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"There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." (Isaiah 57:21)

I met Ti Claude when he was brought to the clinic at the other location years ago by his wife and mother. He had no pressure or pulse, but was walking with help and talking. We prayed, and God graciously helped me start an IV. Demonic activity is a real possibility in such situation, so we continued to pray, and talked to the man about his spiritual needs. He wasn't interested, and wanted to go home as soon as he felt better (after three liters of fluid!). Someone went to pray with him at 5 am the next morning, but he had already gone to another of his wives. He was a witch doctor, and was afraid someone was stealing his voodoo materials. I heard about him again last year when the news went out that he had tried to poison his relatives so that he could inherit everyone's property. We were glad to hear that no one died, although several people were severely ill. A few weeks ago, he died after not feeling well the night before. There was the barest minimum of a funeral, and those involved only came to be sure he was dead. What a tragic legacy.

Sometimes others suffer from the evil we do. A woman came with advanced cervical cancer, probably the result of her husband's unfaithfulness years ago. She has placed her trust in Jesus Christ, and has peace in the midst of this difficult situation.

We hope we are coming to the end of the worst outbreak of "pink eye" (bacterial conjunctivitis) anyone can remember. It may be related to what seem to be severe allergies this spring. We had heavy rains early, and I suspect the pollen counts have been high. Many people have runny noses and are rubbing itchy eyes. I have not had much problem with allergies in the past, but I now have much more sympathy for such people after sneezing (and sneezing and sneezing!) just about every morning for the past three months.

This is my first full year on this property, and there have been lots of discoveries. One is how fast the weeds grow under the right conditions! The new pavilion is providing room for the patients to spread out more comfortably, as well as giving the kids a place to run. We are making progress on the room upstairs in the Ministry Residence, and will eventually move the water reservoirs to the roof of that section. That should provide better water pressure in the building.

**Praise** We have been very busy. That has meant long hours for the staff, but has also given extra opportunities to share the Gospel.

Because we have the new, large generator, I was able to loan the smaller one to my co-workers next door when their main generator quit. We blessed God for His provision.

**Projects** Electrical and plumbing upgrades are still in our plans. Things do not move quickly here, so we are waiting for God's timing. There are lots of other jobs on the "to do" list, and we are working on those.

**Prayer** There are several new clinics in the area that offer to see people with a minimum of delay, and there has been occasional pressure from our patients for us to do the same. That would mean dropping the preaching service at the beginning of the day, as well as limiting conversations about spiritual matters, which we are not willing to do. We are grateful that the good quality of care we give means people are willing to come early for the preaching service, and then wait for their consultation. Please pray that we will continue to provide for both the physical and spiritual needs for our patients.

I am making preparations for time in the US this fall. Please pray that I will know God's direction in making plans and schedules.

The big voodoo festivals will take place in July. People will travel many miles and make great sacrifices to find peace, but what they find will be short-lived at best. May we be faithful to point those around us to the only true source of peace, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In our Lord's service,

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