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“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefiits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.” (Psalm 68:19)

A friend from Haiti recently asked about something for pain relief for her teenage daughter. One option I gave included Tylenol or a generic, and she laughed. Those are among the many things that are not available, even in relatively calm northern Haiti.

That got me to thinking about God’s many daily blessings.

–He has given strength for work. I finished more than two months of yard-and-landscape work at my friend’s house last week, finishing up with digging out monkey grass and weeds. We have been blessed with regular rains recently, so there will be more weeds to dig out!

–I was blessed by an excellent student choral concert and the Living Gallery at Bob Jones University. The celebration at my church of Resurrection Day with the choirs, congregational singing, and preaching of God’s Word from 1 Corinthians 15 was a foretaste of what is ahead for believers.

–God has provided for my senior years (see below).

–I was able to share the Gospel with workmen at the house. There was also an opportunity to listen to a friend’s concerns and offer counsel from God’s Word, experience, and good writers. I have ongoing opportunities to serve on the Medical Team at church, and I am looking forward to VBS in June.

Several people have asked how I am doing financially, and I appreciate their concerns. My situation is probably different from many missionaries because I trained in a profession, so there was no opting out of Social Security. God has provided through the years, enabling me, in the self-employed category, to pay the full tax that goes with that status. I delayed starting Social Security to maximize the benefit since I am single.

–Soon after residency, I felt the need to start an IRA, and received advice that it was a good idea to begin early even if it was not always easy to add the minimum annual amount.

–A number of years later, churches and mission boards saw the need for missionaries to have at least some income when they reached retirement age. Baptist World Mission requires its missionaries to have a 403(b), which is a non-profit 401(k), so I started one when I transferred. Since I am retired status, the mission can receive funds (not tax-deductible) for me, and some individuals and churches still do that.

Where does the money go? I am blessed to live with a friend who has given me a place to stay since before I first went to Haiti, so my living expenses are reasonable. That means I can continue to take care of workers for the clinic property, provide for two orphans left after a security guard’s death, and buy and send medications to a former clinic worker to help the patients I cared for, sometimes for years. As I write, there are medications and supplies waiting for shipment. Both workers and patients are grateful for the assistance. I keep up with friends and workers via WhatsApp.

Praise The heavy yardwork was done before temperatures soared to the 80s. Now I am catching up on paperwork and enjoying reading. I have quite a stack of books that were set aside, as well as medical education exams to do.

I was able to renew my South Carolina medical license.

Prayer Please pray for the political situation both in this country and in Haiti. We hear the news and tend to forget that there are real people being affected by government decisions. Most of all, pray that the Holy Spirit will convict hearts and minds, and turn people to faith in Jesus Christ.

We are so blessed! Today—and every day—we should share with others what the God of our salvation has done.

In our Lord’s service,

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“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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