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"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me." (John 10:27)

Dear Praying Friends:

We have many confused "sheep" in Haiti. They claim to be Christians and might even say they know Jesus Christ as their Saviour, but they follow the ways of the world most of the time. Recently, I talked with a very sick young man about his recent medical care and his spiritual needs. He admitted that he had spent a month with a *bokò* (witch doctor), but was not any better after the treatment. He said he had been saved since then, and his sister agreed that had happened. A woman from our church went to pray with him the following Sunday and found a *bokò* standing by his bed. The man died that night, and I am not sure he actually knew Jesus as his Shepherd.

There have been a number of decisions to make and some changes in plans as we work on the Ministry Residence and related projects. I have been blessed and encouraged to take those questions to my Shepherd and ask for direction. I have been reminded repeatedly that I do not know the future—not even what is going to happen in the next hour—with any certainty. It makes sense to ask the One who does know and will lead me step by step.

- **Praise** I bless and thank God for the unusual ways He has provided for the Ministry Residence. Several of the workers have grown in their faith in God as they have seen Him meet needs.
- **Projects** The inside walls, ceiling and outside of the Ministry Residence have been painted. We plan to seal the floors soon, and have the materials to do so. We purchased many of the supplies for the electrical work, as well as sinks, toilets and plumbing needs. I now have two sets of bunk beds and the mattresses. We just started building one section of the security wall.

I am missing the friendly faces and hard work of the core group of retirees who worked at the other location, since most of them have gone to Heaven. It used to be that Paul Whitfield would contact people he knew in construction to help with the building projects. Haitians have done all the work at this site so far, and they have done a good job. The labor costs have made the project more expensive, but the money has helped workers feed and clothe their families, as well as keep their kids in school. God has provided for all the needs in His time and in His way. Now, I would like for Him to provide a couple of electricians, a plumber and a general construction person to finish specialty work. Retirees would be fine!

Prayer A situation developed in January that has encouraged me to put greater trust in my Shepherd. God provided both the test and the answers, and my faith has grown.

Two nursing students are planning to come for several weeks this summer. Please pray for Esperanza and Bethany as they study this semester and make preparations for their stay here.

It can be hard to find the way through the darkness of the valley of the shadow of death or the fog of confusing details and incomplete information without a guide. How blessed I am to have a Shepherd who knows and cares for me. When I cannot see Him, I can hear His voice and know He is close at hand, ready to encourage and direct as I follow Him. Are you trusting this Good Shepherd?

In our Lord's service,

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