

For unto us a Child is Born.
unto us a Son is given.

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"And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him." (Luke 2:25)

We do not like to wait. We want things to happen right away, and can get irritable or discouraged when they don't. Our imaginations may start creating odd ideas about what we are expecting. That could have happened to Simeon, but it didn't. We don't know when this godly man received the promise that he would see the Lord's Christ before death, but he trusted God and faithfully waited. He must have known the writings of the prophets (e.g., Isaiah 9:6-7), because he did not hesitate when the Holy Spirit led him to a baby. He took Jesus in his arms and blessed God that he had seen His salvation. His waiting was done.

Many of us have gotten better at waiting. I made plans several times to return to Haiti last year. Political instability and crime blocked those plans, so I took advantage of opportunities to visit supporting churches and heal after the hip surgeries. Continuing crime and coronavirus blocked return attempts this year. I am grateful for the listening ears and wise counsel of my pastors, my mission representative and the men on the mission board. I am making tentative plans to return to Haiti on January 14, but want to hear the report of a fellow missionary who will be traveling to Wallondri during Christmas. I also want to listen the advice of Haitian workers before finalizing those plans. I would like to return to Haiti soon, but only as our Lord wills.

Praise I am very grateful for faithful supporters. You have made it possible to supply medications and take care of salaries for workers. Many Haitians bless you for your prayers and concern.

I have worked with the same pharmaceutical supply for years, and am blessed with a representative who works hard to fill my orders. That was particularly evident with the order I just placed.

**Projects** The men are making progress on the last construction project in spite of rain, and a major drop in the exchange rate that made the costs go up significantly and caused shortages in materials.

Prayer Please pray that I will have wisdom to know when to return to Haiti, not running ahead of my Lord's will and not dragging my feet.

Pray for Haitian Christians to grow in faith, have their needs met and be safe, and for unbelievers to put their trust in Jesus Christ.

Like Simeon, we are waiting. May we work productively and wisely, waiting patiently for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. What we will see that day will be far, far greater than all we can think or imagine.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:13)

Have a blessed Christmas,

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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)
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