



Dr. Anne Livingston

5 Crowndale Drive, Taylors, SC 29687
fannelivingston@gmail.com; alivingston@baptistworldmission.org
20 May 2026



"...cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field..." (Genesis 3:17b, 18)

Cleaning out flower beds and garden areas gives lots of time to think. All those weeds and acorns sure do obey God's command to reproduce after their kind! I wonder if Adam grumbled about the change from the well-ordered garden he had enjoyed to the uncooperative ground he now tilled. A couple of weeks ago it occurred to me that God could have told Adam that the ground responded to Adam the way he had responded to God. How often do we think our way is best and then complain about the consequences?

The news from Haiti continues to be difficult. I recently saw pictures of Port-au-Prince and recognized a couple of the areas. The streets were almost deserted, businesses were boarded up or partly rubble, and there were burned out cars. Many people who lived in the capital have escaped with nothing but the clothes they were wearing. This has increased the strain on the rest of the country, which is already suffering from closed borders, limited shipping, little work, and continually rising costs. I am always encouraged by my former workers as they express their trust in God and continue to reach out to others with the good news of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

Praise The insurance claim for the accident last September was finally settled. The portion above the medical bills has already been used for several opportunities including meeting needs for widows, assisting ministries, and providing for an unexpected car repair for a friend. Praise God for His good timing and generous provision!

Prayer It has been eight months since the accident, and I am discovering a few physical problems, such as new aches, which may simply be due to aging, but which may have been sped up by the trauma. I need wisdom for how to deal with those issues.

The mountain road between St. Raphael and Cap Haitien was paved in 2019 or 2020, but now the road is in ruins and travel on it is almost impossible. The news reminded me of stories from seventy years ago when that 29 mile trip could take twelve hours or more because of potholes that could swallow a car. No road means difficulty in getting goods moved, more isolation from the coast, and a greater possibility of gang infiltration. Please pray for the safety of the communities on the Central Plateau and for the ministry of the Gospel to reach them.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:1-2) We suffer under the curse, but are unable to free ourselves from it. God in His mercy sent His Son Jesus to become the curse for us and make restoration possible for all who repent and trust Him. And creation will be set free as well. (Romans 8:20-21) That is a great hope for the future while pulling weeds now!

In our Lord's service,

Dr. Anne

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)
Baptist World Mission, PO Box 2149, Decatur AL 35602-2149; www.baptistworldmission.org