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"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)
"Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Spring has sprung here in South Carolina! I have been catching up on yard work recently, which has been quite a change from all the driving and meetings last year. As I watched the trees and shrubs bloom, I can see in my mind the beauties of past years, for example, a dogwood tree in full flower in front of a dense stand of pine trees. While working, "pictures" from last year of supporters and churches come to mind, reminders of blessed times of fellowship and encouragement.

Weeding, clean up, and laying mulch take time, and give lots of time for reflection and prayer.

--Weeds caused me to think about Adam and Eve. They must have been shocked to learn what the world under the curse outside the garden was like. They quickly learned the results of not trusting God, and those results still affect us today. That made me wonder how many of my actions have brought trouble to someone else.

--I prayed for students, possible future missionaries, and those ready to go on mission,

--There are friends who need wisdom, direction, and strength as they face transitions, major illnesses, or how to care for family members.

--I prayed for the Bells in Dominican Republic as they sought wisdom about buying a building for a church. (God directed them not to make the purchase.)

--Haiti continues to be on my mind and heart.

A few hours after starting this letter I received word of an attack on Mirebalais, a town about 30 miles northeast of Port-au-Prince. I remember it as a rather dusty town on the internal road from the north to the capital. I smile when thinking about a policeman flipping through a school copybook so he could find a blank page to write my name. No one was smiling when two gangs attacked the town, broke into the prison and released more than 500 inmates, and made a strong effort to take over the town, causing people to flee to nearby areas. This is the second time in recent weeks that gangs have attacked towns on routes to the capital. Port-au-Prince is close to coming under total gang control.

Praise I prayed for years for a family and their need of Christ, but had not received any news. Recently, a relative told me that one of the sons almost died early this year, and the mother is giving God the credit for the man's recovery. This family is now attending church. I was saddened to learn that another family member for whom we were praying went into eternity a few months ago, continuing to trust in religion rather than Jesus.

The clinic property is still secure, and I have been able to take care of salaries for the watchmen and night security men. One of the watchmen is a lay pastor in two rural churches; another is a deacon locally. Gospel ministry continues through them, as well as other faithful Christians in the area.

Prayer Please continue to pray with me that a way will be opened for the clinic property to be used by someone for the service of God. Meanwhile, pray for God's protection of those watching over the property. They are grateful for the assistance they receive. I was asked last weekend if I would like to go back. Yes!! But only in God's will.

Just like the seasons, our lives are constantly changing, each year different from the last. We change, but our God does not, and He tells us to come to Him in prayer at any and all times. We are blessed!

In our Lord's service,

Dr. Anne

"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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