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"That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory." (1 Thessalonians 2:12)

"You're walking better!" I have heard that several times in recent weeks. It does not always seem that way to me, perhaps because I can feel the occasional twinges of pain and the aches in the damaged ankle. Being able to walk this well is an evidence of the surgeon's skill, the well-devised program of the therapist, and my diligence to do the exercises. Continued improvement means continued work.

Many people in our world know what it means to walk the hard roads of war, famine, persecution and death. The area I know is northern Haiti from St. Raphael-Wallondri to Cap Haitien. My workers send reports as possible, but with fuel blocked at the dock in Port-au-Prince for nearly two months, there is almost no electricity and they have trouble charging their phones. Food prices have tripled this year, while the value of the Haitian dollar has dropped. Haitians have always been generous to the poor, but now many families barely have enough for themselves and there are reports of malnutrition and starvation. Kidnappings, robberies and murders have increased in the north, and people are now inside by 5-6 pm. I just heard from a worker today that bullets are everywhere; a ten-year-old boy in his neighborhood was shot in the arm. The clinic stopped functioning a couple of weeks ago because workers and patients could not find a way get there, and it was not safe to do so.

In the midst of all this bad news, the workers keep saying they are trusting God and begging Him for a solution. They are grateful for your prayers in this hard time. They continue to try and be generous, and it was a privilege to send help the past two months to let them help others. There are videos of widows in the churches thanking God for what they received, bringing tears and causing gratitude for the ability to share.

Praise I was released from both surgical care and home therapy in October. That does not mean no exercising!

I traveled safely to my sister's home in Lansing, Michigan, and then the Baptist World Mission Annual Meeting in Indianapolis in October. These were my first long trips driving since the accident in July.

God has given opportunities to encourage and give medical advice to fellow believers.

It looks like the translation portion of the discipleship book is finally done. The man in charge hopes to have the final formatting completed soon, with an initial printing in January for review.

There may be an opportunity for ministry in another location.

Prayer Cholera has appeared in Port-au-Prince. No fuel meant the water purification plants could not operate.

Minimal transportation has kept many people from getting to necessary help, but the medical centers are still overwhelmed by the number of patients. Please pray that the gangs would allow access to fuel.

Also, that this cholera outbreak will calm down and not spread to other parts of the country.

Please pray for direction and wisdom as I look into the opportunity to work with Haitians in another country. This would be with an established team, so we all would benefit from your prayers.

I have obligations in Haiti. Please pray that God will open the door in the next four months so I can return to Wallondri in safety for both myself and my workers to take care of my responsibilities.

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord..." (Colossians 1:10) How do those around see us as we walk as Christians in this world? How do we see ourselves? Would our Lord agree with our personal evaluations? May we walk in this world in a manner worthy of our Lord to display His glory and draw others to Him.

In our Lord's service.

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