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"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want...he leadeth me..." (Psalm 23:1, 2) "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:6)

## **Dear Praying Friends:**

Have you ever had a friend say, "Get in your car and follow me, and we'll be there in no time," only to discover you had absolutely no idea where you were, let alone where you were going? That happened to me recently, and I was grateful that the person in the car ahead was watching traffic as well as making sure I was not far behind.

It is hard for me to realize that it has been a year since I returned to the United States with a broken hip. It has been interesting to see how my Lord led through two surgeries and related therapy, and then used those to keep me here while Haiti descended into political disorder, violence, and shortages of every kind. This probably would not have been the path of my choice, but my far-seeing Shepherd knew best.

Conditions in Haiti seemed to stabilize in August, although it was still not safe in many areas. But in mid-September, there were demonstrations, gunfire, roadblocks and strikes in the major cities, and it was unsafe to even leave the house in many areas. A fellow missionary from my area reported that there is little or no fuel, no propane, and no way to get cash.

I have been asking God what I should be doing right now (besides those exercises every day!). One answer came from my staff in August. They want to see me, but not while it is unsafe, and they advised me to wait until January. Then God led me to report to supporting churches. Normally, arranging that schedule can take weeks or months. This time, meetings were arranged for September and October in the space of ten days! I praised God for His direction.

**Praise** People encourage me when they say they are praying for my safety on the roads. The reality of God's protection in answer to those prayers was evident recently as I was driving on a moderately crowded interstate, coming home from a church after dark. A piece of truck tire shot out from under the car ahead and hit the front of my car. There was a lot of noise on the front end, but the car continued to run and steer well. I thanked God the tire did not hit my windshield, and then hoped it had not hit anyone else. When I stopped for fuel, I found black rubber marks on the left side of the bumper, and the grille was missing. The car looked like a kid without his front teeth! Praise God for His protection!

**Projects** These are all on hold.

**Prayer** Your prayer means much to the Haitian believers. Please pray for an end to the violence and a measure of political stability. None of my workers have been attacked, and they have basic needs, but the continued unrest is hard on their spirits and their everyday activities.

Please continue to pray that I will have wisdom about what to do in the future, that I will get good advice, and that I will accept wise counsel as I continue to seek our Lord's leading.

Our Shepherd never promised we would always have pleasant pastures and quiet streams. Sometimes, He directs our paths through dark and dangerous places. But He is always with us, leading us in the path that He has for each of us. We need to look to Him, and go where He directs.

In our Lord's service,

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