



GREAT NEED GREATER LOVE

Parents in Haiti had school uniforms made and asked if they could sneak their children into our schools. The school directors and local pastors showed love and concern, and did not deny them a seat in the classrooms. However, when we began enrolling students for the 2018-2019 school year, these unregistered students wanted official enrollment. When asked for approval I said, “Yes, do not turn them away.” Yet, I failed to ask the important question: “How many are there?”

The meeting already happened and the decision was made. Don’t turn away the children. But Jesus called the children to Him and said, “Let the little children come unto me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” (Luke 18:16). Then, the surprise arrived...enrollment increased by 1,000 students in just six short months.

Through this, I have been much more aware of the desperation of parents and their children. We saw a great need and God matched it with a greater love. When you give to the *Life of a Child* fund, you help us say “yes” to the additional 1,000 students. However, we now have nearly 2,500 unsponsored children we’re providing with food, an education, and medical care. I’m praying for a miracle and trusting God to provide. ~Tim DeTellis



We are welcoming more students into our schools and covet your prayers for continued provision.



Middle: The gift of education opens the door for a better life—thanks to your generosity. **Bottom left:** Currently, we educate 10,046 children through our 35 schools and churches across Haiti and the Dominican Republic. **Bottom right:** Our pastors, such as Jean Panel Louis from Bire, Haiti, and school directors, are advocating for children who are not yet enrolled in school.

DR MINISTRY UPDATE

We started a Christian leadership group in our high school last year with nine students. This school year, we have more than doubled the number of students who started the program—20 students in total! One of our key verses for the group is 1 Timothy 4:12: *“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”* We are working with the students weekly, teaching them Biblical principles of leadership and giving them opportunities to put those principles into practice.

This school year, we have had a chance to get even more involved in our high school. The students recently prepared and led the junior high and high school chapels. In 2019, we plan to lead more chapel services and participate in community events. Additionally, we have paired each of our leadership students with a child from our school in Redemption Village who needs some additional help in their classes. They will be mentoring and tutoring them during the school year. Please pray for these students as they grow in their faith and share God’s love with others. ~Heather Williams Katz



The junior high leadership students have opportunities to learn how to work together for God’s glory.



The senior high leadership students have already shown good leadership skills and are positive examples for their fellow classmates.



Students from our L'Acul school in Haiti enjoyed the gift of new pairs of sneakers.



Save the Date: April 1 - June 30, 2019 for our annual Give Sneakers campaign. Learn more at GiveSneakers.com.

SNEAKERS FOR HAITI

The November mission team was privileged to do a sneaker distribution at our school in L'Acul, Haiti. We had just received 3,060 pairs of beautiful canvas, high-top sneakers donated by a member of Cornerstone Church in Long Beach, California. The students loved them! Many of them were wide-eyed and in disbelief that they received such a cool pair of shoes! Recently, someone asked me if all the students got sneakers. I replied by saying last school year we only had enough sneakers for about a third of our schools.

Purchasing shoes is a big expense for the very poor in Haiti. This year, we'd love to see each of our students receive a new pair of shoes. Because all Haitian schools use uniforms, the black sneakers are prized most highly. Children may wear any shoes to our schools, but culturally they prefer the black ones—but ALL are very much appreciated. For some students the pair of shoes worn to school is the only pair they own. A big thank you to all who have donated sneakers for our students.

~Rachel DeTellis



HOW DO YOU PRAY?

It doesn't matter how you pray or your position...whether you are sitting, standing or kneeling. But it does matter that you pray and that you pray constantly, as the Bible admonishes us to pray without ceasing. Now is the time to pray!

There are times when I pray using a position of prayer that I learned from spending some time in India. I kneel on the floor with my full body in front of me, and my head touching the floor. For me, it creates a true feeling of intimacy and connection with God.

We welcome your prayers for the country of Haiti with its endless turmoil and political unrest, and for the country of the Dominican Republic—to be steadfast in its stand to keep the Bible at the center of its flag and in the heart of its people. Pray for our leadership in Haiti and the Dominican Republic—that they continue the mandate of His mission to share the Good News. Pray for the faithful provision for our needs. Last but not least, please pray for your sponsored child and for every child—that they will know God and follow Him.

We are hosting a 21 Days of Prayer event and invite you to sign up at newmissions.org/prayer. Thank you for praying.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

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Top: The most important work we are doing is a spiritual work, as we share the Good News through our Christian schools.

Bottom left: Remember Pastor Cyriaque Joseph Matin from our church and school in Fauche, Haiti, in your prayers and our other pastors, as well. **Bottom middle:** Our school teachers need your prayers and are thankful for your love as they serve our students.

Bottom right: Inside each classroom, Bible is taught and God's Word comes to life as students grow in their faith.

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PRAY FIRST

When I look at the life of Jesus, I admire His discipline and dependence on prayer. When it comes to prayer, communicating to God was even the utmost priority for Jesus. He knew the importance to pray first. *“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”* (Mark 1:35).

How did Jesus pray? **He prayed for God to forgive others.** *“Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.’”* (Luke 23:34). **Jesus prayed for God’s will to be done.** *“He went on a little farther and bowed with His face to the ground, praying, ‘My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want Your will to be done, not mine.’”* (Matthew 26:39). **Jesus prayed for guidance.** *“But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”* (Luke 5:16). **He prayed for His disciples and believers.** *“Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one.”* (John 17:11). **Jesus gave thanks.** *“While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, ‘Take it; this is my body.’”* (Mark 14:22).

Recently, I was interviewed for a podcast and was asked what new routine or habit did I want to start for 2019? I replied, “Pray more.” The Apostle Paul wrote: *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”* (1 Thes. 5:16-18). Then the

Apostle Paul reminded us the Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf as he wrote about in Romans 8:26, *“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.”*

On a recent flight to speak at Family Church in Middletown, NY, the airplane door closed and I turned on my “pray playlist” and began to listen to “Thy Will” by Hillary Scott. Often, I simply pray, “God I trust You.” As I surrender in my heart and mind the concerns I may have, peace begins to fill my heart.

Speaking at a church is like going on a mission trip for me. I fly somewhere new and arrive at a church—gathering with people I may have never met. My prayer is: “How may I add value to the people in this place?” I want to encourage them in their faith. Before I ever arrive, and say one word from the stage, I pray for months in advance.

My favorite spot on an airplane is by the window. I enjoy seeing the earth below and can rest against the body of the aircraft. My favorite time to fly is at sunset or sunrise. To see the sun break over the layer of clouds is breathtaking. I am reminded that wherever you go, God is already there. Whatever you may be about to face, God has gone ahead of you.

As we begin this new year, may we pray first. Let’s pray for forgiveness, for God’s will to be done, for guidance, protection, and in all things let us give thanks. ~Tim DeTellis

JESUS PRAYED AND GAVE THANKS.

If prayer was important to Jesus, it must be important to us. Daily, may we seek God through prayer and remember those we love in prayer by name. Recently, I added to my prayer list the new students entering our schools. Who is God placing on your heart to pray for? May His kingdom come, and His will be done through our lives...because of prayer.

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P.S. Join us in prayer during our 21 Days of Prayer, signup at newmissions.org/prayer



Tim DeTellis speaking at Central Life Church in Cocoa, Fla.





BUILDING A NEW HAITI

It is a daunting task constructing and maintaining our school and church locations in Haiti. Thank the Lord for willing laborers. Haitian workers are eager to rebuild their country. Site inspections take place at every location, and projects are prioritized. Sometimes roofs are painted and others actually need the roofing trusses and metal roofs replaced. In other cases an inferior building needs to be torn down and rebuilt. Currently, 200 school benches are being made. Infrastructure plays a vital role with enabling our schools and churches to function. We average six new school/church buildings each year. All building materials are purchased in Haiti, and the work is completed entirely by Haitian crews. Our most common tradesmen are: masons, carpenters, and painters. In addition, we hire even more specialized tradesmen such as electricians, plumbers, and metal fabricators.

Thank you for partnering with us in building a new Haiti. The school children love seeing their schools painted and new benches being delivered. Rebuilding and making repairs have been unending since the earthquake. Fifty construction projects have been completed since 2010. We have another 50 buildings that still need to be constructed. All glory to the Lord for His strength, protection, and provision. We are eager to keep meeting the needs here in Haiti.

~Charlie DeTellis



Painting churches and schools is an ongoing responsibility, as we desire to keep our mission shining brightly.



Middle: Providing local jobs, our school benches are entirely made in Haiti by local carpenters.

Bottom left: From concrete work to installing roofs, we have construction projects taking place year-round.

Bottom right: Thank you Salem Church and Jill Brennan's class for raising funds to help build school benches in Haiti.



DR HEALTH CENTER

Last year, at our health center in the Dominican Republic, we treated an average of over 770 patients each month. These patients come for general medical consultations, minor emergency services, blood pressure and diabetes screenings, and free medication. We also treat many patients who have wounds on their skin. The majority of these patients have diabetic ulcers or burns from accidents. They come multiple times during the week for sterile dressing changes.

One such patient is José del Rosario. He suffered multiple second-degree burns from a motor vehicle accident. After being in the hospital for one month, he came to our clinic for continued treatment of his burns. He has been coming almost daily for three months and will continue to come until his burns have healed. They are healing and he is so thankful for the care and attention he has received at the health center. He is one of the many patients who have benefited from the care we give. We are thankful that we can share God's love with people as we minister to them by helping meet their medical needs.

~Heather Williams Katz



People in the community of Sosua are blessed daily by our health center, which provides free medical care and medicines.



José del Rosario is thankful for the care he is receiving at the health center for his burns.



174 of our first through sixth grade teachers attended a workshop held at our high school campus.



Our teachers are on the front row of seeing lives changed—and we continue to remind them how precious it is to be a part of changing the life of a child.

TEACHER WORKSHOP

One of the most influential people in the life of a child is their teacher. The teachers at our elementary schools spend hours with their students in their classrooms, and are also part of the church and community where the students live. At New Missions in Haiti we employ 264 elementary school teachers. Not only do these teachers pour into the students' lives academically, but also spiritually during their Bible time each day.

In November, we invited 174 of our first through sixth grade teachers to a workshop day held at our high school. There were morning and afternoon sessions. The teachers from the 30 schools also enjoyed lunch together. I was blessed to be able to greet and speak briefly to the teachers at the beginning of the day. I encouraged them to see the importance of their influence in the lives of their students and to recognize that each of them has a mission. We want to continue to empower our teachers by holding three workshop days each year—drawing from talent and resources in Haiti. Will you please support our teachers with your prayers? ~Rachel DeTellis



LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING

Why do we do what we do? Because God first loved us—we share His love with others. From a ministry perspective, our mission is most effective when the Gospel becomes personal. We can preach, teach, and even evangelize. However, when someone claims Jesus as Lord of their life, then the life change begins.

In Haiti, water baptism is a defining moment in the life of a believer. Many will attend church because it is a good thing to do. Some will even say they are a Christian because they agree with the truths of Scripture. However, they will not declare Jesus as Lord of their life. At all of our churches, we encourage and invite believers to follow in water baptism—as an outward expression of their inward faith in Christ.

Recently, at our New Missions church in Concrab, Haiti, we welcomed churches from across the Leogane Plain to gather for a water baptism festival. I've attended these before, but this time the service was hosted mid-afternoon. Students who had just finished school were able to attend the festival. My heart was overwhelmed with joy to see so many kids watching the obedience of others who made the decision to follow Jesus. Only the love of Christ changes lives forever. I pray you receive all the love Jesus has for you today. ~Tim DeTellis

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Top: Gathered at the ocean in Concrab, Haiti, our baptism festival testified to the power of God transforming lives.

Bottom left: Each of our churches teach new believers to follow in water baptism.

Bottom middle: The testimony of each person saying goodbye to the old and hello to the new exemplifies God's amazing grace.

Bottom right: We rejoice in the bold faith the Haitians have in Jesus; they never stopped singing during baptism festivals.

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THE MARK OF LOVE

I greet you with a holy kiss. Romans 16:16 instructs us to greet our brothers and sisters in Christ with a holy kiss. Isn't it strange how we read the Word, and believe it is God speaking to us, but then conclude that things have changed, and it is not really relevant today? That is the tension between the Word of God and our culture. What is truly relevant is the unchanging Word of God—yesterday, today and forever. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are our family now and forever. Remember what Jesus said when told that His mother and brothers were looking for Him? He said, *"My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."* (Luke 8:21). We tenderly need to desire, to engage, and to greet each other and encourage the mark of love—a kiss.

This was and still is the Biblical teaching and culture of my home church in Boston, Massachusetts. On occasion, the pastor will remind the men that to give a holy kiss is to give a pecking kiss on the cheek!

A baby responds to kissing and learns to kiss before they communicate with words. A kiss! How important can that sign of love be for some in our community who may be alone, separated from family, or challenged with health issues, relationships, and financial struggles? Give them a holy kiss. Let your touch be a mark of love because they will know we are Christians by our love. John 13:35 says, *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."*

I enjoy identifying with the Shulammitte woman in the book in the Bible, Song of Solomon. Some pastors shy away from preaching from this book, but it is His Word to us on love, marriage, fidelity and courtship. I identify with this woman. I understand. I also have had passion and desire and this book confirms that to desire love is normal, and also the design and plan of the One who kisses us—Jesus Himself. In chapter 1, verse 1, she says to her lover, "Kiss me."

Even Jesus desired to be kissed. His words in Luke 7:45 are: *"YOU GAVE ME NO KISS!"*

We are blessed with those events in life when we feel the kiss of God—a new relationship, a new career, an opportunity to be used of God, or just feeling a kiss from God in finding a parking space in a busy town. A kiss from God can be a pleasant surprise.

My husband and I were representing our mission in Athens, Alabama, and at one of the events a woman was introduced from Wyoming. As it turned out, she grew up on the same street and went to the same schools as my husband, Ted. That was a sweet kiss!

Our mark of love can be a time to renew and remember and to practice God's Word to greet in love with a holy kiss. I appreciate your love to give your brother and sister a holy kiss. I ask God to let His kisses continuously touch your life every day.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

**"BY THIS EVERYONE WILL
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LOVE ONE ANOTHER."
JOHN 13:35**

In the Bible, we are encouraged to love one another. The holy kiss is God-inspired love. There is a "hello" kiss and a "goodbye" kiss. Then, there is the kiss from the father to his wayward son. We can be sure that our Father has a kiss for us and He is waiting for everyone to come to Him for His kiss of forgiveness and the everlasting kiss of life. Be kissed by God—and may your life show kisses to Him.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. When Jesus addresses me as His sister, what greater love is that? Find the love of your life—His Name is Jesus.





THE SWEETEST WORK

George, Jr. and Paula DeTellis were in Haiti recently photographing some amazing children to encourage child sponsorship. They asked me to go with them. Though it was not in my original plans, I went with them. After each child was photographed, they were asked to come talk with me. I began by asking about their love for God and shared His love for them. With the younger students, it was a sweet “Oui” (yes) that they loved Jesus. To the older ones, I asked if they were saved. If their reply was uncertain, I invited them to pray to receive the Lord. There were the typical excuses, but most claimed they planned to do it some day.

Then, there were those with open hearts who said yes to receiving Christ. I found 33 students in all ready to begin their relationship with the Lord. One such girl, 12-year-old Rood Phara Jean was grieving the death of her mother. I hugged and kissed her—knowing she now has Jesus to help her through her grief.

I have adhered the names of these new believers inside my Bible as a reminder to pray for them, and thanked God for the treasure of praying with these dear children.

Please join me in praying for these students.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Students from the New Missions Christian Academy in Tom Gateau pray to make Jesus Lord of their lives.



Middle: Vilangelle Siguene, a sixth-grade-student at our Mare-Chal school, made a decision to follow Jesus. **Bottom left:** George and Paula DeTellis enjoyed meeting Lucien and Lucinne Ferand (twin brother and sister) sponsored by Chris and Beth Cary. Sponsors help change lives. **Bottom right:** We pray each of our students finds a personal relationship with Jesus and we welcome your prayers for their lives.

DR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Every year, during the month of February, our schools and students in the Dominican Republic celebrate and remember their freedom. The DR declared its independence from Haiti in 1844 after years of being under Spanish, French and Haitian rule. Independence Day is February 27, and on this day our schools participate in a parade through the streets of Sosua with other schools in the area. According to one of our school directors, Keyla Mercado, Independence Day is the biggest Dominican celebration of the year.

Throughout part of the month of January and for the entire month of February, the schools are decked out with Dominican flags. The students help decorate the classrooms and outdoor common areas. This year, there was even a contest to see who could decorate their classroom areas the best. Selected students also practice marches each day—learning a good variety of them as they prepare for the Independence Day parade. Through these activities, students learn more about loving and respecting their country. At New Missions, it is our goal to develop Christian leaders who will love God and show love and respect for their country.

~Heather Williams Katz



As students practice marches during the month of February, they learn more about loving and respecting their country.



Experienced students learn leadership skills as they lead and direct new students who participate in the annual parade.



Marnot Mirthyl leads our high school student prayer group helping to raise a generation of Christian leaders.



As students seek God through prayer and worship, the presence of God will make our school stronger.

HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP

Students at our high school started a prayer group on campus in 2011, and have kept it going ever since. They call themselves Guerrier Shalom—Warriors of Peace—and meet daily during a break to pray and encourage each other. They are also responsible for planning chapel services. Presently, there are about 50 students who attend; some graduates still participate when able.

At first the group met under a tree, but they now meet in the Timothy Barnabas Training Center and Bible College facility when it is available. Recently, I was blessed to attend a meeting and speak to their president, Marnot Mirthyl. He has been part of the group since seventh grade, and said that it has been a huge source of strength for him and others. He was saved while in elementary school at our Bord-Mer campus and is an active member of the Brache-Gilles church. His family still does not know the Lord. The students pray for their families, school, and nation. Pray that God will grow and strengthen this group and use it to bring many more to Him.

~Rachel DeTellis



GIVE SNEAKERS

Do you remember when you were a child and you received a new pair of sneakers? What was it like the first few days? You would wipe off the dirt and keep them as clean as possible. Having new sneakers for school was a special time, and we want to do the same for our students.

When I take photos of our students, I am thankful to see them in their school uniforms and many proudly wear their student ID cards. Often, I will look closely at their skin and hair to make sure they appear healthy. Then, I glance down to the ground to snap a view of their feet. What are they wearing? What's the condition of their shoes?

Surprisingly, I have students tell me how they share a pair of sneakers with a younger sibling, as it may be the only pair they have. We can step in and help out by collecting sneakers for students.

During the months of April through June we are hosting our *Give Sneakers* campaign and invite you to collect new pairs of sneakers for our students. This is a fun project for churches, schools, and even your workplace. For sizes and campaign resources visit GiveSneakers.com.

Together, we can cover more feet and bring joy to the life of a child. ~Tim DeTellis



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Top: It may take up to an hour for students at our mountain school in Tom Gateau to walk to class.

Bottom left: Together, we can cover more feet by collecting new pairs of sneakers.

Bottom middle: Young students from our school in Lafferonay, Haiti, line up to receive new pairs of sneakers.

Bottom right: Our Give Sneakers campaign runs from April 1 through June 30. Learn more at GiveSneakers.com

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OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN

In 1976 I was a 15-year-old sophomore at West Boylston High School. My English teacher, Mr. Kendall, caught me cheating on an exam and gave me an F grade. Then, I missed two exams, and by April I ended up in a situation where I was going to have to repeat sophomore English. Struggling and in with the wrong group of kids, I convinced my parents to let me move to Worcester and live alone in an apartment inside of our church at 135 Belmont Street, Worcester, Massachusetts. We were already planning to sell our house and move to Worcester. I transferred from West Boylston to the Worcester school district. Our church was in the inner city, and I was sent to North High School Annex. It was a school just for high school sophomores that met in an ancient building on Walnut Street in downtown Worcester. That was the last year the building was used for a public school. As a small boy who was an outsider to these city kids, I was an easy target. I started to skip school. One morning around 10:00 the phone at the church was ringing. I answered the phone, and it was Ellen from the school office calling to ask why George was not in school today. I replied, "George needs to help me do some work today." She said, "OK. Be sure he is in school tomorrow." The next day she called again and asked why George was not in school. I replied, "George needs to help me work again today." She yelled back, "George, you get down to this school right now!" I hung up on her. I was caught. I decided to run away. I knew a Christian guy who had played the guitar for my Dad

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at some Christian events. I knew where he lived in Southbridge, and hitchhiked to his home...showing up at his door with a suitcase filled with clothes. He was friendly and welcoming. After a few days, he said I should call my father. I did... but would not tell him where I was... but agreed to call him again. By the end of the week, it was time to go home. I called my Dad, and he suggested we meet for lunch at a famous seafood restaurant on Main Street in Worcester. Dad was all love and didn't ask any questions. We had a big lunch together—all smiles and laughs—the prodigal son had come home. I never went back to high school. Fortunately, my father did live to see me graduate as I walked across the stage at Rollins College to receive my Master's degree in Business Administration in 2002. Dad was proud that day.

There is a legend of an old story about a father and his son. They had a disagreement. Francisco, whose nickname was Paco, ran away from home. The father searched desperately through the streets of Madrid, Spain, looking for his son. Finally he put an advertisement in the local newspaper *El Liberal*, that said, "*Dear Paco, Meet me in front of the hotel Montana at noon on Tuesday. All is forgiven. I love you - Your Father.*" At noon, eight hundred boys named Paco showed up! All of them wanted to be forgiven by their fathers. The same is true of our Father in Heaven. He sends the same message. "All is forgiven. I love you! Come home."

~George DeTellis, Jr.

You may have had a good father, a bad father, or no father at all. Yet, God is "Our Father who art in Heaven." He is a father to the fatherless. We are all runaways until we come home to our father in heaven.

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P.S. "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'" Romans 8:15



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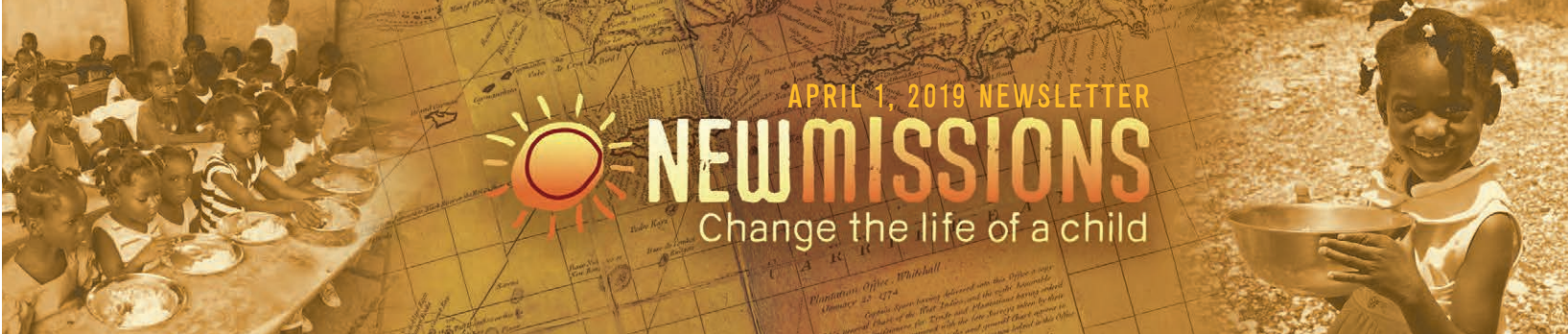
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THE SWEET SMELL OF GOOD FOOD

I love my bread maker. The sweet smell of oatmeal bread made with pure maple syrup and Amish butter has a lingering aroma. In contrast, preparing two million meals a year for our ever rising student enrollment in Haiti has serious economic restraints. Sometimes we are able to purchase a salted fish along with tomato sauce to compliment the cornmeal cooked with beans. My favorite cook of over 30 years, Sister Ann, knows how to make the best rice and beans with her secret ingredient of a few whole cloves.

When the children arrive at school, they love to walk by the kitchen to smell the delicious aroma of the food being prepared for their lunch. Then, they can relax, focus, listen and learn. We have 56 “Mommas” who cook for New Missions. I was inspired, and I hope I was inspiring to them, as I met with our cooks in January... and I plan to meet with them again soon. I hope to gift each cook with the biggest, strongest, stainless steel cooking spoon. And I want them to walk to work with their spoon, head held high—as proud as any lawyer carrying a briefcase. These “Mommas” are changing the world each day, by loving and feeding God’s children, and enabling a healthy future in Haiti.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Annually, we prepare two million meals to provide proper nutrition for our school children.



Middle: Our warehouses are logistically central for deliveries and transporting food to each school campus.
Bottom left: Charlie DeTellis reviews the inventory of a food delivery, where monthly nearly \$30,000 is spent on food.
Bottom right: Our school cooks gathered for a special seminar with Jeanne DeTellis at our Signeau High School campus in Haiti.

DR WOMEN'S HEALTH EVENT

Pregnancy can be a wonderful and exciting time for women, but it also carries risks for the moms and babies. In the past year here in the DR, we have been saddened to hear of many women in the area dying from complications during labor or shortly after giving birth. In an effort to help prevent more maternal deaths, we recently hosted a two-day women's health event at our health center. We want to thank Francine Rollock, DeDe Taverner and Julia MacNeil for their help in making this event a success!

During this event, we performed thorough checks of all the pregnant women—including an ultrasound. We also taught them about nutrition, exercises, breastfeeding, pregnancy complications and how to recognize and/or prevent them. Twenty pregnant women attended the event and we plan to meet with them monthly to continue teaching and supporting them. After they give birth and return home, we will visit them in their home to check the mom and baby—making sure they are in good health. We look forward to seeing how God will use this ministry to be a blessing for the women in Sosua.

~Heather Williams Katz



Each of the pregnant women received health screenings, including blood pressure, weight, iron level checks, and ultrasounds.



The women enjoyed the two-day event and learned more about how to care for their unborn babies and themselves.



The mission team from New Port Assembly provided food for children to take home to their families.



Gio Moraes shared an evangelistic message at multiple campuses using soccer as the illustration.

SAME GOAL, DIFFERENT WAYS

In February, two teams joined together to serve in our schools. Foundation Academy from Winter Garden, Florida, came prepared for everything soccer. At each school they visited, Gio Moraes shared an object lesson using two soccer balls. The students listened intently as he shared how we can fulfill our purpose when we are filled with God's love. They also had a great afternoon interacting with the youth at our Signeau Middle School. The boys played soccer while the girls did face painting, polished nails, and jumped rope.

Newport Assembly, from Newport, Pennsylvania, raised money in order to distribute food. Each child at three of our schools went home with a load of dry rice and beans. I asked one of our Haitian staff members about how valuable this is to the students' families. She stated that the food is a tremendous blessing, and at times, older students will ask for a large portion of food during their school lunch so they can take some home to feed hungry family members.

Soccer and food were used to shoot for the same goal—communicating the love of Christ.

~Rachel DeTellis



WE WON'T STOP

There is one thing I know to be true: We won't stop preaching the Gospel and helping to strengthen the local church.

New Missions has served in Haiti through hurricanes, earthquakes, political coups, military interventions, and UN invasions. Throughout all the unrest and uncertainty over the years, a steady pursuit in the same direction has built a foundation of ministry, as we have faithfully served for 36 years in Haiti. At the center of all we do is the local church—and it will outlast us.

During the recent political demonstrations in Haiti, there were several days when schools closed due to the risk of travel. However, when the weekend came, our churches were open and worship filled the air. The following Tuesday, all of our schools were open again—to the glory of God. Even though news still reported Haiti a place of great danger, our mission was fully functioning. All of our schools had food on hand to cook lunch for our students. Thank you for your prayers—they matter!

We won't stop advancing the local church to be the greatest force for good. We have identified three campuses where we need to build new church buildings: Flon, Darbonne Chateau, and Vieux Court. Your gift to church and school construction will help make this possible. Together, we won't stop, because the calling is too great. ~Tim DeTellis

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Top: All of our churches have schools meeting in their facilities during the week, and chapel services are a highlight.

Bottom left: Today in Haiti, we have 30 churches established and invite you to join us in prayer for new locations.

Bottom middle: Our churches are where families gather and the Gospel is proclaimed.

Bottom right: The local church is the greatest force for good, globally.

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OUR GREATEST HOPE

During the weeks leading up to Easter, we naturally reflect upon the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Personally, it's a time when I reexamine my own faith and commitment to God.

The crucifixion of Jesus is recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Three years prior, Jesus even prophesied His own death to His disciples in Mark 8:31. *"He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again."*

Jesus' death on the cross is vitally important because without it, we would have no hope of forgiveness or eternal life. Jesus paid the debt of our sins upon the cross, though He was sinless. He was the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Romans 5:8 tells us, *"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* We no longer need to live with guilt and shame. We need to walk in newness of life. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."* 2 Corinthians 5:17

In the last moment before He died Jesus said, *"It is finished! Father, into your hands I commit my Spirit."* Jesus acknowledges that He completed His work. He knew His mission was to give His life as a sacrifice to redeem mankind. As Jesus took His last breath, the earth shook, and the temple curtain was torn. The graves of the saints opened—as their bodies were raised from the dead.

**WHILE WE WERE
STILL SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED FOR US.**

After His death, the following details are described in Matthew 27: *"As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away."*

However, of equal importance is the resurrection of Christ—as this proved Jesus indeed was the Son of God—conquering death and the grave. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Christian faith. We no longer need to fear death. In John 11:25-26 Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die."*

Our greatest hope is that we also will rise again from the dead. My dad always said the day he went to glory would be his greatest day. This is promised to us in John 5:28-29: *"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned."*

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Romans 15:13

~Charlie DeTellis

Easter thrusts us from the cross to hope through the empty tomb. We have eternal life because God triumphed over death and the grave. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

Charlie DeTellis

*P. S. Jesus paid it all; All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.*



Rachel and Charlie DeTellis in Haiti.





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SNEAKERS FOR HAITIANS

I've seen our Haitian children walk to school carrying their shoes, and then wash their feet before putting their shoes on to enter the school. I've heard of some morning students sharing the same shoes with a sibling or neighbor who goes to an afternoon school. And I have also witnessed children walking barefoot every day on gravel/stone or muddy roads—most likely full of bacteria from the lack of sanitation in their villages. Children walking barefoot can get cuts, infections, hookworms and roundworms—leading to further illnesses.

During the cholera outbreak, not one of our students contacted this deadly disease because of aggressive education and the provision of soap and water. Why are children still barefooted? It's not their fault. Many parents don't have work in a country with a constant 85 percent unemployment rate. Some parents do have minimum paying jobs earning about \$5 a day. With that pay, they would need \$21 to buy a pair of shoes for a 10-year-old child. We have close to 10,000 students, and we would love to give each one a pair of new shoes every year.

I ask that you prayerfully consider buying sneakers to help cover the feet of our students. What a joy it will be to go from village to village, and from school to school in Haiti—seeing children wearing their new sneakers. Thank you! ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Jeanne DeTellis Loudon visited the village of Lassale and blessed these two sisters with new sneakers.



Middle: We are thankful for our volunteers who help sort and pack sneakers for Haiti.

Bottom left: Congratulations to South Church in Lansing, Michigan, for collecting 628 pairs of sneakers.

Bottom right: With your help, we hope to cover more feet with new pairs of sneakers. Visit GiveSneakers.com to participate.

PREACHING IN THE DR

Mark 16:15 instructs us to *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”* Our church in Bombita is certainly obeying that command. Recently, Pastor Nicolas Santos, along with pastors from other churches in the area, hosted an outdoor evangelistic service in Bombita. Pastor Nicolas meets with these pastors monthly and they plan evangelistic services in different areas each month. There were 13 churches represented at this very special service, including members from our three other Spanish churches.

Days before the service, pastors and church members started praying. They began to evangelize in the area and invite people to the service. As Pastor Nicolas says, *“There are some people who won’t come to church, so we will go to them.”* The service began with powerful praise and worship, as everyone raised their voices under the stars. The pastor who shared the message spoke in Spanish and Haitian Creole, so that everyone there could understand. Praise the Lord...two Haitians who live in Bombita accepted Christ as their Savior that night! We praise God for the work He is doing in and through our church in Bombita!

~Heather Williams Katz



Our Dominican and Haitian brothers and sisters listening to the Gospel being preached at the outdoor evangelistic service.



Pedro Peralta and Pastor Nicolas Santos praying with one of the men who accepted Christ during the service.



The process of changing the life of each child in our schools begins with our teachers.



Our teachers received certification during a special seminar hosted at our Signeau campus.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Haiti’s Department of Education does not have laws governing education certification for teachers. In the early days of the mission we employed those we could find in the area. At our schools we only want to use certified teachers. The Department of Education is working with us to provide training and testing to certify the ones who are already teaching.

In April, we had two days of training for all of our 265 elementary teachers. The response from the teachers regarding the value of the seminars has been overwhelmingly positive. Those who are already certified are thankful for the refresher courses, and those seeking certification feel very blessed—as many have already been teaching for years, have families and other responsibilities, and are unable to return to school to get this certification on their own.

The teachers left the seminars feeling that their “tools” for teaching had been sharpened. They covered topics like lesson preparation and presentation, as well as evaluation of learning. Equipping our teachers and school directors not only blesses them, but also each and every student. ~Rachel DeTellis



CHAPEL SERVICES AT COLEGIO NUEVA VIDA

I recently had the privilege to share a message at the Friday chapel services at Colegio Nueva Vida in Sosua, Dominican Republic. Mario Hernandez, one of our high school teachers, translated my English into Spanish for the students. My message to the students was that they have a Father in heaven who loves them. He has prepared a great inheritance for them. But only they can say yes to their inheritance. We do have the right to refuse our inheritance. The choice is up to us.

There are 20 teenagers who are members of the Christian Student Leadership team at Colegio Nueva Vida. Led by Heather Williams Katz, these students are responsible for directing the Friday chapel services at school. There is a worship team that prepares all of the music, and a team of actors who perform a weekly skit. We have a diverse student population at Colegio Nueva Vida. To name a few, there are Chinese, Russian, German, Italian, Haitian, and Dominican children who attend our school. Most of them do not come from a Christian background. Faith in a God who loves them is a foreign concept. Through the work of the school and the Christian faculty, we are sharing our faith and the Gospel with this new generation of leaders. We are thankful for the staff and missionaries who are changing the lives of children in the Dominican Republic. ~George DeTellis, Jr.

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Top: Student Leadership Team includes Isabela Martinez Pita, Duandry Jose Arrechadera Martinez, and Laira Daniela Padilla Lagombra.

Bottom left: Weekly chapel services share hope and Biblical truth with our students.

Bottom middle: The Christian Student Leadership Team

Bottom right: George DeTellis and Mario Hernandez speaking at Friday chapel services.

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THE DISTRACTED LIFE

Do you live a distracted life? I know I do. More than ever I'm finding my schedule can pull me in many directions, and my attention is being tugged at nonstop. For 2019, the average time people spend on social media daily is 116 minutes. From cloud based video services to TV on demand with endless channels, there are more distractions than ever. I remember in college I had a goal to own 100 CDs and now with streaming music, our music libraries are greater than the time we have to listen to what's available. With all this tug of attention, I am finding a greater need to pause, focus, and pray. Psalm 46:10 makes it clear to *"Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world."* How am I honoring God with my time?

I confess, I am not being still enough. However, prayer is helping me be less distracted and pay attention to God and listen to the needs of others. Since January of this year, I have made "prayer" my word for the year. Little did I know how it would impact those close to me.

It was 9:09 p.m. and my phone received a text message from a pastor friend. *"I'm at the hospital and I have some issues with my heart; they are admitting me for a stress test because my EKG showed some issues relating to the mechanical firing of my heart. I covet your prayers."* Immediately, I paused and prayed for my dear friend. The next morning I texted him saying that I was praying for him at that very moment.

BE STILL AND
KNOW....

Surrendering to God my prayers for my friend, I began to trust in faith for God to meet him at his point of need. Waiting and trusting is hard. In those long pause moments God is at work and we wait to see all He is up to. Then two days later he texted me an update: *"Everything looked good on the test. Thanks for the prayers. I really appreciate it."* I replied: *"GLORY!!!! Thank you Jesus!"*

As I write this, I am in a season of extra prayer for my wife—as she is searching for a new job. At home, I have a prayer chair where I go to focus my heart and mind. One evening, I sat down and began to pray for my wife. Tears began to flow. My heart was overwhelmed. Then I sensed a comforting response from the Lord: *"I already have it figured out."* I wanted to know even more so I prayed harder, asking for clarity and hoping to hear a plan revealed. But nothing. Just another comforting whisper: *"I already have it figured out."* We can rejoice because He already knows what we cannot see. We don't need to know it all, we just need to focus on Him.

Prayer is the tool God uses in my life to help me slow down and focus on Him. Psalm 91:14-15 says, *"Because he has focused his love on me, I will deliver him. I will protect him because he knows my name. When he calls out to me, I will answer him. I will be with him in his distress. I will deliver him, and I will honor him."* Dear Lord, help me be focused on You through prayer, because You matter most.

~Tim DeTellis

We can take comfort knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf. *"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."* Romans 8:26



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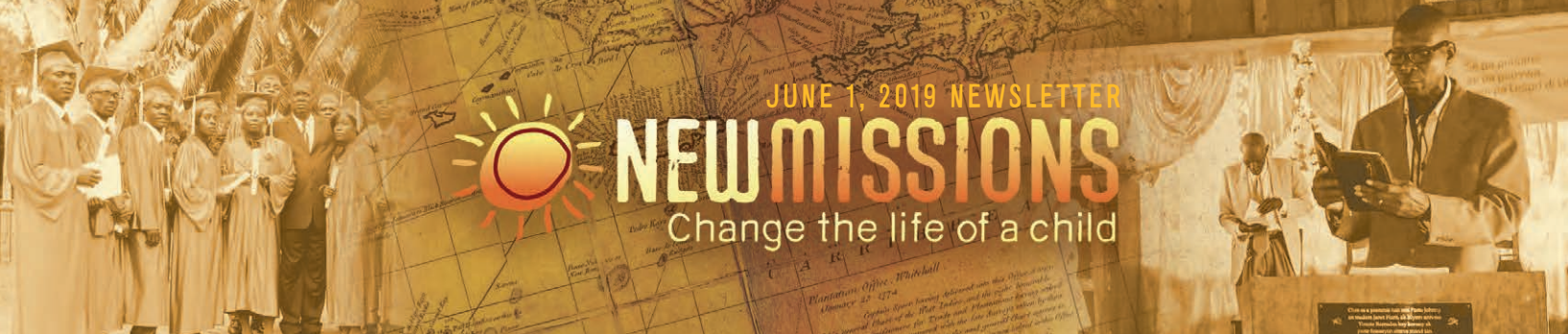
P.S. Prayer leads us to trust God with our specifics, so He can do the supernatural.



Tim DeTellis speaking at Central Life Church in Cocoa, Fla.

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SENIOR GRADUATES

The director of our high school, Anislus Jean Gasnel, invited us to meet with the graduating class of 2019. Students can attend school at New Missions for up to 16 years: two years of preschool, one year of kindergarten, six years of elementary, and seven years of high school. This year, we have 96 students graduating. Their life stories combined could make an amazing, inspirational book that would reveal their determination, sacrifice, and endurance...with a few miracles along the way.

One student who shared her story with us is Djenie Fils-Aime (sponsored by Gregory and Teresa Henady). Djenie began her education with New Missions in preschool. Her heart is grateful as she remembers her journey to faith in Jesus, when she heard the Good News of His saving love for her during a school chapel service. Djenie was baptized when she was 12 years old. Not only has she grown physically and academically, but she has also grown spiritually.

Djenie is a worship leader in her church and is now competing at concerts with other singers. She has a dream to become a nurse. Her words of thanks continue as she says, "I am the only one, and the first one in my family to finish high school. I love New Missions."

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Djenie Fils-Aime (on right) says, "I am the only one, and the first one in my family to finish high school. I love New Missions."



Middle: Jeanne DeTellis Loudon taught our cooks in Haiti to make homemade cookies, and they surprised our senior class with some tasty treats. **Bottom:** Congratulations to the Class of 2019—a new generation of Christian leaders is on the rise.

STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS

The adolescent years can be filled with many challenges, as teenagers search to discover their own identities. One way we are helping teens find their purpose in life is by giving them opportunities to help others. This year, we started a student mentoring program for our Leaders for Christ students. Each student mentors a younger student from our school in Redemption—who is having trouble in their classes. How wonderful it is to see older students helping these younger students! The children who are being mentored are always asking when their big brother or sister is going to come back to their school.

The teenagers help the students outside the classroom, too. Every Saturday, Laura Padilla, who is also in the Leaders for Christ group, sits with Yoselin and Yocairy Nolasco to help them memorize their Bible verses for the children's Bible class. Because of her help, the girls were able to say their Bible verses and earn enough points to go on a special trip to Santo Domingo with some other children in the class! We are hoping to be able to expand the mentoring program next year so that more of our high school students can be involved. ~Heather Williams Katz



Laura Padilla sits with sisters Yoselin and Yocairy Rosa Nolasco every Saturday and helps them memorize their Bible verses.



Leaders for Christ student Gregorio J. Vasquez helps fourth grade student Ariel Román Mercedes with a math worksheet.

A TEAM'S MINISTRY

In April, nine out of the ten team members from Oxford Baptist Church in Conover, NC, were first timers to Haiti. They came with great excitement and a desire to serve. On Sunday, while riding on the back of the flatbed truck after church in Calitor, I heard someone say, "I love this. I'm coming back next year." It's beautiful to see lives touched and changed—Haitians and Americans!

The team helped with village ministry, shoebox and sneaker distribution, VBS and bench painting. It is a new experience for many to go house-to-house sharing the Gospel. We visited homes in Croix de Per, where Voodoo is still strong, and found folks ready to listen but not to accept Jesus as their Savior. As we were about to leave, one young Christian lady pleaded with us to pray at her home because she sensed intense spiritual oppression. We prayed God's peace and victory over her life. All team members took turns talking and praying. Some never imagined they could do something like this on their mission journey. God always uses your trip to Haiti to inspire both you and the Haitians. ~Rachel DeTellis



Thank you Oxford Baptist Church for sending a team to come alongside our church and school in Calitor, Haiti.



Visiting teams hand out shoebox gifts and celebrate more fifth birthday parties—blessing the lives of children.



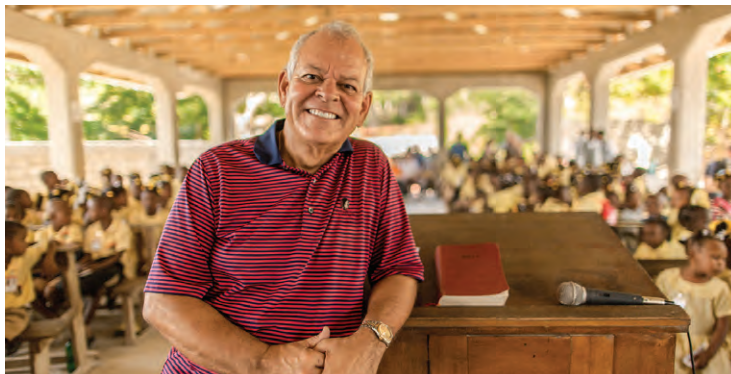
CHURCH IS A PRIORITY

In Haiti and the Dominican Republic, our local churches are the gathering places for worship and Bible teaching. Back in 1983, we arrived in Haiti on Thursday, January 6. Then on Sunday, January 9—our first Sunday—church began under coconut trees with a banner hanging that read: Haiti, Hope in God. Church is a priority.

Recently, I was speaking at Journey Christian Fellowship in Quinton, Virginia. I shared with the congregation that their church was bigger than big! Why? Because too often we measure a church by the number of people sitting in the building. However, the local church spreads beyond our calculations. The church is bigger than big!

Here at New Missions, the local church is the center of all we do. Weekly, we witness to over 7,000 people across our 35 church campuses. However, the number we cannot measure are the people scattered around the world from France to Canada, Belize to the United States—who have moved away from the small village church where they found a personal relationship with Jesus.

Let's keep the local church a priority, because gathering together is when church happens. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: At the center of all we do is the local church, and the greatest gift we can share is Jesus. **Bottom left:** Thank you Pastor Johnny Hunt from First Baptist Church Woodstock in helping to build two churches in Haiti: Tom Gateau and Decouze. **Bottom right:** Join us in prayer for the funding to build three more churches to serve families in Flon, Darbonne Chateau, and Vieux Court.

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HIS GRACE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH

Do you know anyone who is suffering? Some people have asked, “Is God good? Is He powerful? Does He exist?” Since sin came into the world through Adam and Eve, there is suffering.

When Jesus was on earth, not only did He have days of miracles but He had days of suffering. The enemy was after His mind and body—scheming to defeat and destroy Him. The apostles had days of victories, but also days of suffering—even being executed by excruciating painful methods. But never could their suffering exclude the presence of a Father of mercy and grace. God is present...watching over us in the good times for sure—but we most definitely cling, and lean, and feel Him during our times of suffering.

Lately, my mother seems to be saying something over and over: “I can’t understand why he is suffering,” when speaking of my father, Charles DiPietro. Dad has an autoimmune disorder. For the past nine months, it has been destroying his skin with breakouts of boils, ulcers, and blisters—leaving part of his body skinless. Medicinal ointments are applied, but there has been little relief from the pain. Just when it appears some of the sores are healing, new blisters appear on his arms, legs, back...and just about everywhere. Why? Why this suffering? And yet I see my heavenly Father of grace and mercy watching over my dad. The whole family and village loves him, visits him, and brings him favorite foods (some even use supermarket delivery service). When I am giving him personal care, his heart is expressing gratitude as he thanks me and prays blessings over me and our family.

**OH, FOR GRACE
TO TRUST HIM MORE!**

I know my father is living each day in victory by God’s grace. His unheard prayer is similar to how Job felt in Job 13:15, “*Though He slay me, YET will I trust Him.*” Dad is not walking much, and their family room now holds a hospital bed. He is still very social, and when he is not napping, I hear him praying out loud—and the room vibrates with a divine presence—much like one of the world’s greatest cathedrals.

During this season of life for my father, there are caregivers coming in and out of their home on a regular basis. Medically speaking, my dad needs to be in a nursing home. We are proud and stubborn

Italians, and we three sisters are in unity—wanting dad happy at home until he takes his last breath on earth and sees Jesus. Dad would prefer one of us to be there 24/7 for him. I tried to ease

his adjustment to strangers coming and going to care for him. “Dad, God is going to be sending people in and out of your home and you are going to have an opportunity to show them Jesus.” Yes, God can help you to preach louder and with more conviction when you are suffering...sharing your lot in life with humanity. Oh, for grace to trust Him more.

Perhaps you may be suffering or you share the sufferings of humanity in hearing the world news. Suffering is part of being human. But when the spiritual interacts in our suffering, our God lifts us above our suffering. Our suffering is not in vain. My parents still believe for a miraculous healing with a sweet surrender to trust...though He slay me. We are so grateful for such marvelous grace given to us by our loving Father. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

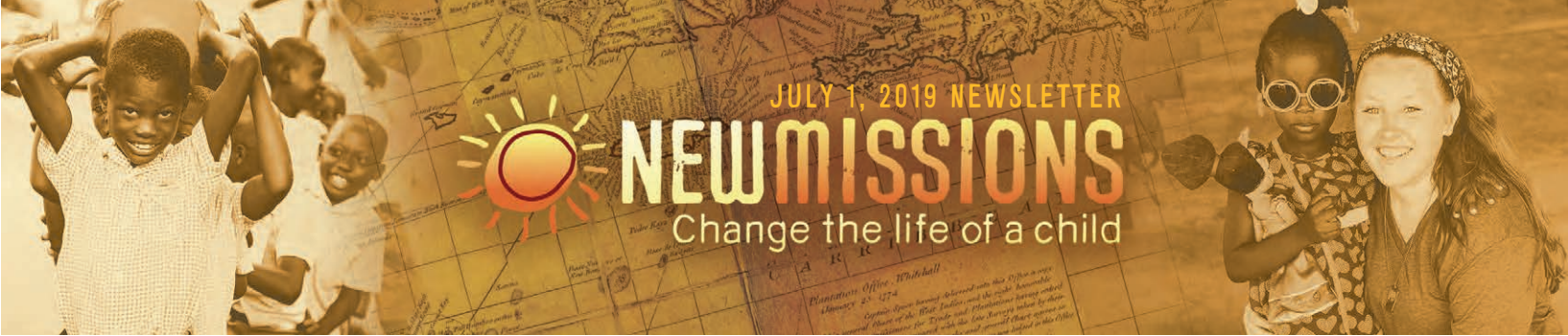
My father turned 101 on the thirtieth of May. Mother has had a miracle healing from high blood pressure; she is on no medication and loves to take care of Dad—including looking after him at night, and feeding him with food and the Word. They are a remarkable example of the marriage vow “in sickness and in health.” Their 80th wedding anniversary will be June 25, 2019.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. Death and life are in God’s hands, but our eternal destination is in our hands—by confessing Jesus as Lord of our life.

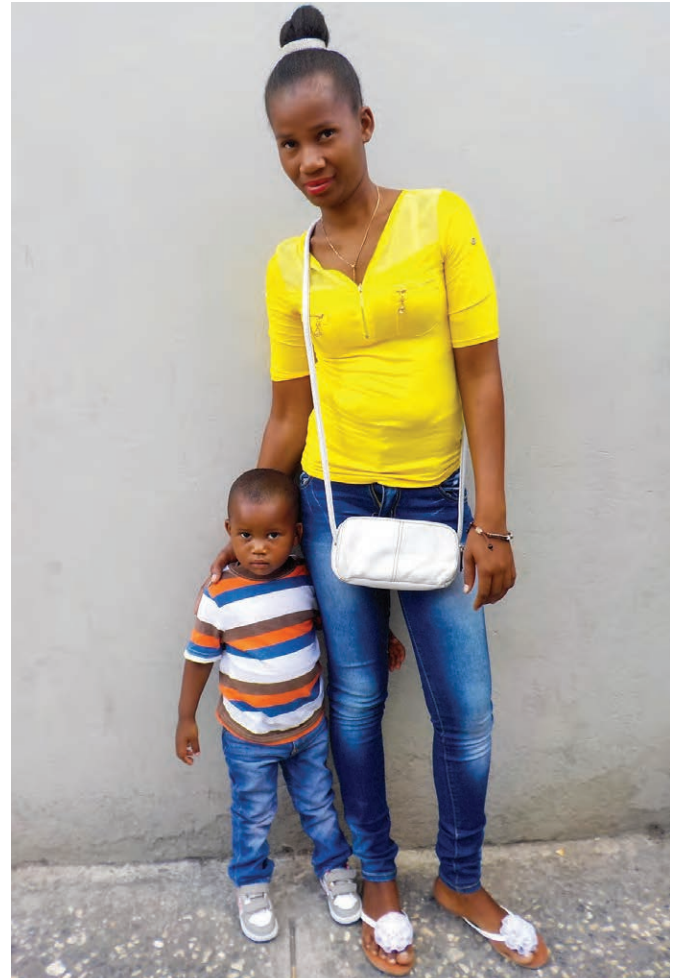




I LOVE MY CHILDREN

In the 1980s, when I was the pickup truck driver doing errands in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, I checked to make sure a child was not in the bed of the pickup before I pulled away. There were also the face to face encounters with desperate mothers, pleading, “Take my child. I know you can care for my baby.” That sacrifice was the mother’s lack of social, economic, and spiritual support to feed or educate her child. The mother wants to sacrifice her love for her child to have a future. I do not check the back of the pickup truck anymore.

Mothers are blessed with our mission that loves their children. We want to give them the best future possible. Our healthcare, nutritional feedings, qualified teachers, and compassionate pastors give each mother peace knowing their child will have a promising future. Child sponsorship gives you this opportunity. I’m sponsoring another little boy in Haiti. It’s a joy to see him grow and develop—watching the love and security in his eyes. When you love a child through sponsorship, you are loving a mother in her sensitive fragility of not having enough to meet the needs of her child. Child sponsorship is a double love—loving a child and loving a mother. No...it is a triple love...loving God, loving a child, and loving a mother. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Top: Marie Claude Moise is thankful her son John Bowa is attending school at the New Missions Christian Academy in Leogane, Haiti.
Bottom left: We have a long-term commitment to our students and their parents, as we provide education through high school.
Bottom right: Mothers waiting at our clinic with their children know the gift of medical care is possible because of child sponsorship.

DR SUMMER MISSION TEAMS

Mission teams coming to the Dominican Republic this summer have the opportunity to share God's love with many children. These teams are hosting Vacation Bible School for three or four days in each of our churches. Although there are some summer camps and activities in the area, they are too expensive for the majority of families. Also, most churches here do not hold any special events for children during the summer. So, the VBS that our teams host are much anticipated by the children. Wherever I go, there are excited kids running up to me asking questions about VBS.

Of course, our teams do many other activities while they are here including: baseball camp, basketball tournaments, and small work projects. However, I believe the most important of all these things is the opportunity to teach children about God's love and salvation through Bible stories, games and crafts. As your church hosts VBS this summer, I ask you to remember and pray for the teams in the DR doing the same, and especially pray that God will work through them to touch the hearts of the children who are coming to VBS. ~Heather Williams Katz



Cydney Runnels and Ashley Palmer from Christ's Church of the Valley playing a game with kids during VBS.



The children love lifting their voices and worshipping God with praise and worship songs during VBS.



High school graduates led a powerful time of worship at the year-end service.



New Providence Baptist Church painted school benches at our Amba-Peres campus.

YEAR-END SERVICE

Benjamin Julle, a 2010 graduate of New Missions, was a powerful worship leader at the closing chapel service this school year. For over four hours, graduates and students prayed, praised and worshipped God—passionately expressing their trust in Him. Amisha Moore, from New Providence Baptist Church in Forsyth, Georgia, challenged the students from the book of Hebrews, chapter 11. She reminded them that none of those mentioned in this Scripture were remembered for their wealth, education, or skill...but for their faith expressed in obedience.

Our high school prayer group, *Warriors of Peace*, planned, decorated and executed all aspects of the service. Bright yellow and white material was draped in the front of the church and all the ushers donned these colors as well. Students also volunteered to cut up vegetables and cook. The church was full, the Spirit of the Lord was there, and each one of us was blessed by the celebration. Afterwards, students enjoyed a meal together. It is encouraging to see our Christian graduates investing in another generation at the high school. Pray that the flame of faith ignited in our youth will continue to burn brighter. ~Rachel DeTellis



PREPARING FOR SHOEBOXES

It looks like Christmas in July at our office in Orlando. Toys, school supplies, and hygiene items have been arriving daily, as we prepare for packing over 2,000 shoeboxes this summer. This year we have some exciting additions to our pre-packed shoeboxes. The Jesus Storybook Bible in Haitian Creole will be included in the boxes for the little kids. Colorful water bottles filled with toothpaste and a toothbrush will be in every box. Volunteers will be in and out of the office helping assemble shoeboxes, preparing supplies, and filling boxes with items so they are ready when ordered this fall.

We are not the only ones getting ready for shoebox season. Many churches prepare for shoebox packing parties all year long. Journey Christian Fellowship does a wonderful job collecting supplies for their shoeboxes. They work together to find great deals on items that will be awesome gifts for children in Haiti. This past year they were able to collect supplies for over 1,000 shoeboxes. Your church can start preparing for the upcoming shoebox drive, too. I would love to hear from you if you are planning on collecting shoeboxes. Please email me at Molly@newmissions.org with your questions...or to let me know that you would like to host a shoebox drive. ~Molly Knost

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Top: We love seeing kids serving at New Missions in Orlando—packing shoebox gifts for kids in Haiti.

Bottom left: This summer, volunteers will begin to help pack thousands of shoeboxes in Orlando.

Bottom right: There's even more fun going inside our pre-packed shoeboxes this year—including a devotional Bible.

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HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU?

After the time of Moses, God spoke to Joshua with these words, *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go"* (Joshua 1:9). Imagine Joshua, who was now about 68 years old, standing atop a mountain looking down on the Promised Land of Canaan. As Joshua stood there staring at the Promised Land, for the second time in his life there were still voices of doubt. This was the land God had promised to the Israelites as an inheritance 40 years earlier. When Joshua was in his thirties, he had spied out the land and gave a good report that the people of Israel should invade the land at once and conquer the cities. But the people were afraid and did not put their faith in God. As punishment for their unbelief, they wandered in the desert for 40 years. God was giving Joshua a second chance to be the military commander who would conquer the lands promised to the Israelites. In that moment, God commands Joshua to be strong and of good courage and not to be afraid, because the Lord God promised to be with Joshua and to be the strength that would provide the victory. The point is that we are to be strong and courageous—not in our personal abilities—but in the Word of God whose promises we can stand on for strength in the battles of life. God is commanding us also to have faith in Him, in the same

way He commanded Joshua. The same promise that He gave to Joshua He is also giving to us. He will be with us wherever we go.

Have you ever doubted and disappointed God? Was there ever a time you were afraid to do something God wanted you to do? The Israelites doubted and disappointed God. We can examine the life of Peter, Jesus' disciple. Did Peter disappoint Jesus when he denied Him three times? Where was Peter's faith in this darkest hour? Yes...Peter doubted and disappointed God. I imagine that every Christian

HAVE YOU EVER DOUBTED AND DISAPPOINTED GOD?

is guilty of doubt and unbelief at some time in their life, too. Just as Peter repented of his doubt and unbelief, we too need to repent of our doubt and unbelief, and give our lives wholly to Christ. It takes courage to believe in

God! I believe the Apostle Paul wrote the book of Hebrews, and in chapter 10 he makes reference to the Israelites when they doubted God and were afraid to enter the Promised Land. *"But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him. But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved."* (Hebrews 10:38-39). Like the Israelites, if we want to inherit the promises of God in His Word, we will have to be courageous and live by faith.

~George DeTellis Jr.

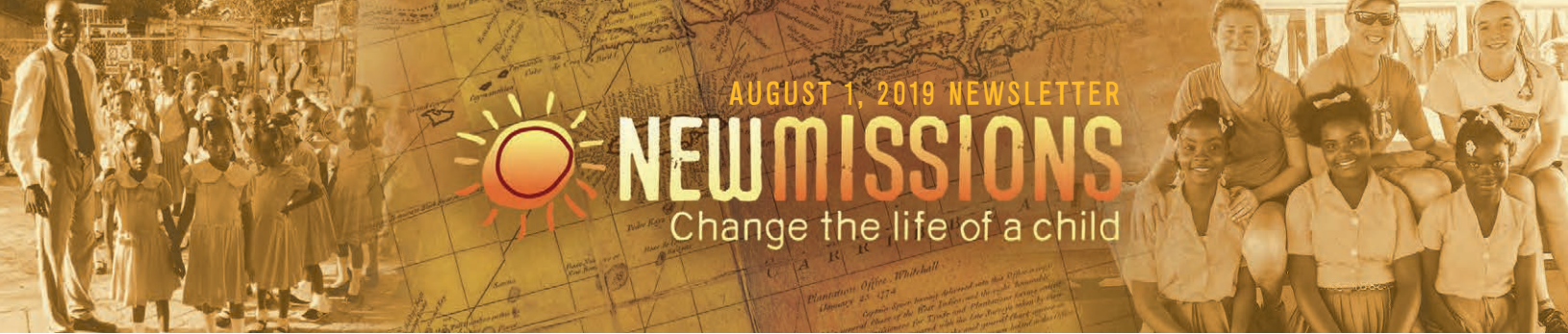
Joshua overcame his fear by hearing the Word of God, by meditating on the Word of God, and by having the courage to act on God's Word. The key to your success is found in whose voice you are listening to. If Joshua listened to the voice of his emotions he would have remained content living in the desert. Only when he listened to the voice of God did he have the courage to do what seemed impossible.



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P.S. "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." Hebrews 11:6





BACK TO SCHOOL

The “back to school” season usually begins by preparing children with clothes and supplies to head back to school. Most children I know are not anxious about their parents being able to provide a new pair of shoes. In Haiti, when daily survival is present, buying a pair of shoes can bring extra stress into the household. When the time comes for our mission schools to open, our families in Haiti are looking forward to the security of food—knowing their children will eat healthy and consistently—easing this economic burden on the family to sustain themselves. There is rejoicing in God’s goodness and provision that there is food, ample and clean drinking water, and a focus can be aimed at preparing for the future with academic activities. As the body is cared for and the mind is healthy, these precious children have their ears open and their hearts warmed to receive the good news of a loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

Back to school is an exciting time to see God at work accelerating the growth and spiritual lives of our students. Our happy children with full tummies can dream big dreams. Your love and prayers, along with financial help, create endless miracles. Thank you.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Mothers stand proud with their young children being promoted to their next grade level at our school in Bossier, Haiti.



Middle: Families gathered from the New Missions Christian Academy in Bossier, Haiti, to celebrate students promoted to the new school year. **Bottom left:** Singing together at the graduation program in Concrab, Haiti, students of New Missions are celebrating their promotion to the next grade. **Bottom right:** Remember our teachers in your prayers—as they come alongside children and parents to help raise up a new generation of Christian leaders.

NEW SCHOOL IN THE D.R.

We are excited! After many challenges and months of hard work, the school building in Los Castillos is finally finished, and classes will begin there this month. Students, parents, and teachers are just thrilled! Many of the students are moving from the school we used to run in Redemption Village, which is a poor village of mostly Haitians. These students will be joined by new students from Los Castillos. They will be able to enjoy a library, playground, and beautiful classrooms with a view of the mountains. Our teachers are busy decorating the classrooms and organizing everything for when classes begin.

We are very thankful to our generous donors who helped make this dream a reality! God has already touched the lives of many through our church and school in Los Castillos. Recently, 23 children and teens accepted Christ at a day camp held on our campus! This camp was hosted by a group that comes yearly with the Christian comedian, David Dean. Glory be to God! We look forward to continuing the work He has begun in the lives of these...and all the children here. ~Heather Williams Katz



Our students, teachers, and directors are so excited and happy for classes to begin later this month.



The teachers are putting up a mural with the months of the year in one of the preschool classrooms.



Pastor Joseph and his wife, Carmene Calixte, have opened their hearts and home to help care for Wilnes.



Wilnes Lapeine after his surgery. He is a good student and active in his church.

MEDICAL MINISTRY

I like to look through our medical clinic monthly reports to see who is utilizing our clinic. After the 2010 earthquake, we rebuilt our new clinic in Bire—close to the main road and easily accessible to more people. Each month, many students visit our clinic and receive free care. We also refer and pay for students to get treatment at other institutions when necessary. Unfortunately, there are times when students are involved in accidents on Haiti's dangerous roads.

Wilnes Lapeine, a 10th grade student, had no idea when he left home on June 6 that he'd be in a motorcycle accident. Wilnes had a broken leg and needed surgery. His mother is deceased and his father is absent. So his pastor, Joseph Freguins, and his wife Carmene Calixte, both teachers in New Missions schools, are his caregivers. They admitted Wilnes to the hospital but had insufficient funds. The mission paid for his surgery and medical bills, and will follow his case until it's closed. Thank you to all sponsors and those supporting the medical ministry of New Missions who make this possible. ~Rachel DeTellis



BIBLE COLLEGE LEGACY

This month, August 2019, marks the 20th anniversary of our church in Ti-Boucan, Haiti. We have 35 churches across Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The story of Ti-Boucan is a unique one—because of the location of this mountainside church and school.

Doing some research in our archives, I found this segment written by my father, Pastor George DeTellis, about the Ti-Boucan church: “The goats that grace the Haitian mountains have great dexterity. Even so is a young pastor in our Bible College named Joseph Elite Eliane. He is tenacious for the Lord. My first time visiting this mountain church in Ti-Boucan, I was unsure we could reach the top because it was so steep.”

Pastor Joseph Elite Eliane finished Bible college at New Missions in the year 2000, and today, we have 156 children attending school in Ti-Boucan, Haiti. As we invest in the lives of new Bible college students, we celebrate their graduation and send-off to serve in churches across Haiti. Matthew 9:37-38 says it best, “*Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’*” ~Tim DeTellis

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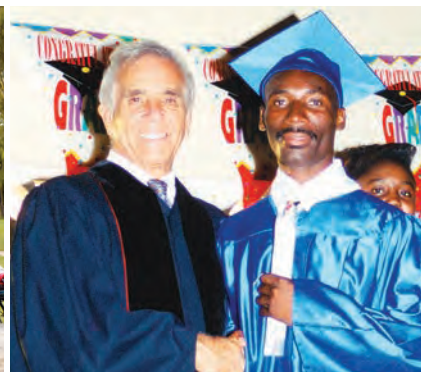


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Top: Congratulations to the Royal Caribbean Institute class of 2019 Bible college graduates from New Missions.

Bottom left: Our graduates are going to make a difference in the communities of Haiti where God has called them to preach the Good News.

Bottom middle: We celebrate the 14 Bible college graduates from New Missions, as they go to serve and work in churches across Haiti.

Bottom right: Pastor George DeTellis, Sr. with Pastor Joseph Elite Eliane (now pastor in Ti-Boucan, Haiti) on graduation day in the year 2000.

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THE NARROW AND WIDE GATE

There are two different paths and gates described in God's Word. *"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."* (Matthew 7:13-14). We first see in life, most people are following popular opinion. Popular opinion tells people to think of themselves first. They are told to do whatever pleases them. This would be an example of the wide gate. People are going with the main flow of the world. They are trying to please themselves, but really lack values and purpose. They are not thinking eternally, but are only thinking of their current life.

There is everything at stake with the choices we make. I was really taken aback when I heard this teaching again. The early disciples taught there were two paths: one path leading to life, and one path leading to death. Some people can become complacent in life and just go with the flow of things. God wants us to be our best. He wants us to live our lives with vigor and purpose. He wants us to make every day count.

Jesus is the narrow gate. In John 14:6 Jesus declared, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me."* He is waiting for us to invite Him into our lives, as there is no other way to become saved. We are saved by grace. It is a gift of God. We come to Christ as we are. Some people believe they are ultimately good people and

so they will inherit good things in the life to come. However, our actions cannot earn us a position in heaven. We have to come under the Lordship of Christ.

Jesus requires us to keep Him first in our lives. We are to follow the commandments and teaching of Christ. We are to live disciplined lives. We are told to be holy, and that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. God will lead us to do good works, which we would not naturally want to do in our human nature. It is crucial for believers to be in Christian fellowship and in the Word of God in order to be edified and encouraged in our daily Christian walk. *"And that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."* (Hebrews 11:6b). *"For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."* (Philippians 2:13).

CHOOSE THE NARROW GATE

We are to have no fear in this world. In Joshua 1:9 we read, *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."* We should have no fear of what man can do to us.

Let us hold onto the teachings from Romans 8:38-39: *"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* We need to have hope in our eternal position with Christ.

~Charlie DeTellis

God is calling us to continue walking on the narrow path every day of our lives. It is a life of choosing God first, and denying ourselves. He is our Good Shepherd, who leads us by the still waters and the green pastures. David claims: *"...and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever and forever."* Psalm 23

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

Charlie DeTellis

P. S. We need to keep listening to the voice of God and following after Him. The ways of God are higher than our ways.



Rachel and Charlie DeTellis in Haiti.





FILLING SHOEBOXES FOR HAITI

I've got that feeling of excitement to show the love of Jesus in packing a shoebox for my little boy in Haiti. Packing a shoebox gives me an opportunity not only to show love to my sponsored boy, but to also bless his family.

So...what will you pack inside your shoebox? There are many great ideas: school supplies and hygiene items including soap, a washcloth, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Some of the feedback we receive from parents and kids is that they love items for their family. Games such as Dominoes are great, because they can play together, and deflated soccer balls and dolls are appreciated, too. Flashlights with extra batteries and home utensils (spoons and forks) are very useful. Water bottles are a big help as our students walk to school.

With the sun being strong, a new hat is also a comforting gift. I will send clothes for my boy (and undergarments), and maybe something special for his parents/family. I'm certain moms would like a box of small Ziploc bags to hold some food items or spices. And if I find a watch and a solar calculator, that will be helpful, too.

I thank God for the reflection of His loving-kindness in our sponsors to provide a Christmas shoebox—to encourage our children and let them know we love them and care for them. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Top: Sitting with our high school students, Jeanne DeTellis is reminded that shoebox gifts matter to students of all ages. **Middle:** Christy Dillon and Molly Knost hold samples of the pre-paid shoeboxes we pack (age-specific) on your behalf. Order them online at shoeboxdrive.com. **Bottom left:** Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who serve during our Shoebox Drive. **Bottom right:** Each shoebox counts, because each child matters. So plan now to host a packing party at your church, school, or office.

LEADERS' MISSION TRIP

This summer, we had the opportunity to take our high school Christian leadership group on a mission trip to Constanza, in the D.R., a farming town located high up in the mountains. While we were there, we hosted VBS in one of the public schools. What a great experience this was for the children who attended the VBS, and for our own leadership students! The children who attended VBS were so excited and wanted to hear more Bible stories. When we encouraged them to start going to church, some of them said they had already found a church and had attended the night before! How wonderful it is to see the love of God and the Gospel transforming children's lives!

This trip not only impacted the children who attended the VBS, it also helped our leadership students grow spiritually and identify areas in their lives that they needed to change or improve. It is so encouraging to see our students wanting to lead worship, pray, and share in front of children and their peers. We look forward to seeing how God will use the group this year in our high school to transform and shape lives. ~Heather Williams Katz



Duandry Arrechadera Martinez, one of the Christian leadership students, using his talents to teach the children a new song.



All of the children and leadership students thoroughly enjoyed the VBS and learned more about God's love for them.

MASSON'S SUMMER PROGRAM

Even in Haiti, summer is a time for students to have a more relaxed schedule—to cool off in a stream or the ocean, and play with friends. We also know kids can become bored and get into mischief after a while if they don't have much to do. Pastor Richard Gay from our Masson campus recognized the benefit of providing a structured time for part of the summer. Since 2010, he has led a summer program during the months of July and August at his school. This year, there were 150 students participating. They arrived at 8:00 a.m. and left at noon.

His desire is to help the students academically, but he also wants them to have a fun experience. Each day they had a devotional, sang songs, prayed, and then the teachers taught the students French, Spanish, and math. They also had a session of games and sports. The reports from both students and parents were very positive. We thank God for Pastor Richard's vision and hard work. He has served with New Missions since October 1990, and glory to God he is continuing on strong! ~Rachel DeTellis



Pastor Richard Gay at our Masson campus recording attendance during the summer program.



Students and staff participating in the program are happy to be engaged and active this summer.



SPONSORSHIP HELPS US ALL

Kate and Gloria began a relationship by writing and sending photographs back and forth when they were only five years old. Fast-forward thirteen years, and here they are. Now, both 18, and all they have known is they were two girls separated by an ocean—living in two different countries.

Kate learned the power of generosity by giving the gift of education and the Gospel to change a heart. Without hope in God, we are lost. Both these girls grew spiritually over the years, eventually making personal decisions for Jesus to be Lord of their lives. Besides education, Gloria also discovered consistent nurturing at school through food and medical care.

Gloria wants to continue her studies to become a nurse. Kate wants to study to become a mental health counselor. When I see two lives grow through child sponsorship, I can't help but think God orchestrated these two girls to meet—because together, He was at work in their lives for His purposes.

When I see child sponsorship change my own child's life, then I fall to my knees and weep in praise to God for His power to do something that hits home for me in a personal way.

~Tim DeTellis

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Top: Kate and Gloria are friends for life, and forever changed because child sponsorship made them sisters.

Bottom left: Changing the life of a child happens in our classrooms and in our homes, as sponsorship introduces a Christian worldview.

Bottom middle: Do you see the potential in each child? God does and uses us to help empower children to rise up to become new leaders.

Bottom right: Gloria began school at New Missions at the age of four; as a new, young, Christian leader, she is planning to study nursing in Haiti.

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ARE YOU THE GOOD NEIGHBOR?

At the age of eleven, I moved to Haiti and lived in a remote village by the sea. While there, I learned a great deal about the value of community. I remember walking to the shoreline and helping villagers pull in the fishing net. This process was a key source of food for Haitians—and it wasn't possible without community.

No matter where you live, a strong community is essential for life. And yet, togetherness is quickly becoming an endangered idea. We often hide behind our garage doors and spend our time on back patios instead of front porches, away from our neighbors.

How important is being a good neighbor to Jesus? The more I turn the pages of the gospels, the more I see Jesus helping the hungry, the hurting, and the lost. He meets the needs of the human heart—whether He was talking with one woman at a well, or thousands of people on a hillside. Through these different examples, we see how much Jesus values being a good neighbor.

September 28 is *National Good Neighbor Day*. Becky Mattson of Lakeside, Montana, created this special day in 1977. And in 1978, then President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, issued Proclamation 4601: “As our nation struggles to build friendship among the peoples of this world, we are mindful that the noblest human concern is concern for others. Understanding, love, and respect build cohesive families and communities. The same bonds cement our nation and the nations of the world. For most of us, this sense of community is nurtured and expressed in our neighborhoods where we give each other an opportunity to share and feel part of a larger

family... I call upon the people of the United States and interested groups and organizations to observe such a day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.”

Recently, I was outside walking my dogs Duke and Daisy. Across the street I saw a couple that had just finished visiting the construction site of their brand-new home. They were driving out of their driveway, but they shut off their truck and walked across the street to see my dogs. We had met before and began to talk. Just then, our neighbors Jorge and Marlene came up the street and joined us. Next, our neighbor Jill from around the corner drove by. She slowed, and rolled down her window to say hello before continuing on her way. The man who had been visiting his new home said, “I’m going to enjoy living here. You are all such kind neighbors. Why are you so kind

to one another?” Jorge replied, “It’s because we’re all in a Bible study together.”

Consider the words found in Luke 10:29, “*But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’*” Jesus responded to this question by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. A man was left hurt, lonely, and hungry on the side of the road. Two people passed right by the man, but one person stopped to help him—the Good Samaritan. After telling the parable, Jesus asked this question in Luke 10:36-37, “*Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?*” The expert in the law replied, “*The one who had mercy on him.*” Jesus told him, “*Go and do likewise.*”

~Tim DeTellis

**GOOD NEIGHBORS
MAKE GREAT
NEIGHBORHOODS.**

Being a good neighbor starts with kindness. Fred Rodgers once said, “Imagine what our real neighborhood would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person.” We can do this when, like the Good Samaritan, we show kindness to our neighbors—even if we don’t see them as similar to us.



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P.S. Right where we are, may we be good neighbors—because good neighbors make great neighborhoods.





LIBRARY BOOKS FOR HAITI

In Haiti, we are dreaming and working to provide a portable library for each classroom. We want to ignite the students' minds with easy access to information and knowledge—helping them grow in their potential for God.

The total fundraising goal to make these library books possible is \$60,000. We have the vision to provide 30 sets for grades K-2, 30 sets for grades 3-5, eight sets for grades 6-8, and two sets for our high school.

Rachel DeTellis and I spent an evening in Haiti searching online for a devotional book for every academic level. We are thrilled this year that our shoeboxes will include devotionals, but we want to go a step further with these library books. Rachel brought a sample kit to Haiti, and our teachers and school directors reviewed the content and are thrilled, waiting with anticipation.

We are confident you will share this excitement to bring library books to all of our schools in Haiti. At our high school graduation celebration, after many comments of thanks to the mission for their free education, one student had the honesty to say, "I only wish we had a library at our school." Let's make this dream a reality for our students. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Loving on these children is exactly what Jesus wants us to do, and we want to give them library books for each school in Haiti.



Middle: We are making library books a priority for each of our schools in Haiti and welcome your help to make this possible.

Bottom left: From the classroom we begin a revolution in the mind and heart as our students grow and learn to be new leaders for Haiti.

Bottom right: Our warehouse in Haiti is ready to receive the delivery of library books. We will plan to purchase them as funding is provided and ship them to Haiti on cargo containers.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLUBS

We started a Children's Bible Club over two years ago at our church in Los Castillos, and have seen such great spiritual growth in the children who are involved. The children memorize Bible verses each week to earn points. A few times a year, we have a "store" where they can spend the points they have earned. They can buy things they need such as shoes, clothes, backpacks, and school supplies, but we also have toys, games, and plenty of fun things for them to buy, as well.

Recently, we started the same program in two more of our churches—Bombita and Playa Laguna. All of the programs are run by church volunteers. These groups meet every weekend apart from our normally scheduled church services. Many of the children who come to the Bible Club do not go to church regularly, and neither do their parents. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity for us. We are able to share the Gospel through Bible stories on an appropriate age level for them. Please pray for all the children who come to the Bible Club and for the volunteers—that they will grow in their relationship with God. ~Heather Williams Katz



One of our children in Los Castillos, Danika Guillaume, enjoyed coloring a page to decorate her school notebook.



The children in Playa Laguna enjoyed learning about creation and making creation wheels on their first day of Bible Club.



Our students at Vieux Court are thankful for a pipe coming out of the ground where the well was drilled. The pump will be installed soon.



A new church is under construction on our campus in Flon, Haiti. This is built 100% by Haitians—providing jobs to support their families.

GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO US

Haiti has been in the news frequently this past school year because of problems within the country. Despite all these challenges, our Haitian pastors chose Psalm 13:6 as the verse of this school year. "We will sing because the Lord has been good to us." The verse was introduced at the directors meeting we had before the opening of the school year. At this meeting, reports were given of students saved during school chapels and summer events.

This summer, 244 Haitians from New Missions churches went on various mission trips within Haiti. They returned with an extra person because one pregnant mother safely delivered her baby early while out on mission! More than 100 people were saved, and 17 rededicated their lives to the Lord!

Also, three new wells were recently drilled on three more school campuses. New school buildings are being built in Masson, and their church is being extended. A church is being constructed in Flon, and boundary walls are beginning to go up at our Bire campus. God is always working and we will sing because He has been good to us! ~Rachel DeTellis



SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY

It is hard to believe that it's October and our Christmas Shoebox Drive has begun! If you are planning on collecting shoeboxes, have you considered hosting a Shoebox Packing Party? A packing party is a wonderful way to get your whole church or small group involved in packing shoeboxes. When hosting a packing party your goal is to collect enough supplies to pack shoeboxes as a group.

If you would like to host a Shoebox Packing Party, here's what you need to do:

Step 1: Set a goal of the number of shoeboxes you would like to pack (example 200).

Step 2: Print out a sign-up list for the items you would like everyone to bring (see www.shoebboxdrive.com for packing ideas).

Step 3: Set the date for your packing party, and spread the word for a couple of weeks. Invite people to sign up for the items they would like to bring.

Step 4: Host the packing party! Ask everyone to bring the items they collected, purchased, or had donated and fill your shoeboxes.

Please let me know if you are hosting a packing party or a shoebox drive by emailing me at shoebbox@newmissions.org. I would love to answer any questions you may have and send you promotional materials. ~Molly Knost

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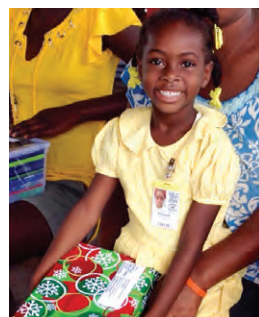
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Top: Gather others to join in the fun by hosting a shoebox drive packing party!

Bottom left: From toothpaste to soap, essential hygiene items are still greatly appreciated.

Bottom middle: Thanks to the churches, schools, and businesses hosting our Shoebox Drive. We can't do this without you!

Bottom right: When each person shops for one item and brings enough for each shoebox, the job becomes easier.

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

In Colossians 3:23-24 we read, *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”* Whatever you are doing, do your best. Keep in mind that the ultimate Master you’re serving is Christ. The sullen servant who does shoddy work will be held responsible. Being a follower of Jesus doesn’t cover up bad work.

While driving near Detroit, there was a billboard that read, *Fired and Focused*. Are you fired and focused? As a Christian, you are fired because of the Holy Spirit working in you—the same spirit that raised Christ from the dead is in you to work.

Work is a gift from God. Work is healthy, and work gives us great contentment and satisfaction, and a purpose in living. There are nights I lay awake thinking of what I want to do for work. I get accelerated and energized and I often wish it were morning to begin to work. Work is honorable and Biblical. Are you a child of God? Then, you are like God. And God is always working.

God’s work is beyond our capacity to see or know. On a road trip through Canada and Alaska, the beauty of His handiwork was beyond my human praises. But the greatest work God did for me was to give His son to die on the cross for my forgiveness, freedom, and eternity. And now God is still at work with me—firing me to focus on His work. Work is love and work is joy.

We are also encouraged to work, because the night is coming when no man can work. Jesus is working now to return to come and get us. We have an urgent assignment to work.

To be focused, there will be times you will have to say no to some good work, because there is a special call and purpose in your life. Saying no empowers you to do the best work—the call of God. And you can only work with the power of God enabling you to work—that is you in Him, according to John 15:4: *“Apart from Me, you can do nothing!”*

Have you ever watched someone who loved their work? Gloria, our former Colegio Nueva Vida director in the Dominican Republic, loved her work. At some seasons she arrived before daylight, and many nights left after dark. God focused her on the lives of hundreds of students. These students are like her trophies—now pastors, preachers, doctors, nurses, and teachers. Another woman, Sister Ann in Haiti, has been a cook for one of our mission schools for more than 25 years. Her big smile, cooking 10-gallon pots of tasty food, has motivated a multitude of children to come to school and have the nutritional stability to achieve and thrive.

Your works will never be forgotten. Revelation 14:13 tells us that after our death, our works will be remembered. Your work now is recorded for eternity. You can work, because God will give you the strength and grace for the lousy days to keep working until our work is finished. Now is the time to work fired and focused.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

FIRE AND FOCUSED; WORKING AND HAPPY

Revelation 22:20 is speaking to us today with an urgent voice: *“Yes, I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.”* And the words of an old chorus ring out...*When He calls me, I’ll be somewhere working for my Lord.*

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. On Saturday, September 7, at 10:05 a.m., my father, Charles DiPietro, age 101, gave me a cute smile and went home to be with the Lord. When he could no longer work, he did his greatest work by loving and trusting Jesus.





LOS CASTILLOS GRAND OPENING

Twenty years ago, the chairman of our Board of Directors in Canada had a friend living in Sosúa, in the Dominican Republic. He asked New Missions if we would begin a ministry to the children of Haitian immigrants whose parents came to the DR to cut sugar cane. Our hearts bonded with the people—especially because of our Creole tongue and understanding of the Haitian culture and plight. After much prayer, we agreed to expand New Missions into the DR.

For many years we held school in what you would call a ghetto, as we tried to buy land to provide a new school. Five years ago, we found land, but the cost was \$128,000. The story of the woman who broke the alabaster box at the feet of Jesus became another story about the same in the Dominican Republic. A woman I never knew nor met went to visit the land, saw the children, and paid for most of the entire cost. She broke her heart of love by emptying her resources to let Jesus love the children.

This year, the children are in their brand new school on a campus with trees, mountain views, and a well-established Christian ministry.

God bless this woman and all those like her who made this happen for the poorest of the poor.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Education is a gift, and our students are full of joy in their new school in Los Castillos.



Middle: We believe God changes lives and your support helps make this possible.

Bottom left: Because of your generosity, the church and school campus is built and open to serve the community.

Bottom right: We hope you will plan a visit to New Missions in the Dominican Republic to come and serve in Los Castillos.

REACHING OUR STUDENTS

In all of our schools, we have weekly Bible classes and chapel services. Many of our students come from non-Christian homes, so school is the only place where they are learning about God and His love for them. This is especially true in our high school where many students even claim to be atheists. While we know that we are sharing God's love and the Gospel with our students, we are burdened to do more to reach them.

This year, under the direction of our Spiritual Life Director, Arismendy Katz, we will be planning many more Bible events and activities to engage our students and motivate them to learn more about the Bible. We want the students to be part of planning dramas and preparing presentations about different people in the Bible. We will also be inviting Christian professionals to come share with our students about how God is using them in their jobs and how they share their faith. Please pray for our teachers and staff as they work each day to help our students grow closer to Christ.

~Heather Williams Katz



We are engaging our students even more by involving them in the planning and presenting of special events during chapel.



Our high school students enjoy participating in the activities we have every year to celebrate Bible Day.



Eighth graders from Leogane Guillaume campus with their own copies of "Pilgrim's Progress."



Third graders at our Chateau campus will read about Sal, a robber, who is transformed by reading the Bible.

CHRISTIAN BOOKS

Many Haitians feel blessed if they own a Bible, and it is unlikely that each family member would have their own. In my home growing up I remember Bibles, Christian magazines, books, and in particular a 10-volume set called "The Bible Story" that contained about 2,000 pages of stories. Undoubtedly, these resources helped to form my understanding of God and His Word.

We are thankful that we were able to give all our preschool through eighth graders a Christian book at the start of the school year. Some of the books are simply for reading and discussing—like "Pilgrim's Progress." Some are Bible stories, and this year we found a fourth grade Bible curriculum covering the giving of the law in the Old Testament. Our Bord-Mer fourth grade teacher, Samuel Saint Louis, says that he appreciates using the curriculum because it is well written and it's helpful having the pictures to show the students while teaching the material. We now want to buy library books for each school in Haiti. Thank you in advance for your generous donations to purchase these books. ~Rachel DeTellis



GIVING A LEGACY GIFT

On October 13, 1985, the New Missions church in Masson, Haiti, was established. Now, 34 years later, upgrades are being made to this church and school campus. We are building a new school to help accommodate middle school classrooms. A new kitchen, dining hall, and the expansion of the existing church facility will increase our capacity to serve the 517 students who attend school on this campus—from preschool through the eighth grade.

Expanding and improving the Masson campus is made possible due to a family who wanted to make a difference that would surpass their lifetime. My phone rang and the conversation began with a question: “What expansion needs do you have at New Missions?” Growth is an interesting word. Some want bigger and I aim for better. As we are better, we will see growth. I began to share with my friend on the other end of the call about our desire to expand our reach by building more churches and schools.

Thankfully, this family’s desire to give a legacy gift made it possible to build two churches, two schools, a dining hall, kitchen, and other campus improvements. If you want to join our “Legacy Team” of donors who want to help fund special projects, please email timothy@newmissions.org. Let’s build a legacy. ~Tim DeTellis

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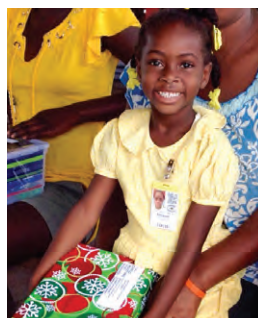
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Top: The teachers and school administration of Masson are helping to raise a generation of Christian leaders.

Bottom left: All of our construction is done by locals—providing jobs to support families in the areas we serve.

Bottom middle: The new school building in Masson will welcome students from surrounding villages.

Bottom right: Expanding the church in Masson provides new office space for the pastor and school administration.

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GOD WATCHES OVER HIS WORD TO PERFORM IT

"The Lord said to me, 'You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.'" Jeremiah 1:12

I left my house at 4:30 a.m. to catch a 6:00 a.m. flight to JFK International Airport. Without any luggage, I picked up my rental car, and drove over an hour to Avenel, New Jersey. I arrived just in time for the Saturday morning check-in at the New Jersey Dept. of Corrections. I was not allowed to bring anything into the facility, not even a handkerchief. Traveling through long hallways and multiple gates and security checkpoints, I was seated in a plastic stack chair in the middle of a basketball gymnasium. Watching the clock on the wall, my longtime friend of over 30 years entered in his prison uniform just after 9:00 a.m. I planned for this day for over a year. My 76-year-old friend was sentenced to 18 years for his crimes. Short of a miracle, he will spend the rest of his life in prison. I love him. Jesus still loves him, too. We hugged and spent two precious hours talking about the Lord. He is a broken man and repentant for his sins. He was a minister and preacher of the Gospel. But he was not exempt from the Word of God. Growing up as a young boy I remember my grandmother always quoting the Scripture *"...be sure your sin will find you out."* (Numbers 32:23) Every day, the headlines in the news tell a story of someone who thought they could keep a secret. God's Word is alive and active. What Scripture in the Bible do you want God

to perform in your life? I hope it's not *"...be sure your sin will find you out."*

The Scriptures that we want God to perform in our lives are His promises of blessings. Blessings come from obedience. As a child will hold his father to his promises, we can hold God to His promises.

I believe that praying Scripture is powerful. We are holding God to His word. We are confessing our will with His will. *"...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."* (Isaiah 55:11) When I spent three nights in a hospital after a heart attack, I prayed Romans 8:11 over and over: *"And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives*

in you." I was claiming the Word of God as a promise over my life. When we pray the Word of God, we are not using our words, but His words. We know that God holds His Word above His name. *"...for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame."* (Psalm 138:2) God uses His Word to accomplish His will in our lives. The more you read the Bible and fill your mind with His Word, His promises will be fulfilled in your life. God has a great vision for you. But it will only be realized if you devote yourself to reading His Word and obeying His commandments.

~George DeTellis, Jr.

WHAT SCRIPTURE IN THE BIBLE DO YOU WANT GOD TO PERFORM IN YOUR LIFE?

The Word of God is a powerful weapon of warfare. Do you have the Word of God in your mouth? What words come out of your mouth when you are tested? Are they words of fear and doubt? Or do you quote Scripture and claim God's promises? *"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."* Ephesians 6:17

George DeTellis, Jr.

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P.S. "Is not my word like fire," declares the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?" Jeremiah 23:29





FOOD IN CRISIS

When Haiti has political unrest, the threat to families comes in the form of limiting access to food. Knowing the severity of the situation in Haiti, I found myself asking for prayer from a group of kids at Lifepointe Church in Eustis, Florida. I was there on Wednesday evening sharing about our Shoebox Drive their church participates in annually. I closed our time by asking us all to join the same team—the prayer team for the kids at New Missions.

After asking for a volunteer to pray, Ansley, age eight, jumped up! She prayed a sweet prayer for safety as kids go to school and food for their homes. I began to cry as I listened. Hearing kids pray for kids makes my heart happy and I know God hears them.

The next morning my brother Charlie was texting me from Haiti: “I am sure Port-au-Prince has food, but road blocks hold back food deliveries.” He was searching for food in the town of Leogane closer to our warehouse. Thankfully, Charlie wrote a check for \$17,583 to purchase 500 sacks of rice, 250 gallons of oil, and 200 sacks of beans. We will continue to purchase food in Haiti and feed our students.

We are steadfast in our calling, and our mission is functioning because of your generosity and prayers. Haiti: Hope in God! ~Tim DeTellis



Ansley led the kids from Lifepointe Church in prayer for the kids of Haiti.



Middle: Delivery of food during a country's political unrest is a huge blessing.

Bottom left: Delivery of 500 sacks of rice, 250 gallons of oil, and 200 sacks of beans to make rice and beans—our students' favorite.

Bottom right: \$17,583 purchased two weeks worth of food for our schools as prices are on the rise.

CHANGING WOMEN'S LIVES

When God called Delia Espinosa nine years ago to start a sewing class for mothers of our students, little did she know how God would use her to impact the lives of so many women in Sosua. Each class begins with a Bible study and many of the women who take the class have gotten saved. In addition, many women have been empowered to finish high school and start using what they have learned to support themselves and their families.

One such woman is Fior Daliza Javier Brito, who took Delia's class seven years ago. She and her husband had been struggling financially and her husband had not been able to find a job. Through what she learned in the class, Fior Daliza was able to start doing clothing alterations. Then she started sewing for businesses and her husband began helping her reupholster furniture. Through this work, her husband found a job and the family has been able to buy a better place to live. Fior Daliza says that because of this class, her faith in God has grown and she praises the Lord for His provision for her and her family.

~Heather Williams Katz



Fior Daliza's life has completely changed since she took the sewing class and now has more work than she needs!



Students in the advanced sewing class with Delia Espinosa (third from right) are thankful for this life-changing opportunity.



Gregory Doirin is responsible for all correspondence between students and sponsors at the Leogane Guillaume campus.



Gregory loves the Lord, serves in his church, and is happy being a blessing at his elementary alma mater.

NM GRADUATE NOW PART OF SHOEBOX PROCESS

It is Christmas shoebox season and many of you have packed a gift for your sponsored child. Besides the generous gifts that you have prepared, some of you volunteered at your church or the Orlando office to process these gifts. Once they reach the mission in Haiti the gifts designated for specific children are sent directly to the appropriate school. At the school, the translator will call the children one by one to receive their gift and translate the card, as well as help them write a thank you note back to their sponsor.

Gregory Doirin, a 2006 graduate, is one of our 32 translators. He works at the Leogane Guillaume campus—the school he went to as a child. He really enjoys his work with the students. He said that when a preschooler gets a gift the whole class wants to come and see. Gratefully, the last few years we have received enough gifts to distribute one to every single student and staff member. Your heart for Haiti and generosity are truly a sweet blessing to help and encourage the children. Thank you! ~Rachel DeTellis



LISTENING AND RESPONDING

It's always incredible to see how God moves. Back in August, we shared New Missions student, Wilnes Lapeine's story. He broke his leg in a motorcycle accident and needed surgery.

God laid Wilnes on Julianne Downs' heart. She listened and responded, calling our Orlando office asking how she could encourage and support him. She wanted to send him a card and let him know he was loved and prayed for. I shared with Julianne we would check Wilnes' status and get back to her. In a matter of minutes, we learned Wilnes was unsponsored. God had orchestrated an amazing connection.

Wilnes is now recovering and is able to walk on his foot without crutches. When he found out he was sponsored, he was overjoyed. "Thank you to the person who is interested in me and wants to help me further my education. I give God all the glory!"

God's plan and timing are always perfect. Julianne always wanted a son. Now she's excited to send Wilnes a shoebox for Christmas praying it encourages him. Her message to Wilnes, "Hold on to your faith! Your bones will be even stronger after they heal." Would you listen and respond by either sponsoring a child or sending a shoebox? You can change the life of a child! ~Christine Batchelder

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Top: Wilnes Lapeine broke his leg in a motorcycle accident and needed surgery. **Bottom left:** Please pray for your sponsor child and for children still waiting for a sponsor. **Bottom middle:** There's still time to order a shoebox for your sponsor child at shooboxdrive.com. **Bottom middle:** When you sponsor a child you partner with parents to change the life of a child. **Bottom right:** "I always wanted a son, now I can sponsor Wilnes and see God use him." ~Julianne

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MORE THAN ENOUGH

Over the past several months in Haiti, there has been a lack of peace due to political unrest. As Christmas approaches, my prayer is Jesus becomes more than enough for the people of Haiti. For you and me, we need to find Jesus as our true peace. We can seek fulfillment in our accomplishments, possessions, and even our knowledge. However, true peace comes when we receive more than enough peace in Christ alone.

When I visit the States, I attend a home group. The home group has a worship team in which I play the drums. Many of the songs we play are new to me, but have really ministered to me. One of the songs we play is “Enough” by Chris Tomlin and the chorus goes: *And all of You is more than enough, for all of me for every thirst and every need. You satisfy me with Your love, and all I have in You is more than enough.* We need to remember that we are never alone and Jesus came to give us peace.

During the Christmas season we often give gifts to show our appreciation and love toward others. There are parties to attend and church services to celebrate the goodness of God’s love toward us. We come together with others and these times give us pause to focus on our relationships. In some ways, Christmas can be so busy, peace skips us by and it is easy to forget the real meaning of this season—to remember our Savior’s birth.

This month, may we recall the peaceful picture of our Savior’s birth. In a humble manger, without big

fanfare and attention, Jesus, the gift to the world who was more than enough came. Immanuel, God with us. I think of the day after the birth of Christ with the sunrise bringing light and warmth. This child was God’s provision to save mankind. I know with all of my heart that Jesus is more than enough to meet all of your needs.

As I write this, I am in Haiti. The needs are great, and some days the peace that keeps me going is the sweet sounds of the churches in the villages. I hear them singing and playing their instruments because our church buildings are open and the sounds of their worship fill the air. The peace of God’s presence is more powerful than the unrest in people’s hearts who are far from God. I don’t know where you will be this Christmas, but I do know this... Jesus can meet you there. I know Jesus

can meet the needs of the Haitian people and His peace can calm their fears.

Tomorrow, each of us will wake up. Some will face a new storm. Some will be walking away from one they just overcame. Some of us will be standing in a place of peace. No matter what, we can face the day even in our brokenness and allow Him to be our God, Savior, and more than enough. This Christmas, may we find the gift that is more than enough for us: Jesus. *“For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6*
Merry Christmas! ~Charlie DeTellis

ALL I HAVE IN
YOU IS MORE
THAN ENOUGH

Let Jesus be your more than enough. In a world where the desire for more can distract us from contentment and true peace, may we choose Jesus this Christmas. His gift of peace in our lives is more than enough.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

Charlie DeTellis

P. S. My prayer is for you to have a blessed Christmas with family and friends—sharing love, joy and peace with others this Christmas.



Rachel and Charlie DeTellis in Haiti.

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