

Many of you have already heard that we were unable to return to Haiti Dec 23rd as planned, to have Christmas with the children. Dad had already bought little gifts that he wraps in brown paper and places them on the dining room table, always including a couple of joke gifts, for them to choose from. They never know which ones are the jokes and which are the real gifts. These are some of our traditions at the orphanage and they really look forward to his fun and games with lots of candy given out for prizes at different intervals throughout the day. I just want you to know that we are so very blessed and thankful to have Dad with us this Christmas. The Saturday before we were to leave for Ft. Pierce ... well, I'll just let Don tell the story.....

“Doris and I had a Doctors appointment in Nov so we returned to the states on Missionary Flights Int. to Ft. Pierce , FL , picked up our 1985 motor home and had it greased and oil changed. We then drove to St. Petersburg where we had our appointments. We had a great Thanksgiving with our daughters and were scheduled to return to Haiti Dec. 23rd. A friend of ours allowed us to stay in an empty apartment above a garage for awhile for which we are so grateful. There were a couple of days we were to spend in our motor home before we left, so we decided to go to our daughter's house and park over there in their yard. We had our things all packed up and were almost ready to leave, but Doris was still upstairs with some cleaning yet to do. I sat down and was reading some of the precious emails people had sent us when very slowly a discomfort came from my stomach and then moved up to my chest. I just sat there awhile and then I began to sweat and I knew something was wrong. My mind went to the scriptures where Jesus is our High Priest and knows our every weakness and we can find mercy in a time of need. Knowing that I needed to get Doris ' attention upstairs, I blew the horn for a long time. She realized that something was wrong. She came down and dialed 911. I didn't have pain but it was a heart attack. They found a coronary artery that had narrowed. They put a stent in and now I feel much better, Praise God!

Our plans were changed and ended up with a two week delay. Sometimes we don't understand God's reasoning but realize that this could have happened across state without the support of family or even in Haiti without modern medicine. God is faithful. Through all the changes we may encounter, some things never change—God and His calling on Doris and my life. We both feel that the calling is just as strong today as in the beginning when we said “yes” to the call to Haiti and God miraculously opened one door after another.

I am thankful for the mercy God had on me and for the scriptures that sustained me through this that He hid in my heart through the years. There are many things I will remember. One is my family coming to the hospital to have prayer with me, so willing to help in so many ways. A pastor prayed over a towel and sent it to me and I laid it on my chest.

Our plans are to return to Haiti Jan 6th, 2011. We are blessed to have a Haitian pastor, a friend of ours who offered to go with us and help with our cargo, which will probably be around 700 lbs.

For EGO God has already done what He has promised He would do but we are looking for God to do much more and bring more people into His Kingdom for His glory. We are looking for many changes (which also brings challenges) as God continues to bless EGO both spiritually and financially. This world is full of heartaches and trouble but we as Christians have a hope. "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled nor be afraid." John 14:27.

This new year may we all unite our hearts and prayers, by faith believing, for a mighty out pouring of His Holy Spirit to fall on everyone who enters our tabernacle or even into our lives. May those in voodoo and disbelief come to know our Savior. May God open our hearts and eyes to new truths in His Word that He is now revealing to His church. Thanks and God's blessing on all of you that have prayed, given and worked in this in 2010 so that God's work could go on and children that may not have made it could live and know Jesus.