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"The LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation saying ... The LORD God of heaven ... hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah." (Ezra 1:1,3)

"I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet...And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications..." (Daniel 1:2,3)

Dear Praying Friends:

Daniel was a senior statesman in the Medo-Persian court when he understood the Jewish captivity would soon be over. He may have shared the information with the king and his son, but we don't know that. What we know he did do was to seek the Lord in prayer and supplication. God heard that prayer as He moved the next king to make a proclamation of release, and moved Jewish people to return home. God hears our prayers.

God heard your prayers as I traveled more than 1500 miles in February. I was able to report to three supporting churches and speak at a ladies' meeting.

My Haitian friends want me to thank you for praying for them. My workers are safe, although at least one of them experienced serious threats in February. My missionary neighbor wrote to say that the violence continues, especially from big-gun gangs, and that many people have been murdered.

Haiti reported its first two cases of COVID-19 on March 20, both in people coming from Europe. Missionary Flights (MFI) had a lot of challenges that week due to rapidly changing requirements. They planned an extra flight on March 20, with approval by Haiti to bring cargo in and take passengers out. That changed by the time they arrived, and the pilots had to return with the cargo and leave the passengers. That was hard for everyone. MFI will continue to seek permission to land with cargo in Haiti, but there may be challenges for them to do that, as well as for those trying to get to the airport to receive their supplies. Please pray for God's encouragement, provision and protection for all those in Haiti, and for wisdom and guidance for MFI.

One of the blessings of your support and prayers is that I was able to send two boxes of medications to Haiti at the end of February. My worker Sè Tama had requested most of them; I added others. Sè Tama has capably cared for patients in my absence. With the news of COVID-19 in Haiti, I decided it was time to close the clinic for now. Sè Tama sent a message on March 22 asking about the medications at the clinic and reminding me that we are the only ones in town caring for people with chronic problems, such as hypertension and heart disease. Finding meds in Haiti for these people has been hard. She wanted to know if she could transfer the pills from the clinic to the small pharmacy in her house in St. Raphael so she could dispense them from that location. Certainly!! I am grateful for Sè Tama and her abilities, and glad we can help people in need.

Praise God has given guidance in the scheduling of meetings and the delay in returning to Haiti, and has graciously supplied for all of my needs. I often remind myself that God does not arrange all the events in the world just for me, but I am grateful He remembers me in His planning.

Prayer My regular prayer list has the names of Haitian co-workers, friends and missionaries around the world, pastors and churches, the government leaders of two countries, as well as the names of those who need to trust in Jesus as their Savior. How about yours? This pandemic has reminded us of many people whose work we take for granted. We can pray for God's protection and provision for them, and for wisdom for our leaders.

God is in control, and we are not. As we pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10), may we remember that God is using all these events to bring that about.

In our Lord's service,

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"...for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies." (Daniel 9:18)

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)
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