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with Sabashtian, Katianna, Majolie, Mirette, Ariella, Celeste & Nesline Serving the Lord in **Haiti**



"If you, O LORD should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared." Psalm 130:3-4

Greetings in the name of God our Father and the Lord, Jesus Christ!

Austin returned safely to Missouri! Typically, Austin has always had success in whatever he has planned for a trip, but the weather completely changed the plans to build a home. The far North-West of Haiti has experienced more rain in the fall/winter season since Austin's childhood. The rain continued off and on during Austin's trip. We acknowledge that God is the one who directs not only our footsteps, but also whether there is sun or rain, wind or still, storms or calm. We submit to His will, trusting that His plans are best and the time, which may seem lost to us, is not.

We operate three vehicles in Haiti, and all of them are in regular use, even in our absence. We believe that what we have in terms of material things ought to be used for the advancement of the grace of God, so all three have been used and were in need of lots of maintenance. Austin took vehicle parts down with him and worked with our mechanic, Wilgens, on and off the whole trip to get them in working order. The rain did interfere, but God graciously gave enough clear days to accomplish the work on the vehicles.

Because of the months of rain, the sand trucks were backlogged with orders from months ago. So, on clear days, the trucks were delivering sand to those people who paid first, rightfully so. We didn't pre-pay, so we were down at the bottom of the list. Since returning home, several loads of sand have been delivered to the home site. That project won't be started until all the sand has been delivered; it's best to start the home build and not stop until it's finished for the sake of expediency.

Austin helped our missionary friends in the village next to ours. He accompanied one of our friends to a local airstrip to catch a flight to the US. He also spent over six hours teaching one of their employees, (also a good friend of ours) Makendi, how to drive. All those hours in the vehicle with that young man, provided the opportunity for Austin to share God's word and encourage him. Though not part of Austin's plan, this was clearly God's plan.

While Austin was home-bound on rainy days, God brought a young man to the house desperately seeking wisdom and direction. Austin was greatly burdened with this man's situation and perplexed with the complexity of the problem. He gave him general advice from the Bible, but didn't feel he had provided the answer. At church on a Sunday, the pastor shared the passage that was the answer to the problem. Immediately after returning home, Austin called the young man and told him to come over right away. As Austin began to tell him the truth that God had sent, the young man, who attended church elsewhere, told him that the same passage had been taught in his church that morning! God was clearly working to direct that man! He gave the answer not once, but twice! We praise God for his Holy Spirit who directs, and for his mercy in using us, who are but lowly servants. We thank him for considering those who are seeking Him, and for providing wisdom without partiality!

Joyfully, Austin and Kaelee

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