

## YEAR IN REVIEW

If someone asked you what you remember most about this year, what would you say? Personally, reflecting on our mission this year leads me to believe God's hand of protection and provision was upon us. In the midst of economic uncertainty, and Haiti still facing unrest halting our visiting teams, we are still moving forward.

We rejoiced this year in seeing wells drilled at our Bombita, Playa Laguna, and Playa Chiquita locations in the Dominican Republic. God's provision of water is a tremendous blessing to the families and communities we serve. Our churches in Haiti sent a record number of 186 Haitian missionaries on mission trips in their country.

When the unrest increased in Haiti, we did not stop functioning—as our churches and local leaders were already in place to serve. Charlie DeTellis found ways to return to the mission even if it meant taking mountain roads to avoid gang-controlled areas. We shipped cargo containers filled with shoebox gifts further south than the capital city of Port-au-Prince, then drove them to our mission to protect the cargo from thieves.

Because of God's provision and protection, our mission continues on. Join me in praying 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." This is God's mission; we are surrendered to His calling upon us and I thank you for your faithfulness of love and prayers. ~Tim DeTellis









**Top:** The local church is the greatest force for good, as our churches are sending their missionaries across Haiti. **Middle:** Three wells were drilled this year on our Playa Chiquita, Playa Laguna, and Bombita campuses. **Bottom left:** Our Leaders for Christ mentoring program in the DR is fulfilling our vision of developing Christian leaders. **Bottom right:** Because of your love and generosity we will provide all of our students in Haiti a Christmas shoebox gift.

### SAFE AND LOVED

If you have never had the opportunity to visit our schools here in the Dominican Republic, I wish you could come and see the happy smiles on children's faces and hear sounds of laughter throughout our campuses. The students love our schools because of the love and security they feel when they are here. Sixth grader Jeremy Yonael Jaquez loves everything about his school in Los Castillos: the big classrooms, the outdoor play area where he gets to socialize with his friends, and how his teachers lovingly teach and guide him.

The love and protection that is felt on all of our school campuses comes from God, and it is our mission to love Him and love others. I am touched every time I see a teacher or staff member comforting a child who is hurt or upset for some reason. Sadly, many of our students come from unstable homes or places where they do not feel secure and loved. I praise the Lord for our Christian teachers and staff who love God and the children they are teaching.

~Heather Williams Katz



Pastor Michel is blessed with a godly wife and daughter. His wife helps with worship and their daughter in children's ministry.



The truth of God's Word being proclaimed every week is changing lives in Vieux Court, Haiti!



Sixth grader Jeremy Yonael Jaquez is one of the many students who looks forward to coming to school every day.



Students cheering on their teammates as they play outside during a recent school day at Colegio Nueva Vida.

## **GOD'S WORKING**

The churches in Haiti are the backbone of the mission. We are always thankful for the faithful service and leadership of our pastors, but especially during these perilous times in Haiti. The Vieux Court church and school are led by Pastor Michel Souverain. He pastors about 500 people and has 450 students in the school. Through generous gifts, the mission was able to purchase land, and a church was constructed in 2013. More recently, a donor helped with other projects needed to complete and enhance the campus.

The church has special ministry times for children, youth, men, and women. In late October, they had a conference with spiritual warfare as the theme. Faith is alive! One testimony from the church comes from a deacon, Pierre Antoine. He was unable to walk without crutches. He was scheduled for surgery but was never able to get to the hospital because of ongoing unrest. The church began praying for his healing and God blessed him with a healing without surgery! Please continue praying for our churches, schools, and for change in the country of Haiti.

~Rachel DeTellis



# PLEASE PRAY WITH ME

Will you pray with me? Prayer is not the only action but the first and best action to any need or desire. In one of Plato's writings Timaeus said, "...all men who possess even a small share of good sense call upon God always at the outset of every undertaking, be it small or great;" Is there a need to pray? Yes! There is an urgent need for a bold prayer with groaning and consistent, continual petitions. People everywhere need the Lord, and people everywhere on earth have needs for health and provision.

Jesus asked His friends to pray with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, but they could not stay awake. When I pray in bed, I usually fall asleep. And then when I cannot sleep, I usually pray. Praying is to be like Jesus, and He often passed the whole night in prayer. Be encouraged and stubborn when you pray.

New Missions is hosting 21 Days of Prayer and you can read our prayer requests at newmissions.org/prayer. Praying is effective and essential to our spiritual lives. Can you be like Jesus and follow His example to pray? Thank you for praying with us for spiritual penetration into the hearts of our people for salvation and maturity, and for supernatural gifts and provision to bring the Kingdom of God to earth.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

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#### **21 DAYS OF PRAYER**

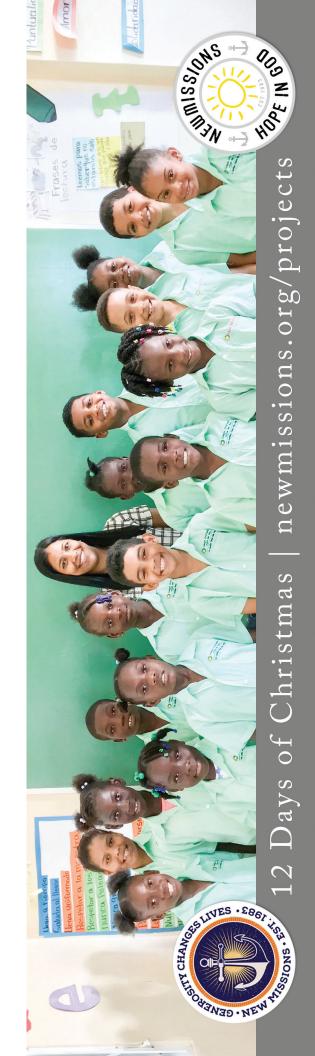
Join us for our annual 21 Days of Prayer which begins January 6, 2023. Sign up by visiting NewMissions.org/prayer







**Top:** A mother was calling out to God during the prayer and fasting service at our Signeau church in Haiti. **Bottom left:** Children at New Missions in the Dominican Republic are learning the value of prayer and Bible reading. **Bottom middle:** Our 21 Days of Prayer includes praying for our events. Pastor Jonathan Pearson serving with his family. **Bottom right:** Thank you for praying for the churches of New Missions. The downtown Leogane church in Haiti is full of families.





# YOUR IMAGINATION IS YOUR FAITH

DAUGHTER,

YOUR FAITH HAS

HEALED YOU.

GO IN PEACE.

She heard the story of faith and believed it. She heard that there was a prophet from Galilee; a man named Jesus of Nazareth. He was traveling throughout Judea healing the sick and preaching a new gospel. She had an issue. She had a problem she didn't want anybody to know about. She had to hide the fact that she was ceremonially unclean and not allowed into the synagogue for worship. She needed a miracle but was afraid to ask. Nobody could ever

know about her health problems. So, she devised a scheme in her imagination. In her mind she imagined a plan to get a healing from Jesus without him ever knowing about it. She imagined that if she could just touch him that miracle power would come out of him and heal her of this terrible bleeding. She made plans to

attend his next public meeting where he would be preaching. She slowly worked her way to the center of the crowd. She saw him for the first time—Jesus the healer standing with his disciples. Then at the right moment she pretended to fall and touched the hem of his garment. In that moment she was healed. She felt it; she knew it. And Jesus knew it too. He felt the power go out of him. "Who touched me?" he asked.

There was a huge crowd surrounding him. But something spiritual had just taken place. She was healed! Healing power went from Jesus to this woman. Her imagination that if she could just touch him, her act of faith to reach out and touch him, created a miracle. She believed that Jesus had the

power to heal her and she imagined that if she could just touch him she would be healed. Whose idea was it to touch Jesus? Who told her to touch Jesus? Her imagination was her faith. Desperate people do desperate things. She was a desperate woman. Do you have an issue today? Do you need a miracle? Press into the crowd and reach out and touch the hem of Jesus' garment in faith. What was she thinking? What was she imagining? I want you to think

> about this story in the Bible from the imagination of a woman who received a healing from Jesus. The healing was an act of a woman's faith—created first in her imagination before she acted it out. Her imagination was her faith!

"As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman was

there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out of me." Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace." Luke 8:42-48 ~George DeTellis, Jr.

We need to imagine ourselves fulfilling God's vision for our lives. We need to act out on what the Bible says about us. We need to imagine a great God: a powerful God. A God who is able to do more than we can imagine or believe. Imagination is at the heart of faith. It is a faith fueled imagination that calls us to believe.

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P.S. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." Ephesians 3:20

