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"And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful." (Revelation 21:5)

I just finished the M'Cheyne Bible-in-a-year reading. 2 Chronicles ended with the transition of Judah back to its land after the decree of Cyrus. Malachi promised future restoration even as the nation moved into nearly four hundred years with no word from God. John ended with our Lord serving His disciples and giving them continued service to do without His visible presence. Revelation ended with completed restoration of all things, warnings, and a beautiful invitation.

The words "transition" and "restoration" have been in my thoughts as I have heard from friends and about their relatives, especially in the past week.

- --A brother in Christ told me of God's gracious provision and restoration to health after three major surgeries this past year. He is praising God that he has been able to return to his business.
- --A friend told me of a family member who has gone through multiple treatments for cancer in the past few years. The tumor spread has sped up, and she may be moving to heaven this year.
- --A lady I met in rehab in 2022 had already broken several bones in the course of her life, as well as having surgery for possible pancreatic cancer years earlier with all the changes that brought. This time, she had broken her hip and never really recovered. We talked about her trust in Jesus Christ and read God's Word together, and have talked regularly since then. She passed into the presence of her Savior this past week.
- --As I was writing this letter, I heard from a supporting church that their emeritus pastor died last night. He has had major health problems for some time, and has been looking forward to being pain-free and in the presence of his Lord. His faith has now become sight.

From an article by Jacqueline Charles in the *Miami Herald* on February 12: "One Haitian killed every two hours. Seventeen wounded a day. Forty kidnapped a month." Since October, "...armed gangs have killed, kidnapped or injured at least 3,425 people, including children." Most Haitians (but obviously not the gang members) would like to see Haiti transition from violence, no elected government and economic chaos to peace and security, a functioning government that cares about the people, and opportunities to provide for their families. None of that looks possible at this time. We cannot change any of this, but God can, and so we pray that He will work on behalf of the country of Haiti and in the hearts of Haitians.

Praise God has given safety on the roads as I have started reporting to churches and pastors. The schedule you receive is always with the reminder "as our Lord wills," since He knows the future and we don't.

Steve Pettit recently held meetings in Port-au-Prince. There was good attendance each evening, and people made decisions for salvation and living for Jesus Christ. That was a great blessing and answer to prayer. **Prayer** Please pray for those watching the clinic property. A recent gang tactic has been to look for unguarded property and take it over. I would like to see that property go to another ministry as God wills, so I will be paying for security at least through the end of this year, and perhaps longer.

Churches have been asking how they can pray for me. In reading the books of Kings and Chronicles, I was struck by how many kings started out well, but wandered from God when they got older. I want to finish this life God has given me well for His glory and the encouragement of others.

All of us are moving from one phase in life to another, whether it be classes in school, jobs, new locations or new stages of life. For all who put their trust in Jesus, the last transition will be the best as we come into His presence, see Him as He is, and enjoy His restoration of all things with no possibility of sin ever again. I can hardly wait!

In our Lord's service,

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