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"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God...

²Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that,
when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (I John 3: 1,2)

As I was getting ready to return to Haiti, God was preparing to call friends to come to Heaven. Dr. Ron Brooks, who had retired from Baptist World Mission, and Pat Whitfield, a member from my home church, saw their Savior before January was half over.

I had already been thinking about seeing Jesus "as he is." John was surely qualified to write about this. He had known Jesus for more than three years, walking, talking, working and living with Him. He saw Jesus die, and then saw Him as the risen Savior. He had seen the glorified Christ, and would see Him in greater majesty in his visions on the isle of Patmos. But, like the apostle Paul (I Corinthians 2:9-10; II Corinthians 3:18), it seems that John could only begin to describe what the Holy Spirit was showing him about the future of the sons of God.

Praise I returned to Haiti safely on January 12. It was good to have a few quiet days to recover before returning to the clinic ministry on January 18.

We have men who are interested in coming to do the needed electrical, plumbing and general construction work for the Ministry Residence. Please pray for wisdom as we work out the details.

Projects There are a number of things that need to be done before we move. I have been getting information for the necessary purchases, and greatly appreciate the shopping the Missionary Flights staff has done. There will still be surprises as we discover we are missing items, but the stores in Cap Haitien are better stocked now. Please pray that we will find what we need quickly.

Prayer There was very little to harvest last fall. Last week people told me of seeds filled with tiny biting bugs that popped out and clung to the skin. Now, there are fights over irrigation water. We need regular rainfall for the current planting, which is considered the "cash crop."

The final run-off elections for all major political offices are scheduled for this Sunday. People are expressing doubt that the elections will even take place. We would like to see a minimum of violence. We would also like to see good people elected to positions of leadership.

I have already taken care of some very sick people. Please pray that we will be able to use the opportunities medical care provides to reach people with the Gospel message.

We would like to move into the Ministry Residence in May, if that is God's will and time. The wall now defines the property, and we would love to use the new sidewalks to stay out of mud caused by the rains for which we are praying.

"We shall see him as he is." "In him is no sin" (verse 5)—and He has taken away all of ours. "He is righteous" (verse 7)—and we are righteous in Him. While I look forward to seeing family and friends again, I long for the day when I will see my Savior and be free from sin. We can only dimly imagine now what it will be like then to dwell with righteousness, as Peter says God has promised (II Peter 3:13). Some day we will be able to stand in God's presence as beloved children. And the final transformation will happen when we see the Lord Jesus Christ as He is. I can hardly wait!

In our Lord's service,

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