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"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59:19b).

## Dear Praying Friends:

In these days of terrorism, we tend to think about the enemy in terms of knives, high-power weapons and bombs. The more serious weapons are spiritual, and our adversary the devil is powerful, grasping and intelligent.

Recently, I shook hands with a young lady in church during our "greet one another" time. She had a history of demon possession, but had been saved and baptized recently, and was now sitting and smiling in church. A few minutes later, a group of young women was singing, "Jesus, I love You...I will adore (worship) You forever." The young lady suddenly started shrieking and running in the church, giving evidence of demonic attack. She ran outside, and several church leaders were able to get a hold of her. They took her to a room and had a time of singing, Scripture reading and praying while the service continued and for a long time after it ended. My junior church kids were unusually quiet, and I had an opportunity to talk to them about serving God and resisting the devil. Some of these kids have experienced voodoo firsthand, and they need to know there is deliverance in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We started work on my house in June. Memories kept coming back of four years ago when I had to leave all that had been built during 20 years, but there were also sweet reminders of God's faithfulness and encouragement during that time. Practical necessities, such as checking pillar placements and laying out drains, brought me quickly back to the present, and the vision of a completed house gave me pleasant thoughts for the future. The work crew had said they could put the building up in two months, and their hard work during three weeks backed up their estimate. However, we need to stop with the house foundation and septic tank, and will continue when the funds are available.



Praise I have been blessed with people who taught me about construction and drawings. Several of us were thinking of Paul Whitfield and the many skills he taught at the other location, as those were used on this new project. I am grateful for current help, especially as I was laying out those drains!

A young man, for whom I prayed for years, recently put his faith in Jesus Christ. An older man, one of my patients, was bitter over some unjust things that had happened in a church years ago. I talked with him on several occasions, and rejoiced when he returned to God and became part of a local congregation.

**Projects** We will start the next phase of construction when the funds are available. We will need approximately \$40,000 to finish the building.

**Prayer** The rainy season was late this year, but then we had very heavy rainfalls that drowned early plantings and destroyed homes. These crops are the ones that normally pay for school expenses. Church members and Christian patients were grateful for safety, and repeatedly commented that God is in control. All that rain brought out <u>a lot</u> of insects. It has been a challenge to see patients in the clinic, while dealing with heat, humidity and bug bites.

When problems seem small like rain showers, we think we can handle them. But when troubles come like torrents of rain and our enemy tries to overwhelm us in their floods, then we remember that our God is in control. He has redeemed us, and we are part of His victorious army. What a great reminder for all the circumstances of life!

"Bless the LORD, O my soul...forget not all his benefits...Who redeemeth thy life from destruction" (Psalm 103:2, 4).

In our Lord's service,

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