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- **Continue prayers for those affected by Storms, flooding, & fires in the U.S. & elsewhere.** Italy has dealt with serious flooding this week. Torrential rain in parts of the western U.S. has been a mixed blessing. It has ended the fire season in some areas & brought a respite from the drought, but with it also come mudslides. . .
- **Kidnapping victims in Haiti including the 17 Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) missionaries.** The kidnapped CAM group includes several children. (CAM is connected with Amish, conservative Mennonite, & conservative Brethren groups. CAM has partnered with the Church of the Brethren on some projects, including disaster response in Haiti, & the Nigerian Crisis Response.) Haiti has the highest per capita kidnapping rate in the world. Anyone in Haiti is at risk of being kidnapped, regardless of economic status or citizenship. Kidnapping for ransom is the primary source of income for the gangs.
- **Pray for those dealing with COVID.** Remember the world's poor countries. Many people in those countries have not had access to the vaccine. Wealthier countries have promised them vaccine doses & other help, much of which is yet to be delivered. If people in poor countries do get COVID, they often do not have access to life-saving care. There has been some progress toward ending the pandemic in wealthier countries, but there are still major gaps in immunity, many due to people's choices, which allow COVID to spread. The spread of COVID anywhere affects all us. Stopping it depends on the actions of all of us.

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