



SPECIAL DELIVERIES

It is a blessing to be a blessing. In Haiti, we are awaiting the delivery of two containers with miscellaneous items and also food shipments. In preparation, we have been emptying our warehouse distributing a variety of gifts including Christmas shoeboxes, teacher gifts, pastor gifts, Bibles, and sneakers.

We had a big, tall pallet of sneakers in our warehouse in Haiti that recently went to our Signeau school. I made the drop-off with one of our trucks, and our Haitian translators distributed the sneakers. It was a blessing to see the children running near the truck with excitement. They knew that gifts were being delivered for them. The Haitian children are truly needy and extremely appreciative.

Our schools and churches continue to function with excellence. As a result, the Haitian children love their schools and churches. The Haitian people are resilient and hopeful. With their hope in God, they will not be disappointed. Please pray for Haiti and our future deliveries of Christmas shoeboxes, food, and various other gifts. It is a wise investment helping some of the poorest people in the world. Haiti truly thanks you.

“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’” Matthew 25:40

~Charlie DeTellis



Top: The students in Signeau, Haiti, were blessed with a delivery of sneakers.

Middle: Teachers received shoebox gifts at our Vieux-Court Elementary School.

Bottom left: Some students have to share a pair of shoes with a sibling, so these gifts are a big deal!

Bottom right: The students were invited to pick out their own pair of sneakers.

FOREVER CHANGED

Many of our students come from non-Christian homes, so the only place they hear about Jesus is at school. Brian Dordolo started studying at New Life School when he was a child. When he reached his teenage years, he made a decision to follow God. He joined our Leaders for Christ group and continued to grow in his walk with Jesus.

His Christian walk has not been without complications. During his final year of high school, Brian started to rebel—swayed by the influence of peers who did not share his Christian beliefs. Thankfully, God, his Christian friends, and teachers did not give up on him and he returned to God's way. After graduating high school, Brian initially thought about attending a college far away. However, following considerable prayer and advice from our youth leaders, he chose to study nearer to home—concerned he would not be able to find a Christian community and would stray from God. He says that accepting Christ is the best decision he has ever made. Please pray for Brian as he continues studying and that God would use him to reach others for Christ.

~Heather Williams Katz



Leaders for Christ student Elanda Jean and Brian participated in the annual student leadership mission trip.



Brian and his teammates won the Bible quiz competition covering the book of Genesis.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX GIFTS

We all agree that the best gifts cannot be bought, but the New Missions students think receiving a Christmas shoebox gift is pretty awesome. A big thank you to all who packed or paid for these gifts; every single student receives one! If you sent a gift specifically for your sponsor child, he/she will also receive that shoebox.

When the shoeboxes were distributed in Lassale, Haiti, we asked a few children some questions. "What did you like best? If you had a wish list, what would be on it? If you could, what would you send to the person who packed the gift?" Claudeson Louis (6th grade) loved the ball and his biggest wish is for a bike. He would send you a watch. Wadkencia Romain (5th grade) liked the notebooks, and wishes for a doll. She would send you a cake. Lenskerry Lucien (1st grade) really liked his sunglasses and toothpaste, and on his wish list is clothes. He would also send you a watch. Each one says thank you. Your giving brought a lot of smiles and met some needs.

~Rachel DeTellis



Claudeson will enjoy playing soccer with friends. His family has a Christmas meal together and his dad buys him cookies.



These students from our Lassale school are full of happiness and smiles as they receive Christmas shoebox gifts.



SHOEBOXES IN SCHOOLS

When the teacher says, “It’s time to pass out shoebox gifts...” the kids begin to giggle. They are so excited to see the surprises and blessings packed inside each shoebox. The song, “This is the day that the Lord has made...” is still a favorite among our students in Haiti. Our kids sing with joy and gratitude because at home, there were no gifts.

I remember sharing with a student about Jesus during a shoebox distribution in Lassale, Haiti, and she was afraid to accept Jesus because her mom practiced Voodoo. The school director, Pastor Jean Rigal Alcidas, sat down with her and shared his testimony. He accepted Jesus at church in Lassale on January 14, 1997, when he was a student of New Missions. He is now the school director and pastor. His new joy is the delivery of shoebox gifts. When asked what he thinks about the Shoebox Drive, he responded, “What I like most is the desire and joy the students have when the gift is given and the atmosphere in the school at that time. I like it very much.”

Thanks to each person who packed a shoebox gift. Your love is reaching our students and their families. Together, we are sharing the Gospel and sending your gifts home with our students to bless their families. ~Tim DeTellis



MORE ONLINE AT NEWMISSIONS.ORG



BECOME AN ADVOCATE
With your help, children will receive the gift of education and learn the love of Jesus. Introduce someone to a child waiting for a sponsor. NewMissions.org/advocate



PRAYER REQUESTS
Join us in prayer for our mission and the families we serve. Read our prayer requests online. NewMissions.org/prayer



STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS
You can open the door for a student to attend school at New Missions. Learn more by visiting NewMissions.org/school



PODCASTS
Subscribe and listen to the New Missions Podcast, “Helping You Live Life on Mission.” Listen at NewMissions.org/podcast



Newmissions.org/scholarship



Top: Christelle-Flore Alcidas, the pastor’s daughter, helped pass out shoebox gifts to the students in Lassale.

Bottom left: Thank you for your gifts of shoeboxes to bless our students and their families.

Bottom middle: Smiles are being shared across our schools as students experience surprises inside their gifts.

Bottom right: Pastor Jean Rigal gives shoebox gifts to the students in Lassale, Haiti, where he was once a student at New Missions.

JOIN US IN PRAYER
FOR OUR MISSION.

READ OUR PRAYER
REQUESTS AT

newmissions.org/prayer



I LOVE YOU

Love is a mystery. We know we all need love to survive. Our Father loves each one perfectly and unconditionally. He proved His love when He gave His Son, Jesus, as a sacrifice on the cross. And Jesus, though He could see the ugliest, most vile sinner throughout the ages, says three little words, “I love you.” Whoever, wherever, no matter the class or wealth or limited faculties, Jesus loves you. When we respond to “*I love you,*” we don’t get death or rejection—even though we’re evil and deserve these consequences. This is the beginning of the mystery of love.

When I wake up in the morning, I first think of God. I love Him. I want to draw near to Him and feel His presence, guidance, and the love He gives freely. Then, when Ted opens his eyes, I look at him with the morning ritual greeting, “Ted, I love you.” We start our day in love and enjoy the love of each other. Ted starts his day with morning exercises to improve his back. He does the exercises in the living room where I have my piano. He gets at least one to three hymns while he is exercising. Today, the hymn that has stuck with us is, *Have You Any Room for Jesus?*

We have needs of housing, food, and water. But, our innermost being...created in His image...longs to love and be loved. Spouses and families give us love on earth, but the love that is of highest priority is our love for Jesus.

Corrie ten Boom tells us, “*We must mirror God’s love in the midst of a world full of hatred. We are the mirrors of God’s love, so we may show Jesus by our lives.*”

Before they sinned, perhaps Adam and Eve had the perfect, loving relationship. But for us, we are not without sin. Let us exercise love. In our relationships with others, we ask God to help us to be unselfish, honoring and preferring one another.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. Love is patient, kind, does not envy or boast; it is not proud and is not easily angered. Love rejoices with the truth. It protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres. Love never fails.

**DWELL ON THESE
THREE LITTLE WORDS:
I LOVE YOU.**

Ted and I have had six years and six months of marriage. We think alike, desire alike, and often say the same thoughts at the same time. We feel the mystery of love as we enjoy God, and life together, and strive to live for Him.

Ted took a young man into our home in Michigan after he returned from missionary service in Indonesia. What happy love to see this young man come home from work and to sit at our dining

table. All I could exclaim was, “Caleb, I want to see the blessings of God come to you!” Caleb graduated from Michigan State University and spent two years in Indonesia as a missionary. He is experiencing

a special love with a young woman, Alyssa, who also graduated from MSU and spent 2.5 years as a missionary in Cambodia. They found each other on a dating network. Alyssa is now living a half-mile from our home and teaches school. Love is designed by God, and when we love God we know love to the fullest satisfaction in a present state but with an eternal confidence.

When we respond “yes” to the invitation from Jesus to receive Him as our Savior, Jesus comes into our life and He is alive in us—giving us opportunities to burst forth with His love. Love is a mystery, and connecting spiritually with the Divine love of God gives one completeness, satisfaction, and joy without measure.

I love you.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

