I hope you enjoyed the new prayer card that was sent out in June (I am standing in front of hopefully my new home in Haiti). If you did not receive a prayer card, let me know at lyondvm@yahoo.com, and I will send one to the address you provide! This month I share a verse that impacted me yesterday in my Bible reading:

*In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ Acts 20:35 (NIV)*

I was reminded of the importance during these often difficult days that we are the salt and light of Jesus to those around us. Giving to others that smile and word of encouragement, the gift of time together or remembered prayer for needs known and unknown, words of appreciation and thanks, and financial gifts to help those in need. You may not know in this life how important even these little things may be impacting someone else’s life significantly today.

This month I wanted to give an update about the current challenges and opportunities that have been happening in Haiti this year to date. Some of you may have heard about the off-and-on struggles with political issues, fuel shortages, and demonstrations (with the traditional accompanying burning tires). Most of these occur in the bigger cities like Port au Prince. Unfortunately, the additional ramifications for the whole country include food shortages and difficulties getting to work with the lack of transportation options.

Thankfully, while there were a few scares in the area where HAFF serves, no major incidents occurred. Unfortunately, they did have a severe hail and wind storm (some golf ball sized chunks!) on May 12th which caused broken car windshields, damage to roofs, and to crops including the important mango tree and their developing fruit. Several pictures I saw showed enough hail that it looked like snow covered the ground! This is reportedly one of the worst storms this area has ever received.
Other activities have continued at HAFF including outreaches, the Christian school, etc. Recently there were two special graduation ceremonies on the campus – the Young Leaders for God and the Godly Women’s class. A generous donor gave monies so that all the 7th and 8th graders were able to receive new French Bibles.

The Christian school feeds the almost 300 students (grades 7 to 13) lunch each day with the Haitian staple of rice and beans. For some students, this may be their only real meal of the day. I was surprised to learn that in ONE day they need 200 pounds of rice and beans (175 pounds of rice and 25 pounds of beans) to feed everyone – WOW! The school cooks arrive very early to light fires, sort beans, wash rice, and prepare herbs for these lunches.

I would be so excited to share more about the G.E.E.! Team ministry directly. Contact me if you would like to learn more. If you know of any churches, small groups, or individuals that might like to hear about the G.E.E.! ministry, please let me know, and I would love to contact them. Thanks so much to everyone for your prayers, encouragement, and support – it means a lot to me!

My prayer requests this month include:

- Praise for the generosity of so many toward the G.E.E.! ministry!
- Prayers for peace and resolution of the difficult challenges the Haitian people are facing. Food for the hungry and jobs for those able to work.
- 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,
Patricia

From the CVM Home Office: 2019 Prayer Cards have been mailed! This year we changed our approach to a postcard-style piece. Due to post office processing, you may have received a blemished item that we feel does not represent our best efforts. If you would like to view an unblemished version of the prayer card, you can view it here https://cvm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Lyon-2019-PC.pdf

If you prefer to receive an unblemished prayer card, we would love to send another to you! Please make that note on the detachable portion of the return slip, place it in the enclosed envelope and place it in the mail. Thank you for your continued support for the work and ministry of Patricia.

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