Greetings from a bondservant of Christ! I hope that you follow Jesus as your Lord and Savior, and also walk as His bondservant (exploring “bondservant” is a very interesting word study). This can certainly be a challenging path at times, although I have found that walking in the Lord’s Will brings joy and peace beyond understanding! This month I share a verse that impacted me while praying and seeking the Lord about serving Him:

For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men.  
1 Corinthians 7:22-23 (ESV)

As a bondservant of the Lord, I realize my responsibility is to be as obedient to the Lord as I can: following His Word, praying to stay in His Will, and listening to the Holy Spirit’s direction. Not that it is easy, not that I often have to ask for forgiveness for my failings, and not that I wouldn’t like to sometimes walk a “little easier” path. Although I have to admit, when I look at other people’s lives, I am thankful for the life I have and I am glad I am not in their shoes!

As I pray and desire to be obedient in serving the Lord in Haiti, I am recently feeling the terrible need that is happening in Haiti. My heart breaks daily as I pray and realize that the Lord has equipped me to serve in a unique way there. Because of that I will be reaching out to you, my friends and family, to specifically see how you can join in this work of service to the Haitian people – men, women, and children – and to their animals.

I would also like to share some memories from my October 2009 short-term missions trip to Haiti – the year before the big earthquake. On this trip two veterinarians (Jullian and daughter...
Suzi) and I, along with Drs. Keith Flanagan and Kelly Crowdis trained new Haitian veterinarians in the Port au Prince area in techniques of surgery, especially spaying and neutering dogs and cats. The Haitian veterinarians were trained in Cuba, good basics but minimal hands-on experience.

At the same time Jan (Keith’s wife) was teaching a group of women a sewing class north of the city. At the compound Jan was at, the veterinarians (U.S. and Haitian) also did some hands-on training treating horses and goats. We also were able to take a side trip, visiting the Artibonite Valley and Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Deschapelle. I enjoyed visiting old friends (having made three trips to this area before).

Please prayerfully consider supporting the ministry of the G.E.E.! Team. For me to be able to go I need twenty people willing to support me monthly at $100 for 3 years. Please contact me if you would like to learn more. Recently my Pastor (Tom) and I have sent out requests to churches in Washington to be able to present to the churches, small groups, or individuals that might like to hear about the G.E.E.! ministry. Thanks to everyone so much 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

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Child on horse in Artibonite Valley, Haiti.