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"And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD... 'O our God...we have no might against this great company...neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee."" (II Chronicles 20:3,12)

King Jehoshaphat had been ruling for nearly twenty years, the last ten fairly peaceful. Then he received word that a huge coalition army was coming against Judah, but the country did not have the power to face the invaders. The people of Judah did have faith in the God of heaven, and they went before Him, confident that He would hear their prayer and answer.

Christians in Haiti have been grateful to have you standing with them in prayer. Every few days I have been receiving reports, and occasionally some disturbing pictures, of crime, murders, and property destruction. Kidnappings are common, and the ransom demands are going as high as \$80,000-100,000 US. Most people don't have that kind of money, which usually means death, and sometimes the victim is killed even after the ransom has been paid. Today I heard a Haitian urging people not to come for Carnival (Mardi Gras—February 25) or any other reason because "express" kidnappings are taking place, with people being held for whatever money their relatives can produce. The police are limited in what they can do in the face of these organized attacks. Our Christian brothers and sisters are looking to God as the only One Who can deliver them and Haiti.

St. Raphael has been calmer since Christmas, but travel in the area is not safe. One never knows where the gangs are hiding or what their demands will be. It has been good to have direct reports from people I know.

I am not scheduling a return date just yet. I would like to return toward the end of March, but understand it may be best to wait. As a single woman, I do not want to create extra responsibilities or burdens for my co-workers.

- **Praise** I was able to update the 2018 presentation to include a report on what God has been doing in my life and in Haiti. Doing that meant learning the basics of new software. I hope I can remember those the next time! There have been opportunities to report to supporting churches.
- **Projects** Money was available to do work on the pump house. This had been planned some time ago, but is now urgent because bats are getting in.
- **Prayer** Please continue to pray for Haitian Christians—for their safety, their testimony, and for their needs to be met.

Continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will move in the hearts of wicked people and convict them of sin, righteousness, and judgment.

Please pray for me as I continue to seek God's will for the coming months.

We like to think we can handle things on our own, but the reality is that we are easily overwhelmed. We should always seek the LORD first, and then wait for His directions and deliverance.

In our Lord's service,

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