



## DELIVERING SHOEBOXES

Shoebox deliveries are already happening at our schools and churches in Haiti. Plus, more shoebox gifts are still arriving at our Orlando office because our collection continues through December 31, 2018.

Standing outside the school classroom at our New Missions Christian Academy in Ti-Riviere, I could hear the students giggling and making shuffling sounds as they began to open their shoebox gifts. I rushed inside to see the fun spreading across the room.

From flashlights shining brightly, to boys holding up a new pair of socks, I could see their thankfulness for the gifts they received. Personally, they were giving me a gift too—the gift of seeing love in action.

When we deliver shoebox gifts, we also bring the good news of the Gospel. Together, we are preaching the Gospel—because only God changes lives forever. *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)* We are messengers of hope and love.

Please accept a big thank you on behalf of each of our students, their families, and the churches and schools of New Missions. Because of your generosity, we will continue to share more love.

~Tim DeTellis



From socks to school supplies, each shoebox is a big deal to our students.



**Middle:** Thank you for putting smiles on faces and filling hearts with love.

**Bottom left:** Flashlights are a big hit for children living in villages without electricity.

**Bottom right:** Because of you and your generosity, each student at our schools in Haiti will receive a shoebox gift.

# NEW PAVILION IN THE DR

Students at our school and members of our church in Bombita are very excited about the metal pavilion we are building to replace the tent. While the tent served us well for many years, wind, rain and salty ocean air have caused major damage. We are very happy that God has provided and we are able to build a sturdier, more resistant structure to be used by our school and church. We believe and hope the pavilion will be completed in time for our special Christmas programs and church services.

I believe the comments by our assistant school director and church member, Xiomara Peralta, sum it up best: *“First of all we thank God, and we also thank the mission and our missionary brothers and sisters for their prayers. The new construction for us is a blessing, because it will help in the development of our school—and thank the Lord that we will have a more secure roof so that we can listen to the Word of our Lord Jesus.”* We are thankful for God’s blessings and are looking forward to worshipping God under our new roof!

~Heather Williams Katz



Workers are laboring six days a week to finish the pavilion before Christmas activities begin.



Students enjoy watching the construction and are very excited to use the new metal pavilion for chapel services and activities.



Our New Missions Christian Academy theme verse for this year is found in Zechariah 4:6-7.



Giving our students Bibles is vital for their spiritual growth.

## YEARLY BIBLE VERSE

In early September, we had a school directors’ meeting to begin the school year. One of the things we did was present the Bible verse of the year for our schools: *“It’s not by might. It’s not by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord. This mountain shall be removed by my Spirit says the Lord.”* (Zechariah 4:6-7) I asked the students to memorize it and learn the chorus with the same words. We had lime green banners with blue lettering made to hang in each school location. A couple of weeks later I was visiting the L’Acul school with a team and, to my amazement, the whole student body was already able to quote both of the verses!

In these verses, Zerubbabel is encouraged to rely on God’s Spirit to accomplish what seemed impossible. God promised to remove the “mountains” before him. I chose this passage because the challenges in Haiti are mountainous. They can appear daunting. But with the empowering of the Spirit, His work will be accomplished. Will you pray for holy empowering of our pastors, directors, teachers and students this school year?

~Rachel DeTellis



## SHARE LOVE THIS CHRISTMAS

God bless you for sponsoring a child. Thank you for the personal gifts you chose to pack for your child in a Christmas shoebox. You are opening a window of love and inspiration. Many of our children hope and wait for their parents to provide the essentials—such as a new pair of socks or underwear—or to have enough food to be nurtured and survive. A Christmas shoebox provides an action of love for the present needs. A Christmas shoebox also opens the door to share the great love of God who sent His son as a babe to be our Savior.

What a blessing it is to be a part of the indescribable joy when a child clutches onto the gifts you have prepared for them. The smiles and the excitement will accelerate your love to pack and pack, and to send as many shoeboxes as you possibly can. And you should have plenty of time, as we will receive your Christmas shoeboxes throughout the month of December.

Christmas is the gift of Jesus to us, and we pass that gift along through the giving of our Christmas shoeboxes. This Christmas, share Jesus with a child... your child, and also children who are still waiting for a sponsor.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

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



Share  
*God's Love*  
this  
Christmas



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**Top:** Fadeline met her sponsor Gracie Welborn and they are now friends for life.

**Bottom left:** Thank you to Friendswood Baptist Church for packing shoeboxes for Haiti.

**Bottom middle:** Lilah, at the age of ten, helped deliver shoeboxes to our schools.

**Bottom right:** Our students love bringing their shoebox gifts home to open with family.

**2018 Collection Dates:**  
*Oct. 1 through Dec. 31*

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## PEACE TO YOU

The Christmas holiday is a holiday of peace. Luke 2:8-14 speaks of peace when the angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds: *“In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were sore afraid. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!’”*

The Jewish culture greets each other with the word “shalom.” This greeting means: peace to you...and the return greeting is: peace unto you. I once heard an explanation of how it means there is nothing lacking or nothing missing. We all desire wholeness and harmony in our lives. We desire love and peace. The Webster dictionary defines the word peace as “a state of tranquility or quiet.” We need to seek to have peace with one another and most importantly with God.

Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace. He has come to reconcile, restore, and to renew. *“For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation having*

*abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”* (Ephesians 2:14-18) We should not allow anyone or anything to take away our peace.

The Word of God is a strength to us during the time of a storm or heartache. In John 16:33 Jesus said, *“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”* Let us not focus on the tribulation in the

world; let us focus on the provision of peace in Christ. God’s love is a firm foundation for us to build our lives upon. Philippians 4:8 tells us to meditate upon what is noble, true, and lovely. We are not to focus on our feelings in the flesh, but we need to live our lives in the Spirit. I realize this is a battle many people face. Our enemy would love for us to feel guilt, shame, and condemnation in our lives. God wants us to live with peace, joy, and love in our hearts. This Christmas, my prayer is that you will have *true peace* that only can be found through our Savior.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and God’s peace in the coming year.

~Charlie DeTellis

**SHALOM!**  
**PEACE TO YOU!**

Take advantage of the Christmas season and share love, joy, and peace to people around you. I believe you will receive a blessing in return.

Sincerely,

*Charlie DeTellis*

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*P. S. We love the local church. It is important for us to be a part of a fellowship of believers. We have a reason to celebrate. We have peace in Christ.*



Rachel and Charlie DeTellis in Haiti.