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NEUMISSIONS

Change the life of a child

THEY FINALLY MET

With her passport in her right hand, and a photo of Sandy, the girl her family sponsors from Haiti in her left hand, five-year-old Lilah smiled from ear to ear. The moment she had been dreaming about was finally here. She was going to Haiti with her mom and dad to meet her Haitian sister, Sandy.

Lilah's mom said, "Every day she thinks about and prays for her 'Haiti sister, Sandy' to know Jesus—constantly thinking of her even when we go shopping. Lilah is looking forward to the day when she gets to play with her. We want Lilah to know that even at five years of age she, too, can change the life of a child through sponsorship. To Lilah...that's her sister."

Instantly, the first meeting of Lilah and Sandy was filled with smiles, hugs, and love. No differences could separate them. They were like sisters finally together. After they met, Lilah said, "I just knew we were going to best friends forever." She also said her heart just felt so happy!

Can you imagine how this will shape both of these little lives? They are on a mission to grow and know how the love of Jesus unites two girls from different countries. When you sponsor a child, your life will be changed forever, too.

~Tim DeTellis



Pastor Greg and Sarah Pulling from Journey Christian Fellowship in Quinton, Virginia took their daughter Lilah to Haiti to meet Sandy.



Bottom left: Love speaks every language, and Sandy and Lilah finally met.



Middle: The gift of an education helps girls like Sandy step out of poverty.



Bottom right: When you sponsor a child, your life is changed forever, too.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC UPDATE

In an effort to raise up more Christian leaders in our high school, we recently started a Christian student leadership group called Leaders for Christ. We meet weekly with the students throughout the school year, where they learn about qualities of a successful Christian leader. They also get to hear many special guest speakers. This summer, we were able to take the group on a mission trip to Jimani to work with John and Melissa Hanley, who are missionaries there and run a children's home. During our time there, we hosted VBS for kids in the children's home and children from the community also attended. All of the students participated in a church service that was led by them and were involved in a youth game night for the community. This was a wonderful chance for the students to learn more about serving and leading. The students were deeply touched by how happy and loving the children are who live in the children's home. We look forward to seeing how God will use the experiences from this trip to impact the students' lives and help them become more emboldened to share God's love with other students in their school and community. ~Heather Williams Katz



The leadership visited families in the community and invited the children to Vacation Bible School.



Isabela Martinez Pita, one of the leadership students, helping kids with their craft at VBS.



Pastor Guy Fontaine led two of our churches from Signeau and Fond-Jacques on summer mission trips.



Thank you for praying for Haitians from our churches on mission trips across Haiti.

HAITIANS ON MISSION TRIPS

Five of our New Missions churches have already been on a mission trip in Haiti this summer, with 175 members participating. One more church will go on a trip before school resumes. Thus far, 26 people have accepted Jesus as Savior through these trips. All of this was independently planned, organized, funded, and executed by the Haitian churches. Pastor Panel from the Birey church had the largest group comprised of 110 people from his church! He worked hard to stimulate interest and motivate his team. They had numerous prayer services lasting as late as midnight in preparation. New Missions was able to help with some of their food provisions and items for distribution. The teams held open air services in marketplaces, special church services, and home to home visits.

Since 1986, Pastor Guy has annually led a team out to a new location to do ministry. He says that team members are so blessed to participate. They grow in their courage and ability to share their faith, meet and interact with believers from this new place, and enjoy fellowship and camaraderie as they work together. Pastor Guy said, "Jesus told us to go." It is wonderful to see men and women of God willing to fulfill the Great Commission. ~Rachel DeTellis



GO TEAM NEW MISSIONS

Families, life groups, and mission teams are in and out of our office constantly. They bring joy, laughter, and a willingness to serve. Volunteers are a vital part of the New Missions team.

New Missions has been blessed to have Journey Christian Fellowship from Quinton, Virginia serve alongside us in ministering to the Haitians. They led a team to Haiti in May 2018, and a few months later came to Orlando to help us pack “prepacked” shoeboxes. Sarah Pulling and her daughter Lilah (from the article on pg. 1) were able to be a part of both mission teams. It was wonderful for Lilah to meet her sponsored child in Haiti, and then come to Orlando to help pack shoeboxes. We love having families serve together at New Missions.

When asked what they liked best about serving at New Missions, one of the volunteers said, “It humbled me how a simple bar of soap or washcloth would totally bless a child and their family. We have much to be thankful for.”

You can bless a child and their family by being a part of our shoebox drive. We will be collecting shoeboxes from October 1 – December 31. If you would like to order a shoebox packed by volunteers and our team, simply visit newmissions.org/shoebboxgiving ~Molly Knost



Top: The team of volunteers from Journey Christian Fellowship served in Orlando packing shoeboxes for three days.

Bottom left: We are thankful for volunteers of all ages—serving and giving.

Bottom middle: For shoebox packing ideas visit shoebboxdrive.com.

Bottom right: Thank you to our shoebox drive volunteers who are making a difference.

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SAVE THE DATE
Shoebbox Drive is coming this fall. Collection dates are Oct. 1 - Dec. 31. For more info visit NewMissions.org/shoebboxdrive



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*“We love because
He first loved us.”*
1 John 4:19



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God's Love
this
Christmas



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2018 Collection Dates:
Oct. 1 through Dec. 31

GIVE THE GIFT OF EDUCATION



DONATE TO OUR LIFE OF A CHILD FUND

ARE YOU TOO OLD OR TOO YOUNG?

My father was 49 years old when he finally moved to Haiti full-time. You're not too old for God to use you and you're not too young, either. At the age of 65 my father moved to the Dominican Republic—having a recent diagnosis of cancer just prior to starting a new work across the North Coast of Sosua. What are you waiting for?

Age is not a limitation unless we think it is. Do you think you're too old? I'll ask the question this way: Can God not use you at your age?

The New Missions office doorbell rang in Orlando and I went to open the front door as moms and their kids came in to volunteer. Big smiles on little faces made my heart leap for joy. Even at the age of five, these young ones will make a difference as they pack shoebox gifts.

Society identifies people as too young or too old. God looks at us and sees people who are available. "Dear Lord, use me!" If that is your prayer, then you are the right age.

David approached the giant, Goliath, with his slingshot—and he was just a young shepherd boy. That's right...a boy! God used him at his age with the appropriate experiences and resources he already had. 1 Samuel 17:39 says, "David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. 'I cannot go in these,' he said to Saul, 'because I am not used to them.' So he took them off."

David could not be used with what was not uniquely his. You and I cannot take upon ourselves

someone else's skills, tools, and equipment to serve our Lord. We must come as who God made us to be—because only then will we be the most effective. "Then he [David] took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine." (1 Samuel 17:40) David went with what God already gave him.

What about retirement? Dr. Charles Stanley said, "What can you do then that you cannot do now?" That was his response with regard to what his thoughts were on retirement. If you want to golf more when you retire, go golfing now. Actually, my recommendation is for you to invite someone far from God to go golfing with you now. Use your love for golf to turn the greens into your mission field.

My hope and prayer is to be used by God every day until I die...and not let age ever become an excuse. Are we asking these questions which can hold us back? Am I too old or too young? Is it too late or am I not ready yet? Instead, may God give us a supernatural energy and passion for today.

One of my life verses comes from Psalm 90:17, "May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands." May we welcome God's favor to rest upon us no matter our age, so His work can be accomplished because we are living a life surrendered to Him. ~Tim DeTellis

**YOU'RE NOT TOO OLD.
WHAT ARE YOU
WAITING FOR?**

On a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, I was contemplating my life's purpose as I stood in the waiting room of our health center. Standing in the waiting room, I looked up to see a photograph of my father on the wall. Beneath the photo was a woman holding crutches, as her young daughter sat on a bench with her leg in bandages. I then knew I wanted to have a vision greater than my lifetime. May I live for something that will outlast me.

Serving together,

Tim DeTellis
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P.S. Send your love and prayers to the children of New Missions by packing a shoebox. Our collection runs Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2018. Learn more at shoebboxdrive.com.



Tim DeTellis speaking at Central Life Church in Cocoa, FL

