

NEW Missions

in Haiti

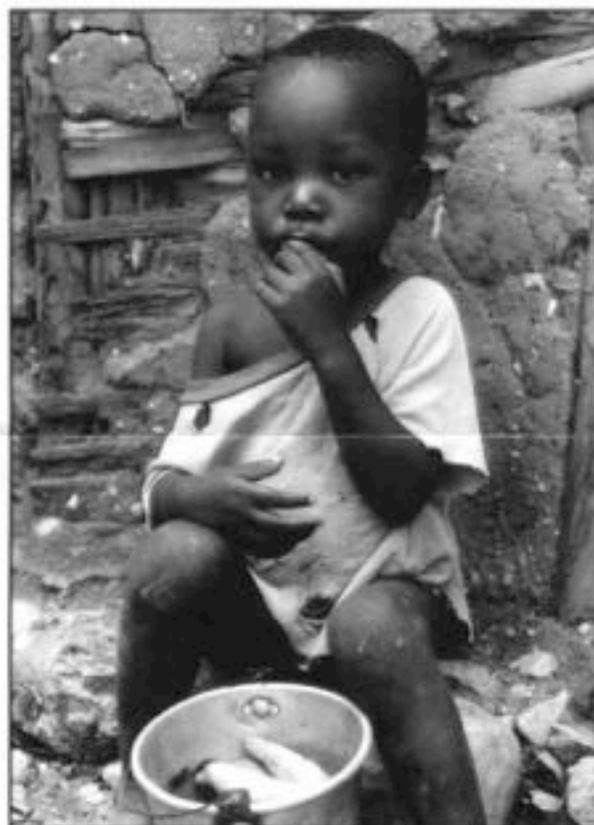
Dear Friends of Haiti,

January 1, 1997

A New Vision

We at New Missions don't accomplish everything in a single day, but over time miracles happen. Fourteen years ago, we started our first year of school with 161 children. Today, we have 4100 students from Kindergarten through High School. A few weeks ago, over Thanksgiving, I was taking a walk with my two sons, George Jr., and Timothy. We were talking about where we felt the Lord was taking New Missions. George Jr. mentioned 5,000. It was as if a light went on! All three of us saw it - FIVE THOUSAND STUDENTS. This is our new goal. Immediately, we thought of John the 6th chapter where Jesus fed the 5,000. Just as Jesus performed the miracle of feeding the 5,000, He has given us the assurance that we will be feeding and educating 5,000 students in Haiti.

"Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted," John 6:11.



We don't often show pictures of very needy children. The students in our schools are doing very well because of your support. However, the poor of Haiti are still around us. Here is a boy and girl waiting to enter school...we need to be faithful to God's calling and open our mission to more children in need.

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The Leogane Church

The first task that needs to be accomplished when putting up a building is site preparation. At the site where the Leogane church will be constructed, a hole has been dug to determine what is underground. We dug down about five feet and found the ground hard and full of stones. This is excellent for construction. A concrete slab will be poured and the building put up on it. Also, repair work is being done on the wall that separates our land from our neighbor's. A bond beam had been poured along the top of the cement block wall. It is now being coated with a stucco finish.



In December, a visiting team helped begin site preparation for the new Leogane Church building. Leogane is a town located five miles from the New Missions main compound.

Our Fourteenth Anniversary

On January 6th of this new year, New Missions will be fourteen years old. The memories of planting the mission are deeply etched in our minds. We slept in tents for three months. We remember well the drenching rains, bathing in the stream, fetching drinking water miles away, walking on the dirt road in the hot sun, our first meal over an open fire, and listening to voodoo drums all night long. Those were not easy days, but they were precious. We were on a mission for God. We were charged with an excitement that comes only from the Holy Spirit.

That same excitement still exists as we begin our fifteenth year in Haiti. United with God, with our American supporters, and now with hundreds of Haitian Christians, we can only wonder what God will do in the future. The days ahead for New Missions in Haiti are bright and offer the prospect of miracles to take place.

Missionaries In Focus

This is the third time that Dick and Illys Reeves have been to New Missions in Haiti. They come all the way from Hood River, Oregon. When asked what he does at the mission, Dick is quick to respond, "Anything that needs to be done." Illys has been busy distributing school uniform material and working with the child sponsor program. Both of them attend and are involved with the activities of the church in LaSalle.

Dick and Illys are short-term missionaries. They plan to visit the States for the holidays and then return January 6th for another two months of service. "Haiti has a place in our hearts," Dick said. His wife Illys said, "We love it here."

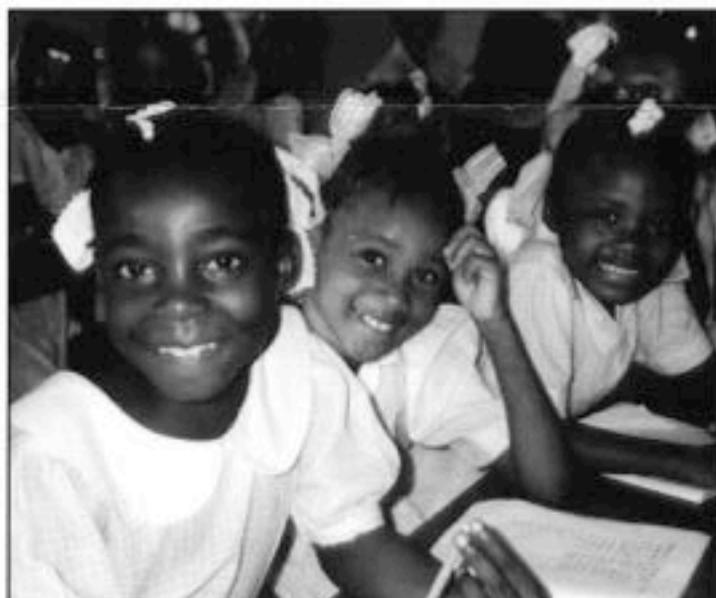


Richard & Illys Reeves, from Hood River, continue their short-term missionary service at New Missions.

Teacher Of The Month

"I love the children in my class and I love to teach," exclaimed Magdala Nelson. Magdala graduated from our high school in 1995 and is now enrolled in the education program of the Royal Caribbean Institute. In the morning, she teaches the first grade in our Leogane elementary school.

Every time I see Magdala she has a big smile. She is a good teacher and an active member of our church in Leogane. One day she told me, "I enrolled in the Royal Caribbean Institute because I want to be a better teacher." Magdala is a wonderful example of what God is doing in Haiti.



Magdala Nelson teaches the first grade class at our school in the town of Leogane. Her students enjoy her enthusiasm and sensitive spirit.

Loyalty: Is It A Lost Virtue?

I like the word "loyalty," but it is not found in the Bible. The closest synonym is the word "faithful."

In Matthew 25, Jesus spoke at length of His return to earth. He told the story of a man who went on a long journey and left the responsibility of his affairs in the hands of others.

These responsibilities were spoken of in terms of talents. One was given five, another two, and another one. They were to invest what they had and increase it. The first two doubled their talents but the third went and hid his. The one who had five and the second who had two were commended, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things I will make you ruler over many things." The person who hid his talent was reprimanded. "You wicked and lazy servant." He was cast out into outer darkness.

Is America losing its sense of loyalty? There was a time when individuals got a job with a company and worked there for the rest of their lives. Now the turnover in places of employment is every three to five years. Companies downsize and employees looking

for advancement change jobs. People are encouraged to become knowledgeable, make themselves sellable, and go where they can earn the most money. Today there is little commitment on the part of the employer or on the part of the employee.

Has this attitude of "faithful to self" pervaded our society? Has it crept into our spiritual and domestic life as well? "I go to church to get a fluffy feeling," one Christian told me. "I go to be blessed and if I don't get it in one church I'll go to another," she quickly exclaimed. This is different for me. Maybe I'm old fashioned, but I always believed that God led people into a church, and that they went to be a blessing and stayed forever, or at least until God led them elsewhere. Now, church hopping is as common as sampling the chocolates at a Fanny Farmer's candy store.

Think of marriage. Forty percent of first-time marriages end in divorce. When I was a child, I had never heard of divorce. Then I began to hear of non-believers getting divorced. Now it's full blown in the church. I believe that divorce is a tragedy. Pastors need

to reach out to people going through such a wrenching experience. The divorcee needs to know of God's love and forgiveness and be nurtured into the fellowship of the church.

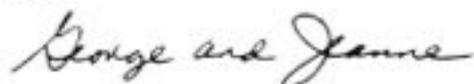
But what of our young people? What is our message to them? Is there any validity to the wedding vows? Aren't we to warn of the hurts and pitfalls of divorce? Do we teach loyalty, faithfulness, and commitment to our youth? America must turn around. It must begin with this next generation of young people.

Revelation 2:10 has always spoken strongly to me. "Be faithful until death and I will give you a crown of life." We are called to be faithful in the face of death. It also speaks to me of daily living for Jesus over a long lifetime.

Faithfulness is a mark of the Christian. This trait needs to be nurtured. One of the great characteristics of God is that He is faithful. Psalm 119:90 says, "O Lord ...Your faithfulness endures to all generations." Let us allow Him to work His faithfulness into our lives.

Jeanne and I enjoyed the holiday season here in Haiti with special services, a water baptismal service on Christmas night, and a prayer meeting on New Year's Eve. We are enjoying good health and the blessings of the Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with you for the new year.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions



P. S. It has become increasingly difficult to bring goods into the country. Pray for us to have favor with customs.

P. S. S. Pray for our upcoming all-church crusade being held January 24, 25, and 26.

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Dear Friends of Haiti,

February 1, 1997

Tell 2 Friends

Last month we shared with you our vision of having 5000 children attending New Missions schools. Currently in Haiti, we have 4100 students in our kindergarten through high school programs. Yet, we want to be more sensitive to the poor of Haiti still around us and accept more children into our programs.

In Haiti, thousands of children do not have the opportunity to attend school. More importantly, they may never hear about the saving love of Jesus. We want to bring change to Haiti and you can help. Together we can fulfill the vision of having 5000 children attending New Missions schools. We are asking you to help us in a vital way. Will you tell 2 friends about the child sponsorship program here at New Missions? To accomplish this vision alone would be difficult, yet together we can do wonders on behalf of the children in Haiti.



Emily Faron, daughter of missionaries Dave and Lori Faron, and her Haitian friend are enjoying some play time together in Haiti. It is a joy to see two friends sharing God's love together.

Church Convention

The Haitians love to come together every year in January for our annual New Missions church convention. Our ten churches met at the Signeau church, which is our largest. The church seats 500 people, but extra chairs were brought in and about 1000 people crowded into the building.

During the church conventions the singing is lively and the music is loud. The preaching is strong and inspirational. It is a rich time of fellowship for our pastors and church members.

The last night of our crusade some of our pastors were ordained into the ministry. The crusade lasted for three days, January 24th through January 26th.



Our Signeau church band enjoyed leading praise and worship during the crusade.



Missionary Barbara Cooper is sharing some time with a group of children on their way to church.

Medical Clinic News

The medical clinic at New Missions was started the week we arrived in Haiti 14 years ago. When we came to Haiti on January 6, 1983, we brought medicines in our suitcases. Under the mango trees on small wooden tables, our two nurses began to care for the needs of the Haitians in the area of our mission.

Over the years, our clinic has grown and expanded. A beautiful building was put up 10 years ago. Today, an extensive Haitian staff works in the clinic.

Jude Prosper grew up in our mission, starting school with us in the first grade. Now he is enrolled in the Business Administration program at the Royal Caribbean Institute. He is also a supervisor in our clinic, overseeing ten workers. Jude works in the clinic until 1:00 p.m. and arrives at the business school at 2:00 p.m. "It is a privilege for me to work in the clinic and attend the business school. It is an opportunity very few people in Haiti have," Jude said.

Jude is an intelligent young man and is active in our Bordmer church. "My sponsor Nancy Tuccero has been very kind to me," he said. "She has helped to change my life." Jude's father died when he was a young boy. Without New Missions and his sponsor, he would have had no chance for an education.



Jude Prosper is sponsored by Nancy Tuccero from Waltham, Massachusetts. Nancy has been sponsoring him since he entered the first grade. Jude is now a supervisor in our medical clinic and attends the Royal Caribbean Institute and majors in Business Administration.



On postnatal day at our medical clinic, the babies have a physical and vaccinations, and our nurse gives a lesson in health education to the mothers.

In The Garden

In my garden here in Haiti, I have some green pepper plants. Whenever we need peppers, I pick some of the better, bigger ones. There were a few small peppers that I kept waiting for to grow; instead, they turned red and dried up in the warm Haitian sun. For the longest time, there they were, at the top of the plant, bright red, yet undeveloped and shriveled up.

One day the Lord spoke to me through these peppers. They were on the plant, yet they had lost their usefulness. "Help me Lord," I said, "to not be like these peppers, in the Lord, yet lacking vitality." Then I made a list of essentials needed to remain vibrant for the Lord.

Know what you believe. What you believe is important. Personally, I believe that God exists. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that His death upon the cross is the only means of salvation. I believe that the person of the Holy Spirit is with us, and it is He who leads and energizes the believer. By faith in Jesus we enter into a personal relationship with the Father. This is the essence of Christianity.

Many people have no faith in

God and cannot begin to know about life in the Spirit. Some Christians have allowed their faith to come into question. They are no longer sure about what they believe. That is a sure way to become dry on the vine.

Worship. In Haiti, our mission team comes together regularly to worship and share God's word. Also, whenever I attend one of our Haitian churches, I endeavor to enter into the presence of God and worship Him. Of all God's creatures, we alone can consciously, with heart and mind, recognize our Creator and worship Him. Worship is essential as our spirits will be lifted and refreshed.

Prayer. The best prayer for me is spontaneous. Wherever I am or whatever I am doing, I turn to the Lord and pray. While at a Christmas party in December, I suddenly felt the need to pray. I closed my eyes and prayed for a few minutes. The presence of the Lord came upon me. I looked up and saw our hostess staring at me with a puzzled look, probably wondering, "What is he doing?"

It is necessary to set designated times to pray. But for me, praying on the run works best. Paul's

words, "Pray without ceasing," encourages me.

Be Generous. We need to be responsible people. We need to care for our families and make preparation for their anticipated future needs. Unexpected emergencies might arise and money should be set aside for these. But we should also have a ministry of caring for others. To live only for self can rot our bones, but a generous spirit is like healthy marrow in the bones. Jesus knew this. He said, "It is better (more profitable) to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

Live Right. Disobedience or conscious sin is a scourge. Nothing will dry the life of God from us faster than sin. Nothing! Ultimately, Christianity is a life lived. Our life is to be a shining testimony to the grace of God at work in us.

These five principles keep the vitality we have in the Lord alive. Not only do I have peppers in my garden, but a variety of vegetables are growing wonderfully. My prayer is, "Lord, make me like Joseph, a fruitful bough...whose branches ran over the wall," Genesis 49:22.

When we first came to Haiti, we thought that living a distance from the United States would cut us off from our family and friends. God, in His goodness, had other plans. A good steady flow of Christians come to visit and work with us here in Haiti. We are thankful. We are blessed. Jeanne and I are well; we are working hard, but are happy in the Lord.

Love,

George and Jeanne

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P. S. Please take the opportunity to tell 2 friends about New Missions. See the enclosed insert for details.

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Dear Friends of Haiti,

March 1, 1997

Leogane Church Construction

"Will the church be ready for Easter?" Felicia, one of the church members asked. Presently, all the walls are up and a bond beam has been poured. Yet much work remains to be done. The gable ends need to be built, the block walls will be skim coated, and then the roof will go on. A tile floor needs to be laid, the electrical work installed, the doors hung, the platform built, the pews put in place, and the building painted.

Realistically, the building should be finished by the second week of April. A date has not been set, but a dedication service will be planned for sometime at the end of April or the first part of May.

Thank you for believing God with us for this building. Your help is needed. We would like the building to be completely paid for when we have the dedication service.



The walls are going up. Your faithful support for the construction of the Leogane church will allow us to complete this church building.

This Is Your Decision

My parents and sister were going to Haiti on a missions trip. They invited me to go and said, "This is your decision." I was not sure that I wanted to go to a third world country. Every time my parents asked if I was going, I gave the same answer, "I don't think so."

The deadline for the application to be submitted finally came. I laid the application on the kitchen counter and started watching television. A commercial came on for "Penzoil." The commercial said, "If you could make a difference in the world, would you do it?" Instantly, I filled out the application and sent it in. I don't know how much of a change I made in Haiti, but the Lord used the trip to change me.

Cory Schut - age 18
Kalamazoo, Michigan



Cory Schut spent one week at New Missions in Haiti during February. He enjoyed meeting many new friends, including Jean Rony Guy who works at New Missions.

Are We Equal?

The French Revolution forced social change in the country of France. Out of the revolution came three words, "Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite." (Liberty, Equality, and Brotherhood). Haiti was a French colony; these words have become part of the Haitian constitution. Here in the United States, Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence. He said, "We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal."

Are we equal? And if so, in what way? Surely, not all people are equal economically. Each of us has a different income and we are free to use it at our own discretion. Some people would like to use the graduated tax structure to more equally distribute the wealth of America. Instead, I believe Christians collectively and individually should keep what they have earned to help those who are less fortunate.

Socially, we all come from different settings. I happen to be the son of Italian immigrants. My parents left Italy because Italy was poor at the time. They came to America looking for

a better life. I am thankful for my heritage. I didn't have as much as many others, but America did give me the opportunity to go to Bible college and graduate school.

Biologically, we have all inherited different things from our parents. We differ as far as height, weight, looks, innate gifts, and intelligence.

Are we equal before the law? The Haitian judicial system is weak. The judges are underpaid, the court houses are in shambles, and the prisons are deplorable. Justice in Haiti is often determined by your status in society and the amount of money you have. Here in America, the judicial system is not perfect, but it is many times better. The symbol of justice is a woman with a balance in her hand and a blindfold over her eyes. The problem in America is that not everyone can afford to hire the best lawyers. Some people who have no money are given a public defender who works on a limited budget. Only those who have amassed a fortune can afford the best lawyers.

The only place where

true equality exists is with God. We all have equal access and are treated the same by God. "...God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him," Acts 10:34-35.

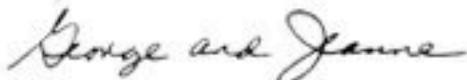
One of the images of God in the Scriptures is that of a judge. The devil is often likened to the prosecutor. He is the accuser. He knows what we did wrong and is quick to point it out. The law requires that the sinner be punished by death. Satan says, "I know what he or she has done. I was there when he or she did it."

Thank God we have a good lawyer to plead our cause. Jesus is our advocate. Quickly, He steps forward to say, "Yes he is guilty, but I died on the cross for his sin. I paid the penalty for his wrongdoing. Father, pardon him on my behalf." Because of the cross, the Father is able to justify and remain just.

"Red and yellow, black and white, they are equal in His sight."

When we started this mission, God spoke to me, telling me that if I would keep my heart right He would give me whatever I asked for. Two weeks ago, our Haitian computer teacher sent a letter stating that he could no longer teach. I was devastated. I was scheduled to go to the States for some speaking engagements and had no time to find another teacher. I cried out to God and within two days someone sent a teacher to me. God has been good. His heart is full of love. He delights to work on behalf of His children. I encourage you to trust Him. He is more than able to meet all your needs.

Love,



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P. S. Pray for us during this season before Easter. In Haiti, evening rahrah dancing exists in the streets until after Easter. Sometimes the dancing can be dangerous as participants drink the local rum and practice voodoo.

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Dear Friends of Haiti,

April 1, 1997

Church Construction Update



Our 41st building is almost finished. This church building is located in Leogane where Voodoo is most prevalent in all of Haiti.

The church in Leogane is well on its way. The men are skim-coating the blocks of the building, giving it a finished look. By the time you receive this newsletter, the roof should be on. This will be the first of our churches to have a tile floor. We chose a beautiful earth tone mosaic. It is a light beige with a splash of white in it.

There is still much work to be done on the inside of this church, which is the 41st building New Missions has constructed. The platform and church pews need to be built, the lighting has to be put up, and painting needs to be started. We expect the building to be finished sometime this month.

The pastor of the Leogane church reports new growth and new believers. He has a Bible class with 29 new Christians.

Missionaries In Focus

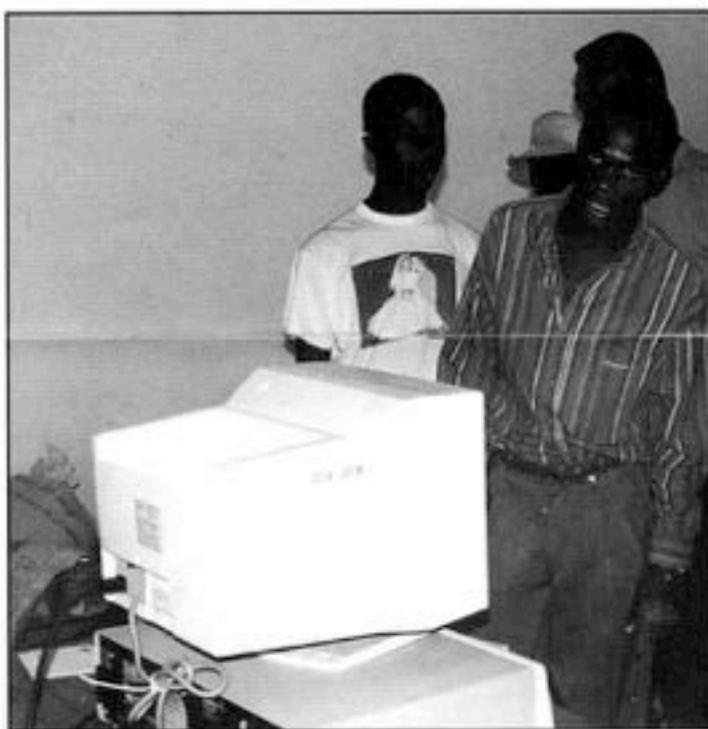
Dan and Misty Hitchcock with their two children, Danika and Allison, are back in Haiti working with us. Dan is busy as ever doing repairs and overseeing the Leogane church construction. Their contribution to New Missions is much needed. We're glad to have them back.

Charles and Rachel are rejoicing. Together with their two sons, Nathan and Jeremie, they are serving the Lord here at New Missions. Rachel is expecting another child. The doctor says, "It looks like a girl." Rachel plans to have the baby in the United States. She will go to be with her parents in Greenville, South Carolina, on April 4th. Their baby is due the first of May.

Barbara Cooper will be leaving for a three month furlough starting April 4th. We know that the rest and change will be good for her and that she will return to Haiti with renewed vitality.

Business School Computers

Ken King from Wisconsin sent eighty computers to Haiti on a container. Some of these are being used in our Business school and fifty of them were given to the Business Administration students in the Royal Caribbean Institute. One day I saw Arnold Guy, our school kitchen and food warehouse administrator, and asked, "How is your computer?" He answered, "I work on it every night."



Arnold Guy, our business school student, is pleased to receive his own personal computer.

Hope In The Midst Of Horror

Jeanne and I love Haiti, yet we lament over its present condition. When Christopher Columbus landed in Haiti, he found a virtual paradise. When the French controlled the colony, it was the envy of the European nations. Haiti was then called, "The Pearl of the Antilles." It was the richest of all the colonies. It produced more wealth than all of the thirteen American colonies combined. Today, Haiti is in shambles. The government is inept, the economy is devastated, there is little infrastructure, and the people are left poor and hungry. Jeanne and I lament over the conditions here in Haiti.

Jerusalem was a beautiful, proud city. The temple had been the focus of Israel's spiritual life. Now, it all lay in ruin. The city of Jerusalem was reduced to rubble and the temple had been destroyed. The Babylonian hordes ravaged the city and took the young men and women off to captivity in Babylon.

Jeremiah the prophet, overlooking the devastation, laments. He writes, "How like a widow is she who was great among the nations," Lamentations 1:1. "Her adversaries have become the master...Because of the multitude of her transgressions her children have gone into captivity," Lamentations 1:5.

In the midst of tragedy, Jeremiah saw a day of triumph for Israel. Through the Lord's mercies, we are not consumed because His compassion fails not. They are new every morning; great is His faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion, therefore I hope in Him," Lamentations 3:23, 24.

God is a dreamer. He had a dream for Israel and sent Nehemiah and Ezra to return from captivity to rebuild the temple and walls of Jerusalem. We are never left in despair; regardless of the circumstances of life, we look to God. He is the source of our hope. God is at work in Haiti. He has sent us to start a restoration of the country.

When we came to Haiti, we had nothing. We lived in tents, slept on the ground, and washed in the stream. Today, we have ten elementary schools, a full high school, and a college. In total we have 4,100 students in school and are moving on towards the goal of 5,000 students.

I see America on a new surge of spiritual life. Every three months, I return to America for three weeks to preach in its churches. This gives me a wonderful opportunity to visit different parts of the country and preach in many different congregations.

For the longest time I felt that the spiritual life of America was in

despair. Now I have experienced a new excitement; people are coming to faith in Christ and the pastors are enjoying the work of the Lord. America, I believe, is turning around. Prophets in the land are speaking God's Word, and a true turning is taking place.

On a larger scale, I also see hope for the world. Resistance to the Gospel exists in many places, especially in the Islamic nations. Today, however, there are faithful missionaries working in those difficult places. Some of the nations seem impossible. But I am reminded that God is the God of the impossible. He tore down the walls of communism in Russia and Europe in what seemed like a day. Thus, He is able to remove obstacles and hindrances to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God's plan is not only for America or countries such as Haiti, but for the whole world. "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea," Isaiah 11:9. God has a dream for the salvation of the whole earth.

Each of us needs to be a Nehemiah and an Ezra, looking to God for wisdom and strength, then uniting heart and mind to return to the rubble of the world, and finally in the name of Jesus begin to rebuild.

Renewal is part of God's plan. Even as sleep renews the body, we need God to renew our inner man. Time must be taken to garner new strength. Any man who works in the heat of the sun knows that times of refreshing are needed. It is the Lord who "restores our souls," Psalm 23:3. The weight of the responsibility of the mission is great, but Jeanne and I always look to the Lord for new strength. Thank you for your prayers.

We love you,

George and Jeanne

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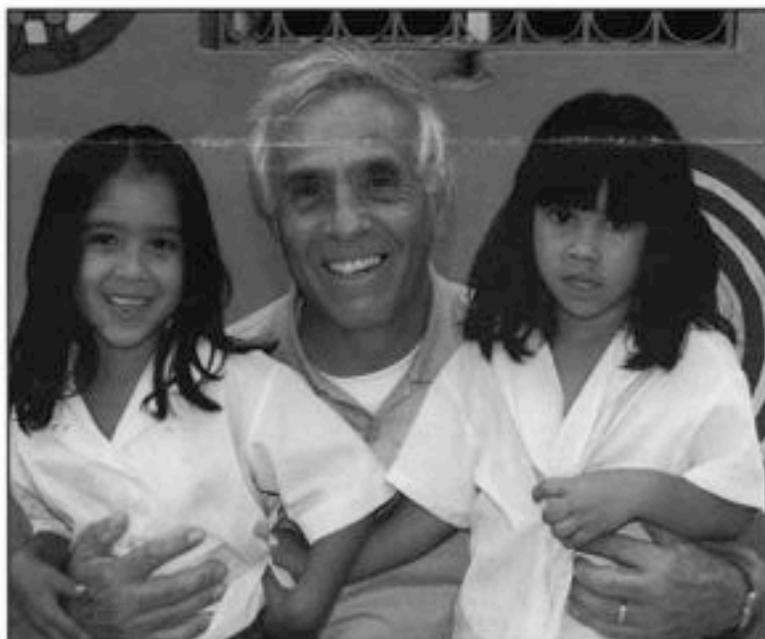
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The Dominican Republic

Many people who have visited New Missions in Haiti have asked, "Pastor George, will you spend the rest of your life in Haiti?" My answer has always been, "I cannot see all of the future, but as far into the future as I can see, I will be in Haiti." We love Haiti and are committed to the people in our ten churches and the over 4000 students in our schools.

Now a time has come where we desire to become involved in other countries in the Caribbean as well. Haiti shares the same land mass with the Dominican Republic. Together the land is called Hispanola. Haiti occupies the western third of the island.

My son Charlie and I went to Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic, for the second week of April. There we met my other two sons, George Jr. and Timothy. For five days we visited churches and schools and spoke with pastors in the country.



Pastor George DeTellis with Nathaly Batista and Ruth Rodriguez from Santo Domingo. Both Nathaly and Ruth are in the first grade.



Charlie, George Jr., Timothy, and Pastor George DeTellis visiting the Dominican Republic.

As a result of our trip, we are now working with two churches in the Dominican Republic and will be helping them financially with their schools. We have committed to pay for the education of 150 children.

Relatively speaking, the Dominican Republic is not as poor as Haiti, but it is still very poor. The two pastors that we will work with are overjoyed. One pastor said, "I have been praying for help. God has sent you to us." Once or twice a year, we will drive to the Dominican Republic to see how the schools there are functioning.

The Leogane Church

The Leogane church is nearing completion. The roof is on, and by the time you receive this newsletter, the tile floor will have been laid, the benches put in place, and the building painted. A dedication service is planned for Sunday, May 11th. Everyone who has seen the building has said, "This is the best church New Missions has ever built." We are thankful to God and to you for your sacrificial giving which has made this possible.



The roof for the Leogane church is complete. We extend special thanks to the team from Saddleback Community Church for their efforts in helping with the final phase of the roof construction.



Saddleback Community Church

A group from Saddleback Community Church in Mission Viejo, California, comes to New Missions every year. On April 12th, 23 of them, led by Pastor Ty and Cindy Rose, worked, preached, prayed, and visited our schools and churches. Among them was a doctor, an ear, nose, and throat specialist, an optometrist, a dental hygienist, a general contractor, computer people, and other gifted and talented men and women. A puppet show was presented to our school children in several of our schools. Some of them sanded, varnished, and put church benches together. Some taught computer, cut school uniforms, passed out food, and decorated school classrooms. People have asked, "What can I do at New Missions?" Come and bring your natural abilities and talents; we'll put them to good use.



We enjoyed having a team from Saddleback Community Church come and share their talents in Haiti.



Ty and Cindy Rose have been faithful in visiting and leading teams to Haiti. Ty is the children's ministry pastor at Saddleback.

Discovering God's Special Purpose

"Why was I born? What is the purpose of my existence here on earth?" A look at the life of Samson will help us to answer these questions.

Over the 400 years that cover the book of Judges, Israel was on a spiritual roller coaster. God would send a deliverer to Israel; they would live in victory. Then all too often, Israel would begin to serve other gods, and again an enemy would come to oppress the nation.

In Judges 15, God raised up Samson to deliver Israel from the Philistines. Three things were notable in the life of Samson:

1. Before Samson was born, he was selected by God. Samson was not yet conceived and God chose him. An angel appeared to Samson's mother and said, "You shall conceive and bear a son," Judges 13:7.

Before any of us were born, God knew us and chose us to know, love, and serve Him through Christ Jesus. God's hand is upon each and every person. Some people are selected to be preachers or Bible teachers; others are selected to be businessmen, medical people, computer personnel - the list is endless. In whatever situation God places us, we are to be a light and make Jesus known to those around us. Each of us has a sphere of influence for the Lord. We are all called to minister for the Lord. Each of us is important and in our own way speak the Word of God. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven," Matthew 5:16.

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II. Samson had a purpose for his life. "He shall deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines," Judges 13:5. Most men in the Scriptures who were selected by God had a single purpose. Noah built an ark, Moses delivered Israel from Egypt, and John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ. Even Jesus had a singular purpose for His life. As a missionary, I'm not called to do every good thing. God has given me a special task in a particular country.

Some people are forever trying to discover what it is that God wants them to do. The Scriptures encourage us - whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your heart. Most often, the thing God wants you to do is right in front of you.

III. Samson's parents were told what type of a man Samson was to be. He was not to cut his hair or to eat or drink anything that came from a grape vine. This was called a Nazarite vow. Samson was to be separated unto God from the time of his conception in the womb.

Samson soon discovered what kind of man God chose him to be; he was then able to fulfill the purpose of God for his life.

We are never good in our own rights; our goodness comes from God. Our strength is not innate; the Lord is the strength of our life. It is the Holy Spirit living within us who controls our lives, gives us strength, and makes us the men and women God wants us to be.

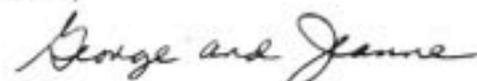
When we received Jesus as our Saviour, he became our Lord. "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me," Galatians 2:20.

Much has been written on crossing culture, but little has been said about the conflicts between cultures and the pain of living in another culture. When Haitians ask, "How long have you been in Haiti, and I tell them, "Over fourteen years," they respond, "Now you're a Haitian." Yes, I've learned much about the Haitian people and culture, but Boston, Massachusetts, and America are still etched on my heart and mind.

One of the most difficult things for missionaries to experience is being out of their culture of origin. Your system is in constant culture shock. Often it is painful. Any two cultures that come in contact with each other will conflict. Jeanne and I love Haiti, but America will always be "home."

My wife Jeanne is in good health and getting stronger each day. For me, my thoughts are ever on the mission as I seek to discern God's guidance. I like the old Sunday School song that says, "The Lord knows the way through the wilderness, and all we have to do is follow." We love hearing from you. My wife Jeanne answers every letter that comes our way. Thank you for your love and support.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions



P. S. Change comes slowly in Haiti. We are helping the Haitians rebuild Haiti. We need God's patience. Please pray for us.

NEW Missions

in Haiti

Dear Friends of Haiti,

June 1, 1997

Our Pledge To You and your sponsored child

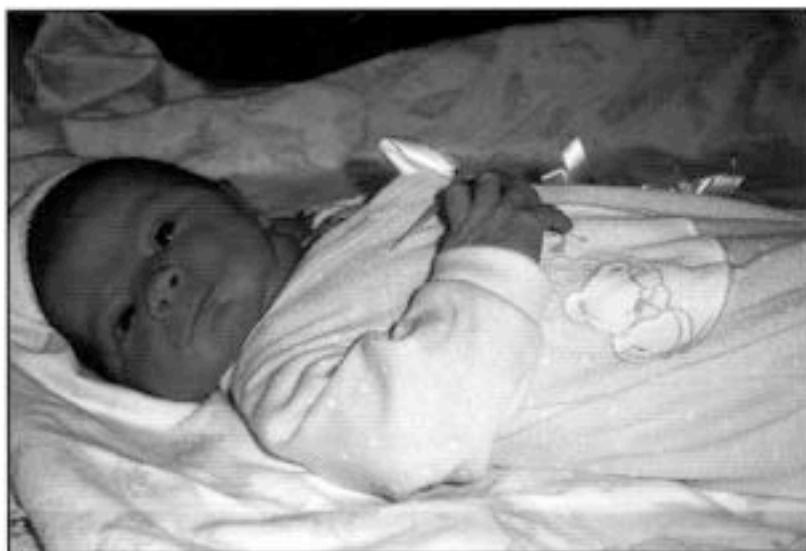
- 1. Christian education** We are educating students from kindergarten through high school. Our teachers begin each school day with Bible classes. We also have the Royal Caribbean Institute training Haitians in the areas of Business, Bible, and Education.
- 2. Nutritious meal each day** Each day our elementary students receive a hot meal. This is often the only meal these children will have each day.
- 3. Medical care and regular health check-ups** Our medical clinic is staffed with 25 Christian health workers, including a pharmacist, nurses, and a doctor. We administer care from basic first aid to disease prevention to our students and their families.
- 4. School books** Each school year, our elementary students receive their own text books. In a country where 80 percent of the population is illiterate, these books are treasured by our students.
- 5. School uniform** Our elementary students are provided with a school uniform each year. Clothes for their children are not easily afforded by Haitian families; these uniforms assure that our student will be able to come to school well dressed. At the same time, the colors of the uniforms help to distinguish that they are in a New Missions school.
- 6. Photo identification card** Each student has a photo identification card that is used when receiving gifts and correspondence from his or her sponsor. This card assures that each child maintains an active role with New Missions. For most students, this is the only photo identification they have.
- 7. Letter correspondence** You may write to your child. Corresponding with your child by sending letters, cards, and photos of you and your family enables a special bond of friendship to develop between you and your child.
- 8. Birthday and Christmas gifts** Special money gifts for your child's birthday and Christmas are greatly appreciated by your child. These gifts can be sent along with your monthly support and will be given in full amount directly to your child. Your child will receive his or her gift in Haitian currency with the American exchange rate.
- 9. Sunday school programs and local churches** Ten churches with Sunday school programs have been established in the various communities surrounding New Missions, enabling our students to continue their Christian growth with others from their village.
- 10. Missionaries working together with your child** Ever since New Missions began in 1983, missionaries have been in the field working with our school programs and churches.
- 11. Recent photographs of your child** You can request a recent photograph of your child at any time. The photograph will come assembled in a frame complete with biographical information of your child.
- 12. Personal visit with your child in Haiti** You are encouraged to come to Haiti to visit New Missions and have the opportunity to meet your sponsored child. Meeting and talking with your child is an exciting time and creates a lasting memory for both you and your child.



Jeanne DeTellis and Elaine Schaefer enjoy spending time with our elementary school students. It is a joy to see the children's smiles, knowing that God is bringing positive change to their lives.

Carita

"Now abideth faith, hope, and love." First Corinthians 13 is one of the best passages that the Apostle Paul wrote. Some translations use the word "charity" for love because it is not a physical love, but rather a spiritual "agape" love that comes from God. In the Italian Bible, the word for love in I Corinthians 13 is "Carita." Our son Charles and his wife Rachel DeTellis had a baby girl born on May 4th. She weighed in at 9 pounds, 1 ounce, 21 inches long. She has a lovely round rosy face, bright dark eyes, and lots of black hair. Her parents named her "Carita." Charles and Rachel have returned here to Haiti with Carita and their two older sons, Nathan and Jeremie.



Carita Amber DeTellis was born to Charles and Rachel DeTellis on May 4th. Charles and Rachel now have three children: Nathan, Jeremie, and Carita.

God Speaks

How do we come to know God? Is it necessary that we search for Him? Some religious people have sought Him for a lifetime only to be disappointed. In reality, however, we do not look for God. He comes to us.

Yes, we can know God and have a personal relationship with Him. God is looking to have a personal intimate relationship with each of us. There are four ways by which God speaks. Let us look at them:

First, God speaks through nature. We can look at creation and know that God is there. The Psalmist said, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork." What we see of God in creation is that He is our creator. We see an intelligent powerful being.

Second, God speaks to us through Jesus. Jesus is a special way that we hear from God. In times past, God spoke to the fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He speaks to us by his Son. In Jesus, we learn of God's love, compassion, and salvation. We hear a clearer, more distinct message in the life of Jesus; God says I know you and I care about you.

Third, God has spoken and what He has said has been written in a book. That is the meaning of the word Bible. It is the book from God. Today, it is the clear voice of God. We need to read, understand, and heed the message of the Bible.

Fourth, God speaks to us personally. God has not gone off on a long journey so that when we call Him all we hear is silence.

God is involved in our lives. He wants us to talk to Him and He wants to talk to us. Often in prayer I have heard God speak to my heart and say, "I love you."

We were visiting Haiti on a regular basis before we started our mission in 1983. For three years we looked at a piece of property. One day, while walking across the land, I asked, "God, what do you want me to do about this land?" Clearly, God spoke to me and said, "George, go with it." Upon the basis of those words we bought the land, came to Haiti, and founded New Missions.

God speaks. Listen. And you also will hear His voice.

This has been one of the best years we have had since coming to Haiti. Haitians are being trained and put in places of leadership throughout the mission. The Royal Caribbean Institute has proven to be a blessing to the mission and the greater community.

Working with God brings its own reward. Jeanne and I rejoice.

Love,

George and Jeanne

George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions



NEW Missions in Haiti

Dear Friends of Haiti,

July 1, 1997

The Wedding Dress

The night before I left Orlando, Florida, to return to Haiti, my daughter-in-law Paula asked me if I had room in my suitcase for a wedding gown. Usually, we cannot carry everything back to Haiti, but this time I had an empty suitcase. The first day back in Haiti, our clinic receptionist told me about a very poor couple who were getting married in her church. "Do you have a wedding gown, Madam George?" she asked. I was happy to see the gown be put to use so quickly. Two weeks later, I sat at Marie Litha's wedding and looked at her, dressed in that wedding gown which I believe God had made for her. It was new, elegant, and it was a perfect fit.

The other side of the story is that her groom was working on the Leogane church site. One morning as our missionary, Daniel, was giving a devotional, he admonished that man to get married. Although Jean Denis was very poor, he felt led to get married right away. In the Haitian tradition and custom, the marriage event is an important statement, indicating to the community that the couple is economically stable to establish a home. That means they must have a home, bed, and other household essentials. This man stepped out in faith and set a date for his wedding. God provided what he needed, even a wedding gown carried in from the United States as a gift for his bride.



Marie Litha and Jean Denis on their special wedding day in Leogane, Haiti.

Caribbean Youth Crusades

During the month of July, over 200 young people will come to New Missions to experience cross-cultural ministry. They will be involved in evangelism throughout the communities of the mission area. The town of Leogane will especially be targeted. This will be a great time of an ingathering of new Christians. Please pray for the Caribbean Youth Crusades.



Planting trees and giving food were ministries that the youth from last year's Youth Crusade participated in.

Building The Masson Church

The next planned construction project will be a church in Masson. You may remember that our church there was destroyed by the tropical storm Gordon in 1994. When we rebuilt the building, it was partitioned off into classrooms. The church has been meeting in the school dining room. The room is now overcrowded and a church needs to be built. Our plans are to begin construction in August.

The Dedication Of The Leogane Church

Over five hundred people gathered for the dedication of the new church building in Leogane. A passage was read from II Chronicles 6, regarding the dedication of Solomon's Temple, where the Spirit filled the temple and the priests could not minister. The message showed us that the presence of the Lord is what is most important in our personal lives, in the life of the church, and in the life of the nation. The meeting turned into a celebration. Everyone rejoiced to see what God is doing in the town of Leogane. We sang, ate, and fellowshiped. We went home with our hearts full.



Children attending the Leogane church surrounded the entrance with joy and appreciation prior to the dedication service.

Missionary News

Barbara Cooper will return to Haiti on June 30th after a 3-month furlough. Barbara will be teaching English at our high school and doing child evangelism.

Lucy Vanderhoof will come to Haiti on June 30th for a 6-week term assisting with our youth crusades.

Aimee Vanaglia and Heather Baker are arriving in Haiti this month to provide additional assistance for the youth crusades.

God's Blessing

BLESSING COMES FROM GOD. God is a good God and His desires and plans for us are always good. With God there is no "variableness or shadow of turning."

Each of us enjoys a measure of God's blessing. Some have their feet wet with the blessing of God, others are up to their ankles, some to their waist, while others are swimming in the blessing of God. We don't always know why God loves and blesses us; some of it, I believe, is due to our response to Him. Come to God. Give Him your life - the blessings will come.

BLESSING IS CONDITIONAL. "Give me five dollars," someone once said, "and God will bless you." I told that person, "I'm already blessed. I

don't have to give you five dollars to receive the blessing of God."

We cannot earn the blessing of God. It is not tit for tat. I do not serve God for what I will get from Him. I serve God because it is in my heart, it is my duty. I give not to receive but to bless others.

However, God does expect us to live right. Be faithful. We are to serve the Lord to the best of our ability. God wanted Israel to enjoy His blessings. Yet in II Chronicles 7:14, He said, "If my people would humble themselves, pray, seek my face, then..." That was conditional. "Then they will hear from heaven..."

BLESSING IS TO BE SHARED. God loves to give;

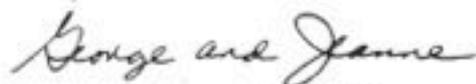
He gave His only Son to die for us. He is the ultimate example. When God called Abraham, He said that He would bless Abraham and that Abraham would be a blessing to all people (Genesis 12). We know that Jesus was of the lineage of Abraham. Jesus is the seed of Abraham, and it is God in Christ who is blessing the whole world.

What we receive, whether it be spiritual, material or informational, it is not for ourselves alone; it must be shared. Selfishness is inconsistent with the Christian life. "It is more blessed to give than to receive," Acts 20:35.

The banner on the platform at one of our churches reads "Bondye Fidel" (God is Faithful). Every day there are new things to receive from the Lord. Excitement for life comes from God. Jeanne and I feel like children in God's playground. We are enjoying ourselves. God is faithful. He fills our lives with good things every day.

We are praying for you.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions



P. S. Please consider sharing about the blessings of child sponsorship with your church on Miracle Sunday. See the enclosed insert for details.

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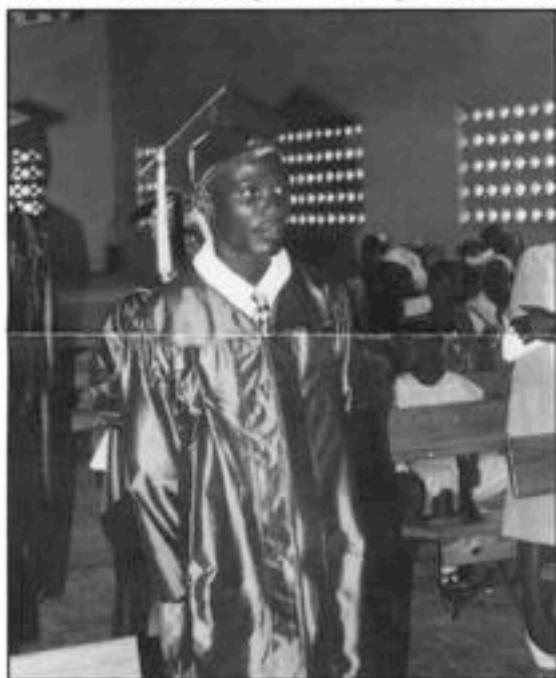
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Graduation Ceremony

The Haitians said, "We've never seen anything like this in our lives." Eight men from our Bible school and twenty-nine students from the school of Business Administration marched into the Signeau church with their caps and gowns.

The graduation message admonished them, telling them that their cap is not a hat, but rather a mortar board. It is a tool. At the Royal Caribbean Institute the students have studied hard. The message strongly urged the students, "You have acquired tools to go to work, to give God glory, to provide for your family, and to develop your country."

The ceremony was filled with dignity, excitement, and rejoicing. When the students turned their tassels, they marched out of the building, tall and proud of their accomplishment.



Arnold Guy, walked down the aisle to receive his certificate in business administration with memories of the day he started kindergarten with New Missions.

George & Jeanne DeTellis, sharing in the joy of each graduating student.



The graduating students gathered in cap and gown to rejoice in their achievement.

Caribbean Youth Crusade

Spectacular! "The youth crusade should be for at least a month," exclaimed one of the short term missionaries. Others said, "I'm coming back next year and I'm bringing more of my friends." The Lord was faithful to change the lives of the 185 people who participated in the 1997 Youth Crusade working, sharing, and ministering in Haiti. Friendships were established by both Haitians and Americans. "I'll always pray for you. I love your country! Haiti will change," were the cries of the young missionaries.

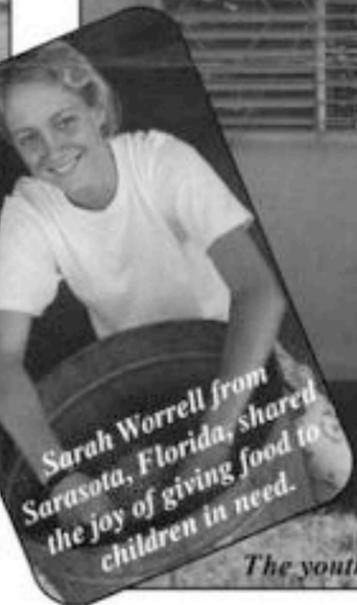


New Missions in Haiti Main Campus

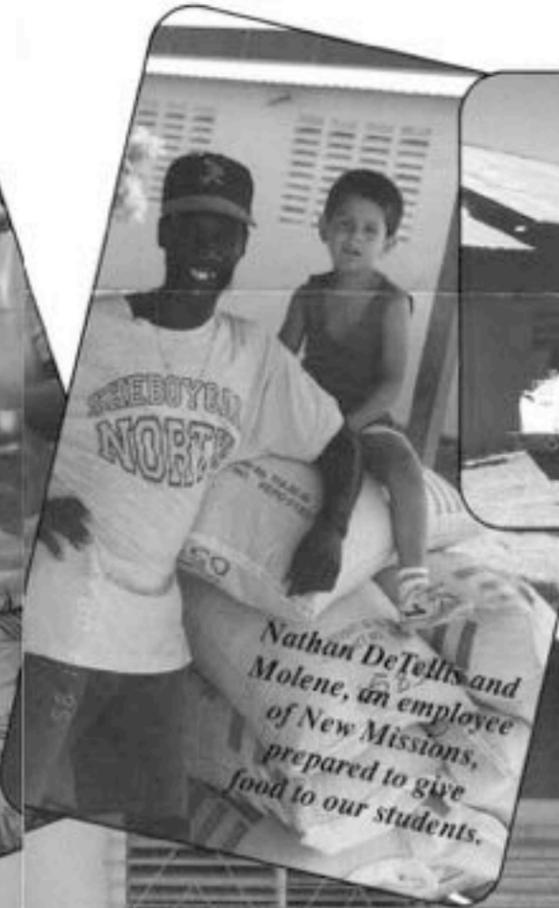
Greg Lester from Sarasota Baptist Church assisted in operating the tractor while moving food for distribution to our school students.



Many of the children in the villages enjoyed a time of arts and crafts with the youth crusaders.



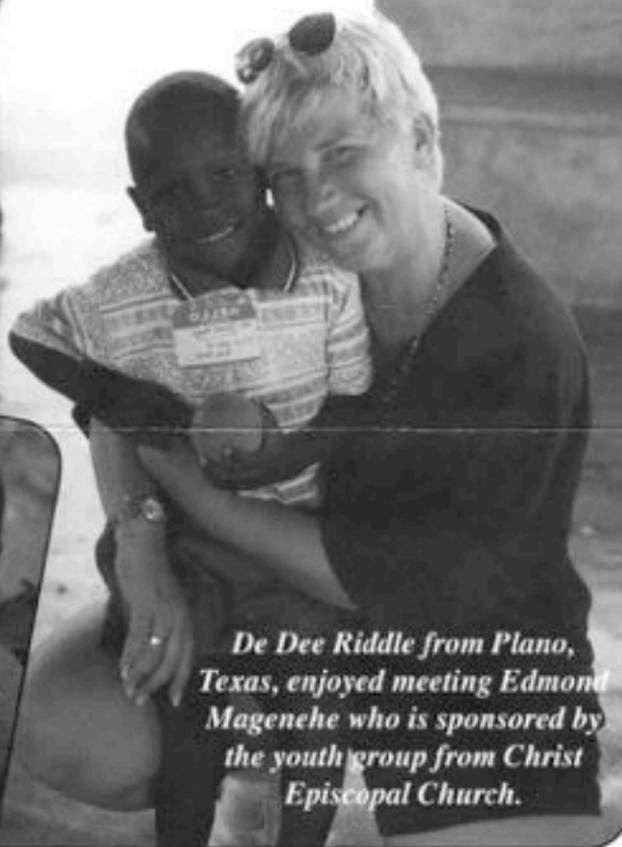
Sarah Worrell from Sarasota, Florida, shared the joy of giving food to children in need.



Nathan DeTells and Molene, an employee of New Missions, prepared to give food to our students.



The youth enjoy meeting new friends from churches across North America.



De Dee Riddle from Plano, Texas, enjoyed meeting Edmond Magenehe who is sponsored by the youth group from Christ Episcopal Church.

Stretching

We all enjoy a good stretch. Some of the exercises that we do are designed especially to stretch the tendons in our body, such as bending over and touching our toes. Athletes and dancers stretch all the time. We've all seen a cat wake up from a nap and stretch.

Most of us want the security and comfort of the familiar. God often puts us in the unknown and in places where responsibilities are upon us. These ultimately work to make us a more mature, well-rounded person.

First, God wants to stretch our understanding of Him. I'm often asked, "What is God like?" Many of us have a small God. Some think of Him as an old man sitting on a throne in the sky. Some think He's a monk in a monastery. Yes, our knowledge of God is limited to what we see in creation and what is written of Him in the Scriptures. Yet, even Scripture tells us that God is

beyond what words can describe. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord, Isaiah 55:8,9. "As the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." God is awesome.

Second, God stretches us in the work we do for Him. He often starts us out doing simple tasks. One of the first tasks God gave me was to conduct an evangelistic meeting in a city park. My responsibilities have grown immensely since then. A Haitian woman who does our bookkeeping started out working in our mission kitchen. "Some day," I used to tell her, "You'll have an important good-paying job." Another young man started by washing our vehicles. Today he is the manager of our food warehouse, school kitchen, and our grounds workers. Today's responsibilities are often God's

preparation for tomorrow's enlarged service.

Third, God wants to stretch our person. From the day we were conceived we've been growing physically, intellectually, and spiritually. My formal education was in the area of the Bible, Theology, and Philosophy. I've grown to enjoy reading economics, politics, and social science. As of late, I've been learning the computer. God is stretching me as a person, I believe, for further areas of Christian service.

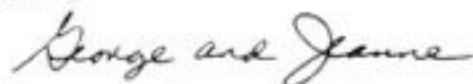
In Isaiah the 54th chapter, the prophet spoke of Israel's future glory. Verses 2-3 say, "Enlarge the place of your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread to the right and to the left."

God's stretching process is often painful, but God is at work in our lives, developing us into the person He wants us to be.

The wind of the Spirit blew us into Haiti. The wind of the Spirit has energized us and sustained us for over 14 years in Haiti. My prayer is often, "Lord help me always to be in the place you want me to be in my relationship with you and keep me sensitive to the direction of the wind of the Spirit."

Jeanne and I pray for you.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions



P. S. There is still time to participate in Miracle Sunday. Call our office for details on how you can share with your church the miracle of change that child sponsorship brings to a child in need.

NEW Missions

Dear Friends of New Missions,

September 1, 1997

Medical Clinic Update

One of the exciting ministries of the New Missions clinic is to the elderly. Many of the elderly women are widows who have no visible means of support. The elderly are given free medical care and an allotment of food every month. Some of these elderly are the most faithful members of our church. In Haiti, the elderly depend on their family for support. New Missions has become part of their extended family. It is a privilege and a joy for us to minister to them.

This woman's name is Lindsey. She is poor, very poor. She lives in a thatch hut along the bay shore in LaSalle. She is without family and is a squatter on the land. Here, she is gathering wood to build a fire to cook her food. Lindsey is around the mission all the time. We are glad for the opportunity to minister to her.



Jeanne DeTellis enjoys spending time with the elderly women experiencing positive change by the spiritual life and the medical clinic at New Missions.

Desperate Need

Our church in the village of Masson is meeting in the school dining room. We have a beautiful compound in Masson. Three buildings have already been put up on the property. The children are sent home after Sunday School; there is not enough room in the dining room for everyone who wants to come to worship. The time has come to build for the glory of God. We need your help to build and furnish the church. Construction will begin in September. As the building goes up, we will give you a progress report with pictures and information.

What Is God Like?

"What is God like?" I am often asked. Quickly, I think of all the omni's: omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent. These are helpful to understand the nature of God. Yet they are limited. Words cannot fully describe who God is. And any description only ends up being a limitation. For me it is best to say, "God is God and He is awesome." However, what we do say about God must be limited to the revelation of God in nature and in the scriptures.

God is beyond definition. The only way to know Him is to experience Him. Back in the 70's I did a fair amount of ministry on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. We rented halls in each of the major towns on the Cape to hold a Gospel Rally. The meetings were always fully attended and at every service people received Jesus as Saviour. Cape Cod, is a wonderful place. Much has been

written about its beauty. But all the words that could be said or written could never take the place of you personally spending time on Cape Cod.

For us to know God we must experience Him. It is for this reason that Jesus has come. In Him we see the Father and through Him our relationship is established with the Father.

The attributes of God that excite me the most are His moral attributes. There is a long list of these. God is holy, just, merciful, faithful, patient, constant, forgiving, and loving.

Atheists have a hard time dealing with love. If men evolved over millions of years from some primordial plasma, then at what point did he begin to love and where did it come from?

We as Christians know that these virtues come from God. The wonderful thing is that when we receive Jesus as our

Savior then the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us and He begins to work the nature of God into our character. God teaches us patience. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts. These are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We not only know God as an objective being - but we experience Him and receive His nature into our being.

Do we know God perfectly? No. Now we see through a glass darkly. Yet, we are promised that one day we will see Him face to face. Then we will know even as we are known. God has made Himself known. He is making Himself known in the lives of His people. The day is coming when there will be a full disclosure. The heavens will part and we will see God in all of His beauty.

Haiti hurts and when you live in Haiti for an extended period of time the hurts of Haiti become your hurts. Sometimes the hurts of the people are overwhelming. Our consolation is that God must feel for the hurts of the whole world in a way that we cannot imagine. Another consolation is that God adds His grace which strengthens us for every task. Jeanne and I depend on the Lord. He is the strength of our lives.

Love,

George and Jeanne

George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions



P. S. New Missions is making change in the lives of thousands of people in Haiti. Your faithful support is needed and appreciated.

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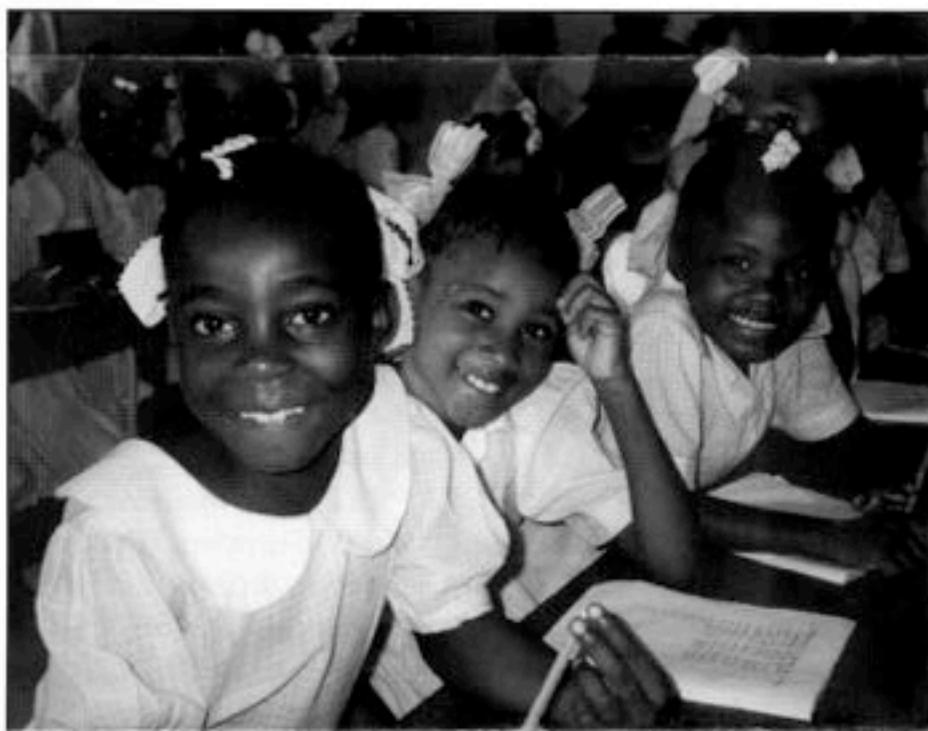
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5000 Children

The goal of the Christian is first and foremost to know the Lord. Our primary goal at New Missions is to remain close to the Lord, to ever seek a better relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord. Then our goal is to serve Him.

Step by step the Lord has led us for the past fourteen years. We have seen the mission grow from small beginnings to a mission ministering to thousands of Haitians on the Leogane Plain. Presently, there are 4552 students in our school system. The students begin in preschool and have the opportunity to be educated through high school and college.

Our goal is to have 5000 students in Haiti. And our prayer and desire is for each of them to know the Lord Jesus in a personal way, for them to excel in school, and upon graduating to make a meaningful contribution to the development of Haiti.



The children of Haiti are experiencing positive change through the faithful ministry of New Missions.



We are honored to serve the Lord in the Dominican Republic. The children are beautiful and have a great desire to experience the saving love of Jesus.

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Reaching The Island

Hispaniola is the name of the island where both Haiti and the Dominican Republic are located. Haiti occupies the western third of the island and the Dominican Republic occupies the eastern two-thirds of the island. Columbus landed on Hispaniola in 1492. For many years the entire island was under Spanish rule. Then in 1697 the western third was given to the French. Both of these countries developed differently, one under France and the other under Spain.

New Missions has concentrated on the Haitian side of the island. Now we are becoming involved in the remainder of the island. Already we are working with two pastors in the Dominican Republic and are helping them financially with their schools. New Missions has committed itself to pay for the education expenses of 150 children in that country. Please continue to pray for New Missions as we reach the island of Hispaniola with the gospel of Jesus.

Comfort In The Rain Of Life

None of us are immune to hurts and problems. "... man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward," Job 5:7.

All my life I have believed God for good things. And good things have come to me. I enjoy a good family and many friends, both in the United States and in Haiti. Good health has been mine. The ministry I'm involved in gives me much pleasure. Yet, none of us are exempt from problems, heartache, and stress. When I was 16 years old my father was killed in an automobile accident, and when I was 21 my mother, at the age of 58, died of an enlarged heart. We live in a fallen world; both good and evil exist. The rain falls upon the just and the unjust, and thank God the sun shines upon us all.

These past few weeks we all grieved over the death of Princess Diana. Her's appeared to be an idyllic life. Seemingly,

she had everything and yet tragedy struck.

Haiti is a hurting land. The people struggle for survival. Many of the basic ingredients for a decent life are missing, such as sufficient food, good drinking water, affordable health care, and the opportunity for employment.

One of the ministries of the Lord is to comfort. The Holy Spirit is called our Comforter. 2 Corinthians 1:3 says, "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort." All ministry is based upon relationship. On a one to one basis we need to encourage people. We need to come to know their hurts and comfort them. Recently, I watched a report on a ministry in Brooklyn, New York, called Metro Ministries. They have 18,000 children and young people who they bus to Sunday School every week. When asked the reason for the success of this

ministry, Bill Wilson, the founder, said, "We care about these kids; every week each one of them is visited in their home. Our ministry is based on relationship."

The same comfort that the Lord extends to us needs to be given to those we meet. The people who we minister to in Haiti are like anyone in the world. They have needs and hurts. For us to truly minister to them, we need to know them and care for them. As missionaries, we do not just preach to people. We need to understand their lives, what their concerns and needs are, and in the Spirit of Christ comfort them. Even way back in the Old Testament, God said, "Comfort ye, comfort my people, saith the Lord." Isaiah 40:1. Even the ministry of Jesus was "to comfort the broken hearted," Luke 4:18.

Haiti has been in political and economic turmoil ever since we arrived in 1983. In the natural, turmoil causes stress. However, God uses it for our good. The stress causes us to pray and look to God for strength and endurance. Jeanne and I ever sense our human weakness. We call upon the Lord for His strength. Thank you for your prayers.

Love,

George and Jeanne

George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions



P. S. You can make this holiday season special for the children of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. See the enclosed insert for details.

NEW Missions

Dear Friends of New Missions,

November 1, 1997

A Bag Full Of Seed

The Haitians are fortunate to have a continuous growing season. One crop after another throughout the year can be planted and harvested due to the warm weather. I have a garden next to my house and November is the best time for planting tomatoes.

When we first came to Haiti, we began sowing seed. That seed has brought forth much fruit. Now, we have many young people who have grown and are serving the Lord. These Haitians in turn are preaching the Gospel and evangelizing their own people in Haiti.

Recently, upon returning to Haiti from ministering in the States, I felt that I was coming back with a new bag full of seed. With God's help I am believing for another generation of Christians. Spiritually, we need to sow seed season after season. Of course, for us the seed is always the same. It is the Word of God which declares that Jesus is the Saviour and hope of the world.

Just recently, on October 8, Jeanne and I held our first weekly class with the sixth graders from the village of Neply. We want this class to be a fun time, a time to get to know these students (at the first class we had 41 in attendance), but most of all to lead each of them to a personal knowledge of Jesus.



Haitian school students are learning more about God and His Word.

My wife told the girls the story of Elijah being fed by a poor woman who had faith, and of Elisha being fed by a rich woman who was moved with compassion. With the boys, we talked about the latest events in space exploration and then about creation. Our main text was Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

We had fun. We established relationships but most importantly, we sowed seed.



Church Groundbreaking in Masson

Finally, the church in Masson is under construction. Here is a group of short-term missionaries breaking ground for the building. We prayed and then gave a shout of victory. We will keep you posted on the building progress in Masson.

Christmas Blessings

The 25th of December is like any other day in the third world. It is a struggle for survival. But you can make this day special. Each Christmas we provide our child sponsors the opportunity to send a special offering gift to their child. Any dollar amount you send will be given directly to the child and family to use for gifts and needs. We also have a gift fund for our children without sponsors. You would be a great blessing by designating funds for these unsponsored children in our schools.

Remember your sponsored child this holiday season with a special card and offering. Your continued love and concern towards your sponsor child is a direct witness of God's faithfulness. It is a joy to see students grow and mature as God continues to impact their lives. Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated and valued by your child.



Guerline Saint-Hilaire, from the village of Birey, Haiti, attends the 5th grade. She has been in our school program since pre-school. Guerline is sponsored by Margaret Hearth from Surrey, British Columbia, Canada.

Why Am I Doing This?

A big questioning smile greeted me. It was on the face of a woman in her middle to late 50's. She was sitting in the foyer of our high school and with her was a teenage girl. The woman's eyes twinkled and her face was full of expression, as if to ask, "May I talk with you?" I beckoned for her to come into the office. She came with the teenager, who I learned was her daughter. "Please," she asked, "can my daughter come to your high school?"

Her fifteen-year old daughter had completed three years of high school at another school, but she explained, "The school does not have the additional higher classes."

At our mission, the only way to be enrolled in our high school is through completing the grades in our elementary schools first. Because of our fine facilities and superior teaching staff, however, everyone in the area wants to get in our school.

I didn't know why, but I found myself asking the teenage girl about her grades, what class she would attend and if she was a Christian. Then I said, "Yes, I would receive her into our school." I then turned her over to our school director to fill out the necessary papers. "Why did I do that? That was not mission policy," I shook my head and asked myself.

At the same time we had a group visiting from America. I told them what I had done and explained that it is difficult to get older students sponsored. One of the pastors, Rick Keaton, from Florida, said that he and his daughter Kristi would sponsor her.

The next day, our new student, Myriame Denis, came to the mission to have lunch with her new sponsors. During dinner, we learned that her birthday was the same as Pastor Rick's and that she was 15, the same age as Kristi. We also learned that Myriame's father is the pastor of a Gospel church in Port-au-Prince. I have never met the man, but it is my conviction that God wanted to bless this Christian family for their faithfulness. I'm glad that I had a part to play, and that I was sensitive to the Holy Spirit.



Myriame Denis is sponsored by Pastor Rick Keaton, of First Baptist SanLando Springs, Longwood, Florida, who met Myriame when visiting Haiti in October.

I Am Mind-Boggled

An important theme of the Bible is how God's goodness is extended to all men through Jesus Christ. There is no message like the message of God's love shown to us at the Cross. "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us," Romans 5:8.

There is nothing more spectacular to contemplate than the Incarnation. Our minds "boggle" to think that the eternal God became a man - lived and walked among us. It is even more mind-boggling to think that Jesus, the Son of God, so loved us that He died, at the hands of men, on a cruel Roman cross.

It boggled everyone's minds when He came back to life from the dead. The Roman soldiers were mind-boggled as well as the woman who went to the tomb to anoint Him. Even the Apostles were boggled by the Resurrection. Thomas declared, "I won't believe until I put my hands into His wounds," John 20:25.

It is mind-boggling to think of the second coming of Jesus to this earth. "How and when will it happen?" men ask. We are told that He will return with all of the saints and angels. What an ushering in! The whole earth will shake.

Symbolically, upon a white horse to the shout of all the redeemed - the King of Kings and Lord of Lords will come. Mind boggling - yes - True. Yes!

When Jesus comes, we will be changed. Now we struggle, living in this earthly body. But then we will have a new body - no sickness, hunger, injustice or sorrow - mind boggling - yes - My mind is happily boggled thinking of the prospects of the next life which is to come. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard. Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him," 1 Corinthians 2:9.

The mind of the world, on the other hand, is troubled. It is bogged down with doubt, criticism, self-

deception, and the painful emptiness of insecurity. Wanting to live by fact, they never come to faith. Without a clear knowledge of God they despair in uncertainty. They cry, "I don't know."

It is hard to be in darkness. It causes you to live for the moment - to live for self and to extract every ounce of pleasure possible out of this life - for what else is there?

My mind is boggled because I do not now fully understand. But I am full of excitement because the future is open-ended. I am going to be with God and will enjoy Him forever. Even as I write this, the Spirit leaps within me. He says, "Be happy for the good things that God has for His children will shortly come to pass." As a Christian I am not bogged down by guilt, shame, fear or unbelief, rather my mind is happily boggled because the goodness of God is overwhelming in its extent and prospect.

This mission has brought us together with many people. We have made friends that have been true for many years. Your friendship has enriched our lives. We are bonded together in the love of God by the Holy Spirit. Thank you for your love and support.

Love,

George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions



P. S. We have a gift of thanksgiving for you. In appreciation of your friendship, we would like to send you a free copy of Jeanne's book, "A Stubborn Hope." Call or write for your personal copy.

NEW Missions

Dear Friends of New Missions,

December 1, 1997

The Witness of Christmas

For most of us, Christmas is a wonderful time to reflect on the coming of Christ to this world. We celebrate by coming together with family and friends and enjoy a meal together.

However, most of the children in Haiti will not receive anything for Christmas. There will not be Christmas decorations or a special holiday dinner. Christmas is noted for its emptiness.

When you mention Santa Claus to a Haitian child they often snicker, "Santa (Ton Ton Noel) doesn't come to Haiti." We at New Missions try to make Christmas special for our school children. We encourage you to send a small financial gift to your child and to include something for the hundreds of children in our schools who do not have a sponsor.

Special services will take place in all of our churches. In the midst of poverty the Haitian believers will worship and share the scriptures and songs which tell of Christ's birth.



*Our school children
enjoy the letters and
photos they receive
from their sponsors.*

A Blessed Pastor

For the past five years, Anule Jean Pierre assisted the pastor of the New Missions church in Concrab. There, he faithfully served the church and taught the third grade class in the school.

Whenever I spoke with Anule, he would talk of one day becoming the pastor of his own church. He enrolled in our Bible School and graduated in the class of 1997 at the top of his class. When the pastor of the church in Birey was transferred to the church in Leogane, Anule became the pastor of the church and director of the school in Birey.

God is calling the Haitians to lead their country and people. We are honored to be a part of what God is doing.



George & Jeanne DeTellis are sharing the joy of working together with Pastor Anule, his wife Eveline, and the Birey school children.

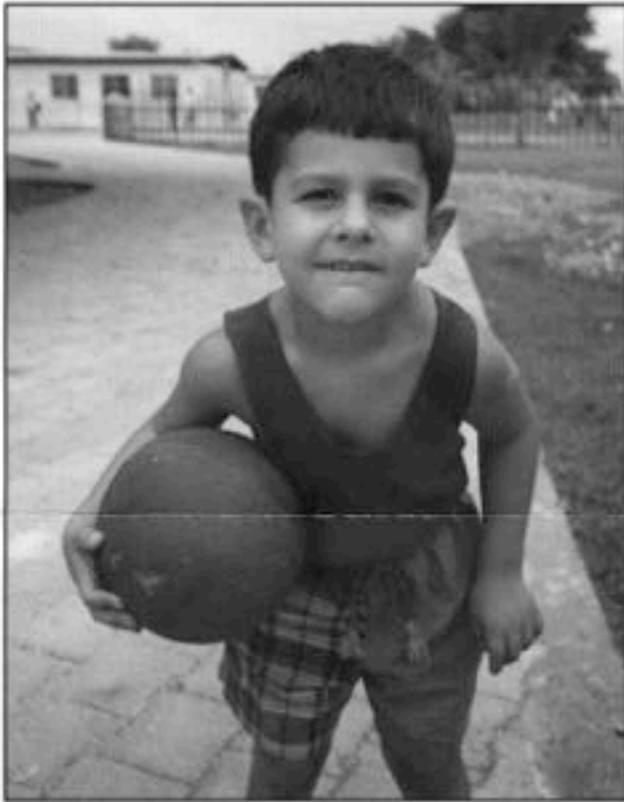


Don't Forget Me

The elderly of Haiti are often forgotten. Here at New Missions we reach out to people of all ages.

Ministry takes place at the mission on an ongoing basis. This is Missionary John Schaeffer with Pastor Steven Felts from the First Baptist Church in Orlando, visiting from hut to hut, sharing God's Word and praying for people's needs.

Nathan



Nathan DeTellis getting ready to play ball with his Haitian friends.

Please pray for Nathan, the oldest child of Missionaries Rachel and Charles DeTellis. Nathan was in an automobile accident when he was six weeks old. Due to the accident, Nathan has a shunt in his head to drain water from his brain. Doctor examinations have shown that Nathan has no brain damage. He does suffer seizures and is on daily medication. Some of Nathan's speech abilities have been slow in developing.

Nathan is a sweet boy with an outgoing personality. He loves playing with the Haitian children. It would be a miracle from God if someone from the States trained in special education felt led of the Lord to come to Haiti for a length of time to work with Nathan.

Contact our U. S. office if you can be of assistance. We believe that God can heal. We also believe that God can bring comfort. Your prayers for Nathan are appreciated.

Church Construction

"Pastor, this is a wonderful church building," exclaimed a Haitian visiting the construction site in Masson. The church is being built with 8" blocks and concrete pillars in each of the four corners and every twelve feet along each of the walls. This was done to strengthen the building. Three years ago, tropical storm Gordon sent water off the mountains and onto the Leogane Plain. The rushing water took down our church building in Masson. We are determined that it won't happen again.

All the walls of the building are up. We expect that the roof will be on by the first week in December. A dedication service will take place the end of January.



Pastor George DeTellis and son Timothy marvel at the rapid construction of this new church in Masson.

To Please God

To live in such a way that God is pleased with us is the desire of every believer. We have a relationship with God that is as real as any human relationship here on earth. Every relationship must be established and then maintained. Relationships can lose their luster or they can become richer over time.

There are some essentials to maintaining a good relationship with our spiritual Father. I would like to share three of them with you.

First, we enter into a relationship with the Lord by faith. "He that comes to God must believe that He is," Hebrew 13. The Bible admonishes us - believe and be saved. Our faith for our salvation must be fixed in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We enter into relationships with the Father when we receive Jesus as our Saviour.

Faith is also ours for life. We are encouraged to trust God for every life situation. Problems do come. When they come, we look to God for help. He is our strength, guide, wisdom, and security.

When we speak of the faith, we also refer to the teaching of scripture. There are some basic teachings in the scriptures that Christians consider part of the faith. We agree on the Fatherhood of God, the person of Jesus, and the work of the Holy Spirit. We keep our beliefs true to the teaching of God's Word. As you can see, the first thing we need to do to live pleasing to God is to walk in faith.

Second, we need to walk in harmony. Soldiers march in step. Together they form a formidable force. The last thing a soldier wants to do is break rank and run. Together we are strong. We Christians do not have to form one massive world organization to be one. Jesus makes us one. Paul wrote, "By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body," I Corinthians 12:13. In Jesus there are not denominational barriers. It is wonderful when diverse believers come together, set aside their differences and worship and work together. A good present day example of this is Promise Keepers.

Harmony also speaks of how we walk together. A group can be

physically together yet be out of step in their inner feelings toward each other. The mark of the church has always been - "look how they love one another." The Holy Spirit unites heart and mind as well as body.

Third, another important ingredient to pleasing God is to walk right. The Christian is different from other people of the world. Certainly we do not consider ourselves above or better than others. We do not look different. We have many of the same needs and desires as everyone else. For example, we enjoy family life and certainly play sports and love recreation. However, we are different. In our world view, God is personal. He knows everything about us and directs our lives. God occupies the thought life of a believer. We live to please Him; in this we are different. The scriptures hold an authority over our lives and dictate how we are to live. We are keenly aware that good conduct pleases God. "We instructed you how to live in order to please God," I Thessalonians 4:1.

"I love you," I heard the Lord say to me one day. "Why do you love me?" I asked. "I love you because you are my child," He answered. The goodness of God ever amazes me. God delights to bless His children. We are in His protection and care. "Our life is hid with Christ in God." God is at work; we praise Him.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions



P. S. May God's peace fill your heart and home this Christmas.