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Proverbs 25:25 (KJV) As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

All the way from heaven, God says that He loves you and that He cares about you while you live your lifespan on earth. Thank Him too that He has provided an eternal home with Him for those who have repented of sin and put their faith in who Jesus is and what He has done to save us. I like that old song, "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through, my treasures are laid up, some where beyond the blue." I hope you are rejoicing that you know where you are going when you close your eyes in death. In the old Roman empire they said, "all roads lead to Rome" and modern religion says all beliefs lead to God. But listen to the good news from the lips of Jesus in **John 14:6** *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Jesus is the only way!"*

5 MONTHS FURLOUGH

In mid-March, we left for a 5-month furlough taking a turn to care for and stay some with my mother who turned 99 on March 26th. Bridgitt and I had several health concerns taken care of too. On August 9th, Don came back to Haiti and Bridgitt stayed behind with Mama (Mrs. Pauline Dryden of Madison, FL) which allows her to stay in her own home, bed with surroundings when Dad was still living. And gives my sister Edith a needed break as primary care giver. In late November, Bridgitt will return to our home in Haiti the Lord willing.

BACK TO THE FIELD

Thank the Lord for the Benji/Kerri Dryden family who works alongside us in the ministry. They are "tireless" servants for the Lord. In my absence, this family shouldered the ministry and kept on moving ahead. You will remember that I told you of a "stink" satan (against grammatical rule-he doesn't deserve a capital!) and his minions stirred up. Benji and the deacons we ordained in late November 2017 provided godly leadership that helped the church through a very difficult time. Benji takes the role of pastor very seriously.

During the summer months, week long "Neighborhood Bible Clubs" in various location resulting in the salvation of many. Presently, clubs are being lead weekly by young men/women we have trained over the years. Our church pays for their annual affiliation with a group similar to Child Evangelism Fellowship.

BACK TO WORK

Bible School classes started on August 16th with **134** students aggregate in our 3 centers for study. I am enjoying teaching! In addition, Benji goes weekly (1 hour away on dirt roads) to the Post Metier center as our coordinator (a graduate of the Bible School) is very sick with diabetes and has recently had toes amputated.

The first week of September, Pastor Jean Beril Pierre Louis (the 1st national pastor I met upon our field arrival in 1975) preached 5 days to the young people and brought us closer to Him and His Word. We soon will have a revived youth committee who will keep them going forward in His way!

We continue our open-air meetings every 4th Saturday mostly done by church folk. Recently, we baptized one of those (along with others) whom Benji led to the Lord after the meeting closed. Just this past Sunday, I was privileged to lead a 13 year old to the Lord. I remember his birth to one our faithful ladies in the church!

We appreciate that you love us and have been a vital part of live and ministry through your prayers and giving.

Your servants for the Lord in Haiti,