



BAPTISM FESTIVAL

We celebrate the 22 Haitians whose lives have been changed by God and followed the Lord in believer's baptism. There was one person I was particularly thrilled to see take this step of public profession of their faith.

Her name is Rose Guerline Joseph, from Tom Gateau, Haiti. She came from the mountains with her mother and her local pastor to be baptized. Pastor Johnny and Janet Hunt have sponsored her ever since she started school. She began school with red hair due to malnourishment. The construction of the Tom Gateau church and school where Rose attends was difficult, as we had to bring water up the mountain to mix concrete for the foundation.

When we face a challenge in our work, we need to see the long-term purpose and calling. This baptism festival was a historic day, and reminds me how the local church is the greatest force for good.

We must stay faithful to see lives changed, no matter the challenges. *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* (Galatians 6:9) Rose is a new Christian leader on the rise, and eventually plans to study nursing.

~Tim DeTellis



Pastor Johnny Hunt had the honor to baptize his sponsor child Rose Guerline Joseph.



Middle: Rose was part of the 22 believers who followed in water baptism. We rejoice knowing lives have been changed for eternity.

Bottom left: Hosted at our church in Concrab, Haiti, the baptism festival was a beautiful time of worship.

Bottom right: With a marching band leading the way, we walked to the ocean for the water baptism.



SHOEBOXES DELIVERED

The 2017 Christmas Shoebox Drive was a great success! A special “thank you” to each individual, school, and church that helped make it possible to give every student in our schools a gift. All shoeboxes, whether packed by a family, or at a packing party hosted by a church, school, or business are important. Shoeboxes begin to arrive at our offices in October, and volunteers faithfully serve to help us process the boxes. The shoeboxes are packed into large cases, and then shipped to Haiti on cargo containers.

Our students wait with anticipation for the arrival of the containers full of gifts. The fun begins when the boxes are distributed and the Gospel message is shared. Some children wait to open their shoebox at home—so they can open their gifts with their family, while others open them immediately. Your generosity makes it possible for children in Haiti to receive a tangible gift that shows the love of Christ. Lives are being changed because of your kindness. Please save the date for our next Christmas Shoebox Drive: Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2018.



Each shoebox matters because each child matters to God.



Thank you for your shoebox gifts going home with children to bless their entire family.



Students from New Missions Christian Academy in Haiti enjoy lunch at school.



Monthly, food is distributed to each school campus for the students' daily meals.

LUNCH AT SCHOOL

Is it important to feed children? My father would say, “How can you educate a child if they are hungry?” Since 1983, our mission has provided lunch at school. In doing the math for the total meals served over 35 years, it equals 50 million meals!

Thanks to your generosity, we are saying goodbye to hunger and hello to hope. We don’t just provide food for a day of crisis—we provide a meal to a child growing and learning. I was recently asked what I do. My response: “I help children born into poverty become empowered to live a transformed life.”

Most days I am mad at poverty because it robs the mind of hope. People born into poverty may feel trapped and hopeless. Most Haitians convey how poverty is just a way of life...living to survive. Many of the students who come to our mission schools still have their only meal for the day at school.

Thanks to your generosity, we continue to provide lunch at all of our schools in Haiti. Together, we are feeding hungry minds, souls and bodies.

HELPING THE HURTING

Thirty-five years ago, nurses Cindy Smith and Diane Vrooman, from Calvary Evangelistic Center in Worcester, Massachusetts, packed a suitcase with medication and came to Haiti. The next morning, with just two chairs and a table made out of pallets, they saw their first patients—twin sisters Jessica and Jennifer—daughters of Felicia from Bord-Mer. Felicia was our first mission cook, and most important of all is her Christian testimony.

Health education through our clinic ministry happens each day in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. We prefer to take an aggressive approach in preventing disease. Medical education empowers people to help themselves. When people are hurting, they need a smile, a touch of love, and a solution to their pain. God prepares our team of medical professionals with His Word, wisdom, and compassion—plus the proper equipment, skills, and medications.

Over the years in Haiti, we have seen graduates of our schools become nurses and doctors—who are now equipped to treat the communities we serve. From midwives arriving in the middle of the night to help deliver a baby, to nurses at our schools helping a child who is suffering from a fever, we are responding to the medical needs of the children and their families. Medical care is administered through our two medical clinics in Haiti. One is located in Bire on the Leogane Plain, and the other, Hope Medical Center, is located in the mountains of Tom Gateau.



The Dominican Republic has a free health center that is open five days a week. It is staffed with a doctor, and provides specialty services including ultrasounds. Miguel Angel Nunez had an accident seven years ago that developed into a serious ulcer on his leg—compounded by the discovery of type 2 diabetes. He has been treated daily by our doctor, who cleans the wound and applies sterile dressing changes. Thank God, Miguel is now working again and supporting his family of six children as a motorconcho (motorcycle taxi), and he also makes and sells delicious coconut desserts. Miguel says our health center is his second family.

Your prayers and financial support make it possible for us to help the hurting. You empower our medical staff to be the healing hands of Jesus—touching people in their time of sickness. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Top: Including ultrasounds, our health center in the Dominican Republic is a place of hope and healing.

Bottom left: Thirty-five years ago, we began our clinic ministry outdoors on a wooden table under coconut trees.

Bottom middle: Changing the life of a child happens with medical care and God's love.

Bottom right: Miguel, who receives wound treatment, says our health center in the DR is his second family.

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SAVE THE DATE: Our Give Sneakers campaign will run from May 1 - June 30 and we welcome your involvement in collecting sneakers for students. NewMissions.org/sneakers



PLANNING VBS: Will your church host a summer VBS program? There are several ways you can partner with us and make missions part of your VBS. NewMissions.org/VBS



BECOME AN ADVOCATE: With your help, children will receive the gift of education and learn the love of Jesus. Introduce someone to a child waiting for a sponsor. NewMissions.org/advocate



EASTER OFFERING: Receive a special offering at your church to help build churches. Together, we are preaching the Gospel because only God changes lives forever. NewMissions.org/easter

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medical clinic
ministry.

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A HEALTHY HEART

Do you wake up in the morning giggling? Do you wake up with your heart full of love for God and others? A giggling heart is a healthy, loving heart. *“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.” (Proverbs 17:22)* To live, we need a heart. Our physical heart functions by pumping blood throughout our body—giving life. We also need a healthy, happy spiritual heart that desires to love God and to love others. How is my physical heart and my spiritual heart healthy and showing love for others?

My heart is healthy and satisfied when I am loving God and loving others. That often begins with a simple form of a wake-up habit. As I leave my bedroom and make my way to the kitchen to get a cup of coffee, my first thoughts are to pray. I would rather say my first thoughts are to talk with the Lord. I follow the nudge by spending some time on my knees to thank Jesus for a good night’s rest, and to talk with Him about the day ahead—searching for His guidance. *“What today, Lord?”*

God is love and because He loved us first, we now can respond to His love. *“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” (1 John 4:8)* God is the initiator. He made the first contact. We receive the gift and we express our appreciation for His love for us, as we in return love Him and serve others.

Before I came to Jesus, I had decided that I would become successful in life. I would work hard and I would have the things of this world (the worthless

stuff that passes). When I accepted Jesus as my Savior on February 12, 1954, at 11 years of age, I felt and received His love. I only wanted to love and serve Him. His love has given me what I don’t deserve, what I could not earn, and a love that faithfully surrounds me like the air I breathe.

Now that I’m 75-plus years old, I’ve seen a lot of His lovingkindness. I’ve seen His kind and generous love for the people of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. I’ve seen darkness dispersed and a beautiful light of love move in. Children who were hungry are not hungry any more, and their spiritual and mental capacities have made them great disciples, and now leaders in their society.

What joy to know the wonderful love of God

has transformed many of our Haitian children—who are now married with children of their own. Some graduates are even in Paris working in churches. What kind of love can heal, change, and lift up like the kind of love Jesus gives? Like

an old hymn says, *“Isn’t the love of Jesus something wonderful?”* You can’t box it, or describe it, or stop it. It’s a powerful life-changing love...yes, the kind that makes me giggle knowing I have the love of Jesus in my heart. Love is everywhere to give and to be received. The love of God is unlimited, and you can begin to enjoy this gift that will keep your heart healthy and cheerful. Just as Paul described in 1 Corinthians 13:4, love is kind. May God use us to be kind and love others daily.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

***“A CHEERFUL HEART
IS GOOD MEDICINE”
PROVERBS 17:22***

Our weakness is to devalue our touch of love. No matter how small the act of love...do it! *“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)* We rejoice in the healing power of God to touch the lives of those we love daily through our medical clinics. Will you join us in prayer for those God has entrusted to our care?

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. The love that moves you to love people is the powerful unlimited love of God. Keep it moving and remember to giggle.

