



28TH CHURCH IN HAITI

Construction is taking place on our 28th church and school in Decouze, Haiti. Located in the mountains, children walk up to one hour each way to attend school. I'll never forget the day I met with our new students from Decouze—many with bleached out hair and bloated stomachs from lack of proper nutrition. I told them how they would be fed lunch at school, have a uniform, and receive Christmas gifts. When I later returned with the shoebox gifts and saw them eating lunch...my heart rejoiced because they would soon be healthy and strong.

For the first 25 years of our mission, we focused on serving across the Leogane Plain in Haiti. This was not a strategy when we arrived; it was a necessity. There were no churches or schools, and going from village to village to evangelize and educate children was critical. Today, we now have 25 churches and schools across the Leogane Plain.

Just five years ago we reached beyond Leogane and went to a mountain region called Tom Gateau. Now, in the mountain region, we have established three churches and schools for a total of 28 churches and schools in Haiti. Growth does not motivate us, changing lives does. We want to establish roots where we can have a long-term impact. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: Together, Haitians are building a new Haiti through construction jobs provided at New Missions. **Middle:** The church in Decouze, Haiti, will both transform the community and change lives with the power of the Gospel. **Bottom:** Open seven days a week, this new church in Decouze (our 28th location in Haiti) will serve as classrooms and the school dining hall during the week.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Darbonne Church: Here at New Missions, we see the local church as the center of our mission. Each of our churches has an elementary school on the same campus. In most locations, the pastor of the church serves as the director of the school. Construction has begun on our 14th new church building since the Haiti earthquake. Located in Darbonne, Haiti, on the Leogane Plain, this new building will be utilized by the school during the week as classrooms and a dining hall for lunchtime. We rejoice in employing Haitians to build these new buildings.

Volunteer Appreciation: Thank you to our volunteers. We are better because of you! There are many “behind the scenes” people who help New Missions function. Each year, over 300 individuals serve at New Missions in Orlando during our Christmas Shoebox Drive and other special projects. This summer, we will have additional opportunities for volunteers. If you are interested in spending a few hours serving at New Missions, contact Molly at 407-240-4058 or email her at molly@newmissions.org. We hope to see you soon.

Water Cistern: Across the Leogane Plain we have drilled many wells, and our churches and schools are blessed with the generous gift of clean water. However, in the mountain region of Tom Gateau, the elevation is too high for drilling a well. We have already installed two water cisterns in the mountains, and our third cistern is being built at our church and school in Decouze, Haiti. This cistern is a 7,000 gallon system to serve the school for preparing lunches. The community will benefit from this water supply, as well.

Cooking with Gas: Did you know the number one source of cooking fuel in Haiti is wood? Most people burn sticks or use charcoal to cook—which leads to the deforestation from trees being cut down. The common stove is simply three large stones where a pot will rest on top. Outdoor cooking is common, as are small indoor cooking huts that are protected from the elements. At New Missions, we are installing propane stoves in our school kitchens. These new stoves promote greater efficiency in our cooking, and also eliminate the use of charcoal for fuel.





SUMMER VBS

Is your church hosting VBS this summer?

Here are five ways you and the kids at your church can help kids in Haiti. You can have some extra fun by having the boys compete against the girls to see which group will collect more.

1. Collect spoons for Haiti. It's that simple, yet very helpful. Invite your kids to bring stainless steel teaspoons or tablespoons, and we will ship them to Haiti for our students to use during lunchtime at school. www.spoonsforHaiti.com
2. Collect *new* pairs of sneakers. Our students walk to school, and the gift of a new pair of sneakers is a great blessing. www.givesneakers.com
3. Pack shoebox gifts. Yes, you can celebrate Christmas in July! Host a shoebox packing party during your VBS and have kids bring some items to fill shoeboxes. www.shoeboxdrive.com
4. Collect a special offering to help feed children in Haiti. Just \$40 will purchase a 110-pound sack of rice—which prepares 335 meals.
5. Collect a special offering for children under five who are starting school for the first time.

Thank you for partnering with us to serve children and families. ~Tim DeTellis

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PRAYER REQUEST
Please remember our pastors in your prayers. Weekly, they are preparing messages for their churches and hosting Bibles studies.



CHURCH AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
Your gift helps us build new churches and schools. Together, we can spread the Gospel further and be a blessing to many communities.



Top: God's Word is the fuel for better living, and our students have Bible classes each day at school.

Above left: This summer, collect items to pack in shoeboxes and you will be a blessing to our students and their families.

Above middle: A new pair of sneakers helps make the walk to school an easier journey.

Above right: From collecting stainless steel spoons to offerings for Rice for Children, your gift helps us say goodbye to hunger and hello to hope.


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CONTAGIOUS GENEROSITY

Lately, I've been reflecting on the power of generosity—mostly from the vantage point of how generosity is contagious. My thoughts have taken me back to a childhood memory with my great-grandmother on my mother's side of the family. I was asking myself, when did I first see generosity and how did it impact me? Great-grandmother Marian DeMarco is who I remember influencing my view of generosity as a young child.

As she sat in her kitchen, I recall walking up to her with an "ever so childlike" wrapped gift, and handing it to her. She reached forward with her old hands and placed both of them on my cheeks and pinched me! "You're so cute, Timmy," she would say...and then she kissed my cheeks. My cheeks hurt from the pinching, but her kiss made them better.

The gift I brought her was still on her lap. After her greeting filled with love, she began to ask what was inside my wrapped gift. I tried to have my great-grandmother open it, but she kept asking what it was. She wanted to know so she could thank me. But, she would graciously give the gift away at another time—never having opened it herself. As long as I can remember, my great-grandmother gave away what was given to her.

When I open the Bible to search for God's wisdom on this subject, my heart is moved by a short verse found in Matthew 6:21, "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*" This Scripture is clear in the order of the process of generosity. First comes the treasure; then follows the heart. Where the treasure goes, our heart follows. When we are giving the treasure, our heart goes

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with it. In essence, where our treasures are points to what we treasure most.

We often see generosity associated with money. But, there are other acts of generosity which become contagious. The first year we lived in Haiti, my parents took the young people from our first church and planted trees alongside the stream that flowed through their village. Today, those trees are mature, strong, and provide shade to those who sit beneath them. The generosity of planting those trees was contagious. The same is true for the well we drilled in the village of Neply. That very first well still provides fresh water to the community.

Generosity is an attitude, not an amount. Jesus reflected on this when He saw a poor widow put two small copper coins in the offering box. He said, "*Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.*" The widow's

attitude and action showed everything she had belonged to God.

In 2 Corinthians 9:7 we read, "*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*" This is an attitude, not an amount. It's an attitude of gratitude. Give because you've been given to. I leave you with the words my great-grandmother would say to me: "Keep-a-go!" Don't give up on giving because our giving is contagious—spreading from one life to the next.

~Tim DeTellis

Generosity started with God. "*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believed in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.*" God gave and His gift will keep on giving—forever! I encourage you to embrace the model of contagious generosity in your life and let God take your gift and spread it far and wide for greater impact.

Serving together,

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P. S. I'm praying my life will model generosity, and lives around me will experience God's love because of what I give.



Tim and Sheryl DeTellis in Haiti visiting with their sponsored triplets, Manoucheka, Mackendy and Magdala.