

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

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The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;  
Therefore my heart dances for joy,  
and in my song will I praise him.

—Psalm 28:8-9



Isn't it reassuring that we do not travel alone on our life's journey? When we think we cannot take one more step or make one more decision or help one more person, we draw on the strength of our Lord to continue.

The Haitian people find strength in the Lord and give thanks. Through extreme poverty, earthquakes, floods, suffering and misfortune, the indomitable Haitian spirit shines through. The love of Jesus sustains and inspires them as they live from day to day. Even the local transportation in Port-au-Prince, the Tap Tap, displays scripture and inscriptions as a moving reminder to all: "Jesus Loves You" "Merci, Jesus."

The love of Christ is ever present as Episcopal Relief & Development partners with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, rebuilding homes and lives after disasters, providing cash for work for individuals and microloans for small businesses and supporting the Bishop Tharp Institute, a community college, that helps prepare young people for the world of business and technology. With education and enterprise, little by little, communities get stronger, with God's help.

How is the Lord strengthening you today? How will you give thanks?

—Judy Quick