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Precious Loved Ones:

Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD! Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore! Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth, O seed of Abraham His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones! Praise the Lord! Ps 105:1-6,45c

This is a letter of rejoicing, of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord our God. We will sing to the Lord as long as we live. Truly our meditation of Him is sweet. Our souls bless the Lord our God who is very great, and clothed with honor and majesty. Early in the year we were told that we should expect 26 hurricanes this season. In many areas people had become very traumatized by the thought of the possibility of impending hurricanes, some people took to the mountains at the sign of rain. The government has not been very helpful in cleaning up areas, and/or resettling victims. In early May we had some heavy rains in some areas, and many people died as a result. This was viewed as a bad omen for the hurricane season. Praise the Lord! Glory to God! Hallelujah! God has waited to be gracious and is gracious to us. His voice has been attentive to His children's cry. When we bless God, the old devil whispers, you are not yet out of the woods. I said, "Get thee behind me Satan." I am going to shout those Jericho walls down; not wait till they fall before we give the cry of victory and glory to God.

The terrible economic situation continues to keep us on our knees. The threat of the loss of livelihood and homes looms heavily over many of our loved ones who are to us the hand of God. We claim constantly for you the rich, unfailing promises of our God Who is in control. As He told Moses, so is He saying to His children today: "I have heard your groaning...and I have remembered My covenant...I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens...I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments ... I am the Lord." (Ex. 6:5-8) Are you still worried? Remember, this is déjà Vu all over again. Encourage yourselves in the Lord! "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God." (Isa. 41:10a)

Life in Haiti is living in the fast lane. Haiti is one of the three hungriest countries in the world. Of the 15 most dangerous countries in the world, Haiti is listed as #12. Not even five miles from the Mission compound, two water spouts sprang up. In the first village at least six persons lost their lives. In some areas it was so dry this year, even if the villagers had grains to plant, the grains would not germinate. In places where we supplied the grains, many people lost their crops because of heavy rainfall. The country has not recovered from the hurricanes of last year. So many people are living under makeshift places of trees and old cloths. We built a family a block building of two rooms. There are 13 children in that family. But we know we are blessed, and we give God glory and praise and the deep gratitude of our hearts go out to you. Yes, we are blessed; you continue to care for us. We had a surgeon who did 15 operations in one day. The patients were attended free of charge.

Some of you will have heard about the kidnapping ring that was formed involving people in my area. The Mission Compound was first on the hit list; second was Pastor Jean Marie's home, and third, a home a stone's throw away from the compound. The kidnappers took a 6 year old girl from place number three. \$100,000 (US) was asked for her ransom. By much prayer, we got her back quickly, unharmed, and no money changed hands. The "ring" has been broken up by the police. Yes, we are blessed. And you sweeten our blessings by your caring love. Our prayer is that the Lord restore to you 100 fold, the blessings with which you have so lovingly blessed us, till you have no room to contain it all. Remember, we want you to send us your prayer requests. That is something we can surely do for you. We Love You Dearly!

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