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Grace, Edification, Encouragement

Haiti

Seeking the Lord daily can have its challenges! I find it is so easy to get distracted by the daily events of life, the pull of entertainment and social media, the concerns for family, friends and the world, etc. I was reminded by the following verse during the sermon at church last Sunday, that we are fallen people living in a fallen world with an adversary who wishes us harm. Yet we have hope in the awesome grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ! Let us exalt and praise Him in the midst of our daily opportunities – He is THE way, THE truth, and THE life worth living for!

_We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true._
1 John 5:19-20 (NIV)

Coming soon in August, I am excited to be spending time with my family in Richland as my brother Steve and wife Wendy, along with son Matthew are visiting from California. We will be at my Mom’s house with my sister Kelley and son Brandon who are coming down from the Spokane area to visit too. It will be fun catching up on news and watching the kids have fun, and hopefully having some fun ourselves!

Then in late September, I will be going to Colorado to attend a 3-day faith-based Field Security Seminar. We will be learning among other things how to identify and counter-act basic and advanced surveillance, develop situational and environmental awareness, understand the dynamics of landmines and IEDs, manage and survive violent encounters and active shooters, survive a hostage event, exercise leadership in field emergencies, manage checkpoints, survive vehicle ambushes, and manage one’s personal and online profile. Sounds like an interesting and challenging few days! It is another sign of our fallen world that this is necessary and needful. It is distressing and sad to me that so many people are deceived that violence is an answer to solving their needs, enacting their anger, and responding to their hopelessness.
The majority of the rest of my time seems to be spent working. Selah Veterinary Hospital is a busy place with great doctors and awesome staff. We easily keep four doctors busy full-time. Recently one of our doctors moved away and we are still looking for a replacement, so please join me in prayer for a great new doctor now, and one to replace me when I leave for Haiti.

Serving the Lord in Haiti continues to be my prayer. My heart breaks daily as I 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.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the ministry of the G.E.E.! Team. Pray and financial support are so needed. If just twenty people are willing to support me monthly at $100 for 3 years I can go! Please pray for responses from the seventeen churches in Washington we sent requests to about the G.E.E.! ministry. Thanks again to everyone for your much-appreciated prayers, encouragement and support – it means so much to me!

**Other praise and 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. Control 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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