have been messy because of difficulties between a popular president and the parliament. Haitians have been juggling finances to pay school bills household expenses while waiting for their cash crops to ripen. This world is certainly not the perfect place that God spoke into existence.

Many people here confuse religion with a changed heart. One of my patients last week had several problems, one of which may have been due to his ungodly lifestyle. The young man had a crucifix on his chest, hanging from what looked like a rosary around his neck. He was willing to wear the crucified Christ as an ornament, but was not willing to accept Him as Savior. However, the man did listen to the Gospel carefully, and the Holy Spirit may use that to bring him to repentance in the future.

"You speak Creole like a rat!" That might not sound very good, but it is actually a huge compliment. The Haitian lady who said it wanted me to know that I speak Creole very well, just as though I had hidden in the corner of a Haitian house and absorbed the language.

An attempt to get a Haitian medical license several years ago was unsuccessful for several reasons. I am going to try again. I had a profitable meeting with the Director of Health for our Department. My papers are in order. He told me what I need to do next.

Praise The new vehicle is working out very well. It is comfortable to ride in and very solid. It was nice to get all my boxes and baggage inside when I returned in January, and we did not need to be concerned about rain or thieves.

The Bowers were given a chlorination system for their water system. We now have purified water, and so does the community.

Projects The biggest part of the new clinic project (both in size and cost) is the wall around the property. We estimate the cost will be \$90,000 US. This will be the most expensive project item, but the people I have talked to think it is necessary. Money for this project should be sent to my Special Projects Fund at Baptist World Mission.

Prayer Please pray that God will provide funds for the wall, the new clinic building and all that is necessary for the clinic ministry to function.

Our church young people face many temptations by their mid-teens. Please pray that they will have hearts that are truly changed by the Gospel and not rely on such things as family ties, church attendance, and baptism.

We are so used to our world as it is that we cannot imagine all the changes that will take place when "the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD." We can reflect His glory into the dark, dusty places where we live, and attract others to come to Him. Let's brighten the corner where we are today!

In our Lord's service,

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