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"The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." (Psalm 121:6)

I am grateful for God's protection during a lot of "going out" from Greenville, South Carolina, in October. Going out from one place means arriving at another. Those travels involved route changes due to the severe damage to I-40 and the city of Asheville, North Carolina, from Hurricane Helene. I visited pastors and churches, made a trip to my sister's home in Lansing, Michigan, and was able to attend the Baptist World Mission Annual Meeting at Faith Baptist Church in Clinton Township, Michigan. It was great to spend time with fellow believers and hear their stories.

The past few weeks have brought both sadness and joy as people I know have gone out from this life into everlasting joy with their Savior. Some of those people have been from my home church or were family of fellow members. Others have been from Haiti. Pastor Faublas was a good friend and brother in Christ as well as being one of my patients. He had a sudden "attack" and was gone.

Some people cannot leave from where they are or arrive safely at their desired locations due to the actions of others. One of those places is the capital of Haiti. Gangs fired on airplanes coming to land in Port-au-Prince recently, and the planes were diverted to the Dominican Republic. This appears to be another attempt to control the airport in the capital. As a result, The United States FAA has banned all flights to Haiti for thirty days.

Praise God gave safety on the roads for nearly 3000 miles of distance driving in October. I have a vivid memory of the driver next to me on the interstate deciding to take my lane immediately, and being grateful for a wide paved shoulder I could use as I hit the gas pedal and the horn.

The watchmen and night security team continue to be safe, as do most of the people in northern Haiti. The violence is concentrated around the capital, and gang attempts to move out have been slow.

I still hear about patients. One elderly man put his trust in Jesus Christ the day he came to see me at the clinic. He lived to his late 90s, faithful to his Savior, and now he has left his family to go Home to Jesus. It will be a joy to see these people again and perhaps get to introduce you to them.

Prayer Please pray for Missionary Flights International (MFI) as they work to be a lifeline for many mission organizations in Haiti.

Please pray for Haitians who have already had to move from their homes due to gang activity. People throughout the country are affected by insecurity and soaring prices.

What a blessing to know that our Lord preserves us whether we travel or come home. He is always with us, and someday we will be with Him forever!

Have a blessed and grateful Thanksgiving!

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