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"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went" (Hebrews 11:8).

Dear Praying Friends:

We just started a series on the patriarchs in junior church, beginning with Abraham. I have always been impressed with how he believed God and headed out on an adventure of faith. Abraham did not know where he was going, but he trusted that God had the route clearly planned.

I am starting out on a new adventure with God. At the end of May, my mission board approved the new clinic project. This will actually be a group of projects which will include a storage building/gatehouse, a wall around the property, a well, a new clinic building, a house, a generator, and solar-power systems. We have the money in hand for the storage building. I am looking forward to seeing how God will provide for each of the needs. Baptist World Mission has set up an account for this project. Gifts should be designated to "Dr. Livingston (Haiti) building project."

Trips are always adventures, no matter how well we plan. My flight to Michigan in April was delayed for hours because of the severe weather and tornadoes in Alabama. I was grateful for God's hand of protection from mid-April to mid-June as I traveled to Indiana, Wisconsin, Alberta (Canada), South Carolina, Georgia, and, finally, Florida. I returned to Haiti on June 21.

Praise I now have my own vehicle in the US. It will be nice to have a car waiting when I return. I completed the orientation requirements for Baptist World Mission in May.

Projects Haitian roads are tough on vehicles. I once heard an estimate that 1 Haiti mile equals 5 to 7 US miles. My 2003 Toyota pick-up truck now has more than 55,000 miles on it and needs to be replaced. Parts are readily available for Toyota and Nissan trucks here. Diesel is much cheaper than gas. A good replacement vehicle would be a used US Toyota or Nissan pick-up truck, diesel engine, standard transmission, double cab. I need to know about availability and cost. If you have information on such a truck, please send it to me at the above e-mail address. If this truck does not exist, I will need wisdom and direction for how to proceed.

Prayer The Pearts (in whose house I live) are planning to return to Haiti in early August. Their son Micah just developed a medical problem that might require treatment in the US.

Junior church offers great opportunities to teach children fundamental truths of the faith and how that works in our lives as shown by people who trusted God in the past. Please pray that these children will absorb the lessons and Scripture verses, and then put their trust in Christ.

As I head out on this journey of faith, I want to continually keep in mind that it should be done for the glory of the Father. These projects are tools that will make it possible to proclaim the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to many people. I need to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in making decisions and future plans. Thanks for your prayers and encouragement for this trip—an adventure in faith for the glory of God!

In our Lord's service.

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