



April 11, 2017

Dear Partners in Haiti ministry,

My mission, World Team, and I want to thank you for your support in prayer during the months that I've been on Home Assignment. God has given fruit in my ministry with foreign university students, with children in AWANA, and in outreach with our church community.

It's also been a blessing for me to serve and honor my parents as they have come to need companion care in their elder days. Their memories are declining, but they've had no accidents. Considering the situation, World Team granted me a 6 month extension to my home assignment.

### **Beth is going to Haiti, April 14 - May 6**

Sean Christensen, my field leader in Haiti, recommended I come to Haiti if possible for a brief service while Susanne Baerg is there. Susanne and I shared a home together for 15 years and she retired to Germany last summer. She came back in February for 3 months to help the children's department with VBS seminars. They hope to train 600 volunteers in 17 seminars in the various regions of south Haiti. God has responded to my prayers and has provided friends and helpers to come be with my parents while I'm in Haiti, April 14-May 6.

There are things in my Haiti home which were affected by Hurricane Matthew last October, and there are decisions to be made. There's also a brief need for a translator in the clinic, April 15-22. Surgeon Dr. Luke Channer will be there doing surgery, but would benefit with a translator while making rounds in the hospital and doing consultations in the clinic.

### **World Team has granted a leave of absence**

As of May, with the direction of the leadership of World Team, we've decided I will begin a year's leave of absence. It is with the intention of returning

to service in Haiti, and will plan for several Haiti trips during the year in coordination with ministry needs there.

As a missionary on leave of absence, World Team has agreed to continue receiving donations and support for my ministry account. These funds will be made available to cover approved ministry activities during this time. However, during this leave of absence I will not be receiving a salary or benefits. This is standard procedure World Team follows with workers needing to take such time away from their field and ministry. World Team and I will work to keep you posted on any changes that occur during this leave of absence such as an early return to the field and ministry or the conclusion that I must move towards retirement from missions and World Team.

### **Please join us in prayer:**

**Safe travels and wisdom for God's priorities for a busy three weeks.**

**Good health, peace and safety for my parents, family and friends who will help in my absence.**

**Praise God with us for protection to our hospital during Hurricane Matthew! Trees came down on the fence around the property, but the buildings were not harmed.**



This building, across the street from the hospital lost its roof in the hurricane. It has been repaired and prepared as a home for one of our hospital chaplains.



Here we see Dr. Bill and a few of his good team of nurses. Dr. Bill continues to serve as our surgeon and medical director, even after three surgeries for abdominal cancer. Please continue to pray for healing in God's will and enabling as he works hard to lead the clinic and hospital. I look forward to working with him, April 29 – May 6. Pray he'll have a week of feeling well.



Wishing you a joyous Resurrection Day,

*Beth*

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