



PASTORS IN HAITI

From the very first week we arrived in Haiti back in 1983, we planted a church. As of today, 22 churches with well-trained Haitian pastors lead the new generation of Christian leaders, putting them in position to impact the entire nation of Haiti.

The atmosphere at our recent pastors' meeting was rejuvenating. I stood between men who have seen so much death from the earthquake and countless families torn apart. I shared that God has us here for the purpose of reaching all of Haiti. I am very proud of them and am personally honored to help equip them and their church leadership.

Later this summer, we are hosting a baptism festival at the ocean in Haiti. All 22 pastors will welcome new believers to gather for baptism. Right now, discipleship classes are being held at our churches for new believers. The harvest is absolutely amazing in each church. One church alone reported over 250 new believers since the earthquake!

Evangelism is taking a new direction at New Missions. Our churches are hosting mid-week adult literacy classes for any villager to come and learn how to read and write. Adults who have never written their own name are discovering this new skill, taught by New Missions graduates. The classes open in prayer and part of the lesson plan includes using Scripture memorization for reading skills. We are dedicated to serving one life at a time. I told each pastor, "Listen and help meet the needs of everyone in our churches. We are here to serve and respond." ~Timothy DeTellis



Top: Pastor Marc Onel Elisca from the New Missions Santo Church shared the benediction for the pastors' meeting.

Below: Tim DeTellis in Haiti with our pastors meet together to discuss summer plans for VBS programs and feeding our school children year-round; plus plans for a water baptism festival.

Bottom: Pastor Ernst LeRoy, the director of our Bible College, and Pastor Jean Milot Francois shared some quality time together during the pastors' meeting. Both of these pastors now have temporary facilities at their churches, as they were destroyed when the earthquake hit.



TEAM MAPS ROMANS ROAD IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A Tennessee mission team found a new way to have a lasting impact by giving away Spanish New Testaments that included hand-written messages and a “map” through the Romans Road. This series of Scripture verses in Romans is often used for evangelizing because it presents the Gospel message so clearly.

The idea for inscribing the Bibles came to team leader Grace Goostree of First Baptist Church of Hendersonville just a few months before the trip. Her pastor gave a sermon on missions and taught her church how to share the Gospel using the Romans Road method. God used that Sunday sermon to inspire Grace and her team.

“We use the Romans Road method so much in the field we thought why not share it?” said Grace.

One hundred Spanish Bibles were ordered, and team member Erin Holloway translated the message that each team member carefully copied. Inside the front covers reads, “God bless you and your family. Turn to page ~ and read John 3:16.” Once in John, the verse is highlighted and another hand-written note points to Romans with “Turn to page...” At each stop in Romans the verses are highlighted, leaving a map for lasting reference.

Once in the Dominican Republic, the team was intentional about personal connections as they handed out food and hygiene supplies and interacted with animal balloons, Bible-themed crafts and skits. Advanced preparations were a tremendous effort. The team brought in the maximum amount of supplies to the country, and Grace joked that she “nearly broke their backs going in.”



Mission team from First Baptist Church of Hendersonville (Tenn) along with four others from Indiana, Iowa and Canada who were in the Dominican Republic during the same week.

No less effort went into the Family Fun Day event, which included carnival games and a variety of activities that entertained more than 350 children and adults. During the three-hour event, family photos were also taken. Those families were given one of the special New Testaments along with their family photo tucked inside.

This was Grace’s fourth mission trip to the D.R. She credits the team members and many others who provided behind-the-scenes support...including the church’s children’s ministry and VBS, which collected \$2,000 for food and more than 2,000 toys and hair accessories.

“Our primary focus is to reach others with a one on one personal connection, but we know it’s the Holy Spirit working through us—we are just the vessel.” said Grace. ~Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



Above left: A Daniel in the Lion’s Den skit was a big hit throughout the week. Here several Dominican children show off their lion face paper sack puppets. **Above middle:** Dominican children having fun with balloon animals and hats. **Above right:** Dominican children smile for a photo as they make new friends with team members Liz Lake, Nikki James and Amanda Lake.



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GOT MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS?
You can donate drums, keyboards, guitars, microphones, and percussion instruments for use in our churches.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
We are currently conducting a survey of our graduates. Our alumni association officially launches this fall with a job placement program.



TWO CONTAINERS ARRIVE
Glory to God! Our two 40 ft. cargo containers containing construction and medical supplies cleared customs and arrived safely at New Missions in Haiti.



SAVE THE DATE
Nov. 1 - Dec. 1, 2010 will be our collection dates for the annual Christmas Shoebox Drive. Host a collection.

SUMMER EQUALS FOOD

Do you have any favorite memories of summer? Going to the beach, camping, hiking, or just a bike ride in the evening?

When I was a kid, I remember many times when my sister Mary Ann would take me to the penny candy store. We actually lived in the church where my father was a pastor. Just a few blocks away was a penny candy store and my favorite treat was the root beer popsicles for 5 cents.

For the children of New Missions, this summer will be filled with joyous memories. At all of our 22 elementary schools in Haiti, VBS programs will take place. Each day will welcome Bible memory verses, songs, and games. During the entire summer, a hot meal will be prepared and it is now official—we feed our children year-round. At New Missions, your giving makes a difference.

Right now it is estimated that 2 million children in Haiti do not attend school. At New Missions a child finds an oasis in the middle of poverty and chaos. Your child is surrounded by Christian teachers, a school director and pastor, plus a school nurse.

My prayer is that at the end of this summer we have thousands of children in Haiti saying, “VBS was my favorite memory this summer.” The mission field will expand as these children bring the gospel back home to their families. ~Timothy DeTellis

Get involved: Host a coin collection to help feed children in Haiti. Order your free kit: 407-240-4058 or newmissions.org



Top: This rice delivery consisted of 400 fifty pound sacks of rice. Purchased in Port-au-Prince for \$8,000, this food is enough to feed the school children for almost two weeks. **Above left:** The power of a hot meal gives a child the nourishment and strength to grow stronger and be alert to learn. **Above middle:** Santo elementary school teacher, Marie Eves Baptiste, leads the children in song and shares the joy of knowing Jesus. **Above right:** Rice, beans, vegetables and sauce remove hunger, prevents disease, and drives away the fear of poverty.

I WALK THE LINE

Johnny Cash was in love with his wife June. Out of his heart of love for June he sang to her, "I keep a close watch on this heart of mine. I keep my eyes wide open all the time. I keep the ends out for the tie that binds, because you're mine, I walk the line."

We often are impressed by young gymnasts who can walk the balance beam—poised and focused, successfully ending their routine with a firm landing that awaits our applause.

For each one of us to "walk the line" we must intimately and constantly allow God to mark the path for our lives.

On Saturday, feeling lonely with grief and struggling to put together a message for Sunday morning, I went to a favorite spot of my late husband, Pastor George, by the waterfront. I could not soothe my emotional needs—even after two years of living alone. As I left, I was irritated by a young boy washing my car windshield at the red light. I knew at that moment I was not walking the line. I felt ashamed, embarrassed, and a failure that I was so caught up in my own grief that I could not even show a little bit of love to a street boy. All of my productive days filled with meetings at the office or church, and making gifts of cake and biscotti could not change my utter human disgust of myself for not walking my line.

Thank God, early the next morning on my way to church, in repentance, I went to the same traffic light intersection and found two street boys who washed my car windshield. With great joy I blessed them with pesos (money). I walked the line.

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In the Bible, in Daniel, chapter 3, we have an example of three men who walked the line. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego understood the king's command to bow down to the golden image (9' wide and 90' tall) at the sound of the music. They would not bow. The king explained to them the law. Again, they would not bow. The punishment for not bowing to the image was to be thrown in a fiery furnace. The king was provoked with their disobedience and had the furnace fired up seven times hotter than usual.

The three Hebrew boys claimed deliverance from their God and even if they were not delivered, they vowed they would not bow to the golden image. In minutes, the king was calling them out of the fiery furnace without a hair lost.

They knew the line and they walked the line! Not only did God deliver them—dayenu (the Hebrew word meaning it would have been enough), but God promoted them! The king praised their God, and the king decreed a law for all to honor their God.

What is your line? What has God asked you to do?

Matthew 3:2 says that God has asked us to turn from our sins, and to turn to Him. We are also persuaded in Romans 12:1 to offer our lives to God as a living sacrifice. For some of us, we try to put part of our lives on the altar while the rest is squirming or hanging off on one side.

Walk the line.

When you love God, it is because of His love that you not only walk the line, you can finish poised on the balance beam of life. Because God is mine, I walk the line. ~Jeanne DeTellis

What is God asking of you? Is it impossible? Do you feel arrows attacking from the left and right? So what! Keep working. Keep walking. Walk straight. Remember when Joan of Arc was asked, "What will you do if no one follows you?" Joan of Arc answered, "I'll never know, because I will never turn to see." God is asking you to walk the line. Keep your head up, focused straight ahead, and see the One who loves to do the impossible for you.

Love,



Jeanne

P.S. Are you a school teacher? We have a special ministry opportunity for you. Please email info@newmissions.org for more information.

