Continuing in my current theme this year of Thanksgiving in the Lord, I share another verse from the awesome Apostle Paul:

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.* Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

I continue rejoicing in the opportunity to serve the people of Haiti with Christian Veterinary Mission (CVM) and the Haitian American Friendship Foundation (HAFF). Thankfully, the political turmoil has slowed there at the beginning of 2020. Praise God, January has seen the beginning of renewed training at Ag Horizon!

**Gujjar Water Buffalo herd.**

For this prayer letter I will continue sharing about my 2008 short-term missions trip to NW India’s Jammu and Kashmir territory. [You can read more about the trip in December 2019’s letter]. The second part of the trip we visited several more water buffalo herding families, including one where we stayed overnight in a traditional home in a large village. We had a beautiful sunset, a great meal, and I was fascinated by their early morning milking of the cows. They have an impressive system worked out to collect and sell their milk each day.

We also got to spend the night up in the Himalayan foothills with a group of goat herding Gujjar families. The trek up the mountain was impressive (I had help riding a little horse up because of an injury to my ankle). We had a homemade dinner including a peacock. The next morning we visited with some elders to try and understand some of their potential veterinary needs. We hoped to look at some of their animals but only saw a couple because the rest were not available – somewhere over in the next valley…

**Traveling up a mountain to visit Gujjar goat herders**

Another highlight was getting to meet with a group of young Gujjar men helping Ron with his outreaches. We brought them together in town and I did a training on the process of performing a thorough physical exam. [In the photo I am dressed traditionally (an outfit I had made in India while there) with my walking stick to help my poor ankle—which did heal nicely later on.] Then we also discussed different body systems and some of the diseases that they saw locally in each. I had also prepared some treatments that were available
locally and we gave them hand-outs to take with them. This was certainly a fascinating trip and there was so much more than I can easily cover here. In 2018 when I took part in a Perspectives class locally, I did a fun paper reviewing the trip and updating the work by Ron and his family in the following 10 years.

In closing, I want to thank those of you who have prayed and are also faithful supporters! You are all a blessing!! My heart longs to be serving the Lord in Haiti and you are helping me to get there. I am getting closer to going! If you haven’t yet, please pray about joining the G.E.E.! Team.

My praise and prayer requests this month include:

- Praise and prays for continued blessings in this new year on the individuals and families of the G.E.E.! Team!
- Prayers for peace and resolution of the difficult challenges the Haitian people are currently facing, especially food for families, jobs for those able to work, and lessening of the high inflation rate.
- God’s grace, provision, and timing in moving to serve in Haiti and being able to bless and encourage the people I meet in the coming months sharing about serving the Lord in Haiti.

Blessings and prayers!

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