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"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." (Psalm 136:1)

Thanksgiving Day is past, but every day is a good day to give thanks to God for His many blessings. However, I note that the psalmist does not begin and end with what God does for us, but who He is. God is good and forever merciful, steadfast in His love, great in His faithfulness, holy and exalted, compassionate and gracious, the giver of all good gifts to both rebels and His all-too-often disobedient children. When we see who God is, we stand in awe that He would reach out to us and that Jesus Christ would come in the flesh to show us the Father, die for our sins to redeem us, and be our advocate opening the way to the Father. God's blessings are an outpouring of Himself, so I should be thankful to the Giver for all His gifts.

Here are some things I was thankful for in October and November.

- The update presentation for 2017 was completed and uploaded to the website with minimal problems.
- My computer, cell phones and unlimited internet were good tools that made it possible to connect with people, contact Haitians more easily, and do needed work.
- Bethany and Esperanza were summer students in 2015. It was a pleasure to watch their pinning ceremony in May via the internet, and to catch up in person with their careers now that they are practicing nurses.
- Mike Martin, my BWM field representative, was in the Greenville area, and we were able to meet and share concerns. Another day, I got together with some of the ladies from the mission for lunch.
- \* My sister and I spent some vacation time together. We had fun and safety on several day trips.
- I had the privilege of participating in a missions conference in Minnesota (my first time in that state!), and was encouraged to see what God is doing around the world.
- There were opportunities to report to churches in Indiana, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina. I enjoyed meeting pastors and church members, and was reminded of their faithful support over many years.
- God gave safety during nearly 4200 miles of driving. It seems drivers are taking more risks on the expressways so they can go faster. Reminds me of Haiti!
- It was great to get together with some personal supporters again. We do not see each other often, but we pick up right where we left off, even if that was several years ago.
- \* I received word that the clinic staff continues to provide basic services to patients in my absence.
- I spent a couple of days at Appalachian Bible College, and had the privilege of speaking in classes, listening to students and spending time with the staff.
- My friend and I hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for brothers and sisters in Christ. The food was good and the fellowship was a blessing.
- There have been some large gifts that will be used to meet needs in the clinic and on the property.

As I get ready for my last scheduled meetings, my thoughts are turning toward my planned return to Haiti on January 11, 2018, as our Lord wills. It is not too early to think about tools and medication orders!

**Pray** Please pray for those that were in the areas devastated by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. A fellow missionary went back to Dominica to help the people he serves, and wound up in the hospital. It looks like the storms stirred up some nasty, hard to identify diseases, and many people are now dealing with those along with their material losses.

God blesses us in many ways and by many means. Best of all, He gives us Himself. Let us praise Him!

"O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever." (Psalm 136:26)

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)* Baptist World Mission, PO Box 2149, Decatur AL 35602-2149; www.baptistworldmission.org