



## FOUNDATIONS FOR GROWTH

Happy birthday New Missions! On January 6, 2021, we will celebrate the 38th anniversary of our ministry. Day one for New Missions started in tents down a three-mile dirt road—situated on five acres of land along the ocean in Neply/Bord-Mer, Haiti. Our mission had no electricity, no running water, no toilet facility, and we were using the stream or ocean for bathing. It took three months to build our first building which would be home to missionary housing and space for a medical clinic, office, and kitchen.

We arrived on a Thursday and began our first church service three days later under coconut trees—with a banner tied between two trees which read: “Haiti Esperance en Dieu” (Haiti Hope in God).

Taking a walk down memory lane reminds me of our seven foundational values. We begin each value by saying, “Together, we are...” 1. Listening to God because He knows what’s best for us, so we humbly seek Him. 2. Preaching the Gospel because only God changes lives forever. 3. Making disciples because this is the true measurement of success. 4. Giving generously because we steward what’s not ours. 5. Only fearing God because we report to God and He is our ultimate strength and provision. 6. Doing the right thing because our integrity and trust with others is our reputation. 7. Focusing for impact because excellence requires our priority and attention.

Together, we are living life on mission. ~Tim DeTellis



*The Leogane Plain in Haiti is where New Missions chose to establish churches and schools in January 1983.*



**Middle:** Pastor George DeTellis preaching at our first church—under the coconut trees with the banner: Haiti Hope in God.

**Bottom left:** During 2021, we will build churches in Chateau and Vieux Court, Haiti, because the local church is the greatest force for good.

**Bottom right:** Pastor Yaguel Nerat, a graduate of New Missions, pastors our first church in Bord-Mer, and knows the power of prayer.



# TIME TO SHINE

The *Leaders for Christ* group began close to three years ago in our high school at Colegio Nueva Vida. When classes moved online last March, we were no longer able to meet in person. Thankfully, in November 2020, we were able to start meeting again on campus. We have seen many of the students grow in their relationship with Christ and become Christian leaders in the school. One such student is *Laira Padilla Lagombra*.

Laira started coming to Colegio Nueva Vida when she was thirteen years old and accepted Christ one day at school the following year. She started coming to our church in Los Castillos and joined the *Leaders for Christ* group. Laira is a sweet, somewhat shy girl, but as she has participated in the leadership group these past three years, her confidence has grown and she has become more outgoing. She is thankful that through her experiences in this group and at church, she now has more confidence to talk to others about God. Laira is a senior this year. We look forward to seeing what God has planned for her and how He will use her to reach others.

~Heather Williams Katz



*Laira Padilla Lagombra (far right) acting out a Bible story with other Leaders for Christ students.*



*The leadership students are happy to be meeting together again and enjoy the games and discussions we have with them.*



*Tchaina is thankful to the Assemblies of God in Italy for sponsoring her education. She loves wearing her pink middle school uniform!*



*Nathan Kopp saw Alexi through to graduation—over 13 years of sponsorship! Alexi and his family are extremely grateful.*

# MILESTONES IN EDUCATION

There are three important milestones for students in Haitian schools that we like to celebrate each year: kindergarten, sixth, and grade 13. Completion of these grade levels says something very important in an impoverished nation. When we celebrate kindergarten graduations, we rejoice that the children have been nourished, kept healthy, and have embarked upon the path of education. Sixth grade graduations remind us that 60% of Haitian students abandon school before the sixth grade. At our high school, grade 13 graduations are celebrated—knowing these students are positioned to be future leaders in Haiti.

The overwhelming attitude when talking to our students' families is their gratitude for the education their children are receiving through New Missions. Tchaina Clernausainta Beauzil just graduated from sixth grade and now enjoys attending our middle school in Signeau. However, affording an education is difficult for them. Alexi Enerson just graduated from high school. Years ago, his family moved to Bire from another region in Haiti. His parents also have very limited means. Alexi enjoyed biology and chemistry and dreams of becoming a surgeon. ~Rachel DeTellis



## LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

We often start a day with prayer, a meal with prayer, a trip with prayer. We consider it a way to dedicate our lives or a specific endeavor to His direction and guidance. We thank Him and believe Him for our provision. For the past several years, New Missions has started the year with *21 Days of Prayer*. This year, we will begin on January 6, 2021. The first week will focus on the work in Haiti, the second will concentrate on the ministry in the Dominican Republic, and the final week will be dedicated to the support team—our home office in Orlando, Florida.

Psalm 90:17 is a scripture and a prayer: *“May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.”* We pray this because our work is a spiritual work. This word “establish” means to give permanence to. A phrase I have also heard more than once at our home office is: “We want to build something that will outlast us.”

Would you join us as we look with hope to all that God wants to do in 2021? Prayer is not limited to three weeks, so please feel free to start anytime! You can sign up for our *21 Days of Prayer* at [newmissions.org/prayer](http://newmissions.org/prayer). ~Holly Manna

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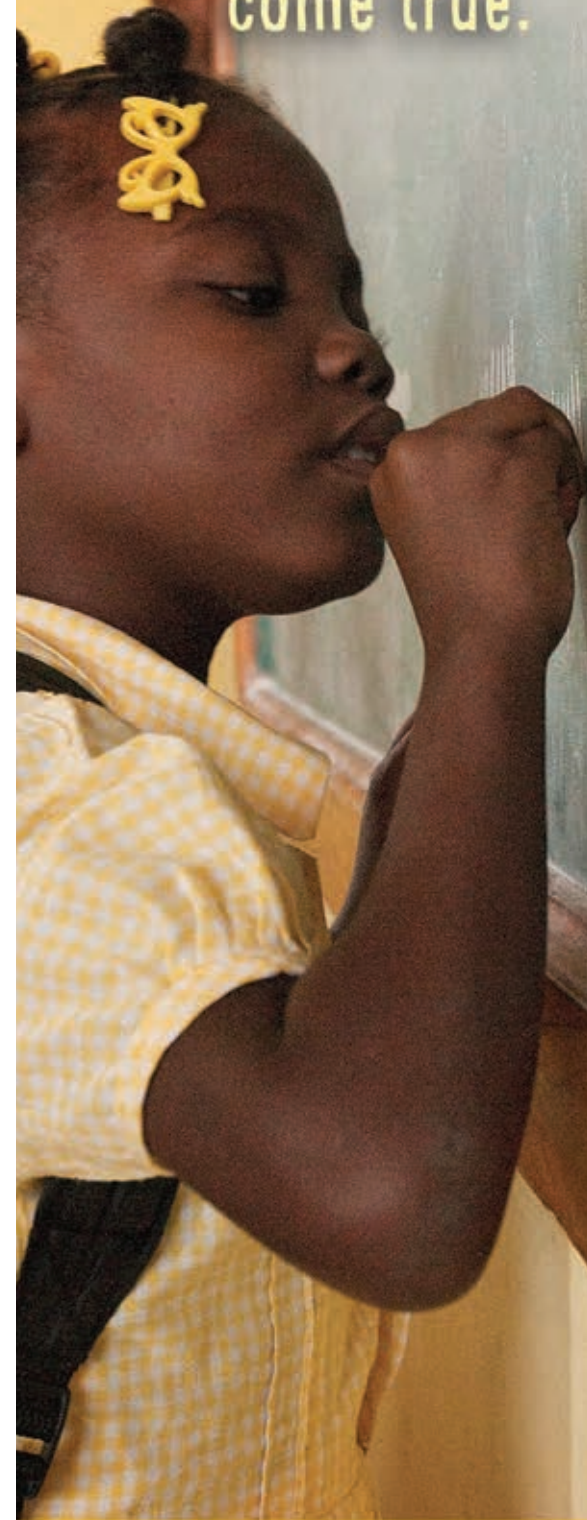
**Top:** Throughout all of our churches, prayer is a priority and prayer meetings are held during the week.

**Bottom left:** Thank you for praying for Charlie and Rachel DeTellis who graciously serve at our mission in Haiti.

**Bottom middle:** Please pray for Arismendy, Heather, and Max Katz as they serve our mission and staff in the Dominican Republic so well.

**Bottom right:** Between Haiti and the DR we employ over 600 nationals. We ask you to keep them in your prayers, as well.

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# 21 days OF PRAYER

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## CAN YOUR GOD RESCUE YOU?

Almost four years ago, I sat in the office of Dr. Daniel at Harvard Vanguard Hospital in the Boston area, and he said to me, “You need to reboot your brain.” I thought to myself, “What? My brain is not working?” I was there because I knew something was wrong. I couldn’t think clearly, and it was a challenge just to function. I had tripped on a broken pavement during a walk and injured my left upper forehead. The prescription was to close down the computer, the system, the brain. I needed to rest and rest and rest my brain until it rebooted itself.

Often in life, a situation or experience requires us to reboot. We need to frequently renew our mind, our spirit, and our heart. *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:2)* Life brings us seasons where we sometimes need to reboot or be renewed—spiritually, physically, and emotionally. I am praying that your new normal will be higher, and better, and blessed by God in 2021.

In Psalm 51, David is asking God to renew a right spirit in him. Sin in our life needs attention—a turnaround, or a reboot of our heart. A right spirit is the proper attitude. Because as we think, so we are. And we can never please God unless we stretch and exercise our faith to believe in a God who can rescue us.

Around the world, things have changed. People are trying to find their life...their new normal. They feel something is wrong and they know life is different. Like a brain concussion, they are looking for the

remedy in many ways—maybe a vaccine or a new immune-building supplement.

My son George had COVID-19 in November, and his health was compromised due to a previous heart attack. George worked to restore his body by fighting. He fought spiritually every day—not praying in his mind or whispering, but shouting: “Jesus, through the blood of Christ my Savior I ask you to heal my body!” Our Christians in the Dominican Republic have the Spanish word, “clamor,” which translated to English is to “shout out in prayer.” The blind man on the side of the road in Luke 18:38-39 shouted, *“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”* The people nearby tried to silence him, but he shouted all the louder, *“Son of David, have mercy on me!”* The blind man found the One who healed his blindness.

We find King Darius in Daniel 6:16 shouting, *“May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”* The king was so upset and troubled that Daniel was being thrown into the lion’s den that he refused every form of pleasure, including food...and never slept. At the first sight of dawn, he went to find Daniel, and King Darius shouted, *“Has your God been able to rescue you?”*

The year 2020 has brought stories of disappointments, sorrow, and even death. Are we going to put 2020 behind us, and reboot in this new year of 2021 with a faith that pleases the God who can do the impossible? The best prescription to reboot your body, mind, and spirit is to faithfully serve God and to shout, “Yes, the God I serve can rescue me!”

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

**"MAY YOUR GOD, WHOM YOU SERVE CONTINUALLY, RESCUE YOU!"**

Before our third wedding anniversary in August, my husband Ted had cancer surgery followed by radiation. I shouted to God for His power in me to strengthen me to face another cancer center, for the third time, with my third husband. I needed to reboot my mind and heart to know God and to trust fully in Him.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

*P.S. Thank you for your prayers for our mission leadership and students. We will continue to pray and shout out to God on your behalf!*





FEBRUARY 1, 2021 NEWSLETTER

# NEW MISSIONS

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## REVIVAL SERVICES AT SIGNEAU

Our church that meets at the high school in Signeau is the biggest church in the area. Its pastor, Mario Bijou, is a graduate of our local school in Signeau. He grew up in this church. Many times, special events are held here and it is overflowing with people. The church is always full of people who regularly attend services, and also with our students during their high school chapel services. Recently, we have had more than two weeks of evening revival services—leading up to the 34th anniversary of the church. Twelve people gave their lives to the Lord during these evening meetings. This is truly to the Glory of God!

Our churches are designed with an open concept. There is only a wall at the front of the church providing space for an office and storage. This allows the sounds of the message and music to spread to the overflowing crowd. The Haitian people love strong, fiery preaching and lively worship. A typical Haitian service starts off quiet with prayer, the reading of God's Word, and a few hymns. However, there will also be a time of lively worship where most people will be dancing. The evangelistic aspect of our ministry is our highest goal. We are thankful to now have Haitians leading Haitians to the Lord! The churches in Haiti are alive and burning brightly!

~Charlie DeTellis



**Top:** Pastor Mario Bijou, a graduate of New Missions, became the Signeau pastor in 2011 and also serves as director at our Signeau school.

**Bottom left:** Music and worship are a central part of our Haitian churches; at times musical guests are included.

**Bottom right:** To God be the glory! Twelve people made decisions to follow Jesus during the revival services in Signeau.

# YOUTH BIBLE CLASSES

This past December, we invited the youth from all of our Spanish churches to a special Christmas program and party. Around fifty youth attended the special event. Our *Leaders for Christ* group performed dramas, dances, and songs—and two of the teen boys shared a devotional. After the program, the teens enjoyed cake, refreshments, and a time to talk and share with each other. The purpose of the party was to announce that we would start a weekly group with Bible classes for the youth from all of our churches.

The aim of these classes is to give our youth an opportunity to connect more with Christian youth and teach them Biblical principles that will help them grow in their faith. During our first few months of classes, some of the topics we will be discussing are salvation, purity, and how to really study the Bible. The classes started last month, and we pray God will use them to reach more youth in the community and to help our young Christians grow in their walk with the Lord.

~Heather Williams Katz



*The youth from our churches enjoyed refreshments after the special Christmas program.*



*Leaders for Christ students sang as part of the special Christmas program we hosted to initiate our new youth classes.*

# RAISING NEW GENERATIONS FOR THE LORD

Junior and Alourd began attending the Vieux-Court church in 2015 as unbelievers. After hearing the Gospel they decided to become followers of Jesus, and at a later date they were baptized. Now, five years later, they recently stood before the congregation to dedicate their baby, Kervens, to the Lord. As Pastor Michel Souverain prayed for their son, the congregation outstretched their hands in agreement.

In our 30 churches, baby dedications are common yet meaningful. The believers recognize the importance of publicly declaring their infants belong to God, and that they will do their part to raise them to know the Lord. A Haitian pastor told me, "It is our culture to dedicate each newborn baby. We want God's protection over the baby." In a society where Voodoo is practiced by the majority, it is crucial for a child to grow up in the training and security of a Christian home and church family. We are so thankful that with each baby dedication a generation is being raised up to love and serve God.

~Rachel DeTellis



*Junior and Alourd at home with their precious son Kervens.*



*The Vieux-Court congregation praying in agreement with the pastor's dedication of baby Kervens.*



## SHOEBOX CELEBRATION

Each year, Sarah Wilder and her children, Eliza and Jack, kick off their Christmas season by packing shoeboxes for their sponsored kids. Jack is eight years old and Eliza is six. They sponsor a little girl and a little boy who are almost their same ages. After carefully choosing each item for their shoeboxes, they lay all of the items out and work together as a family to find the perfect way to fit all of the gifts into the boxes. The last item they lay on top is always a drawing that they have made. What a wonderful thought knowing the first thing Sonelson and Riphterline see when they open their shoeboxes are the drawings made especially for them! The love they feel when receiving their shoebox gifts certainly must be immense.

We are so grateful for the Wilder family and for the countless others who continue to invest in their sponsored children in the same way. The year of 2020 was filled with so many unexpected circumstances. Each time a shoebox came in the mail, or a delivery arrived from a church, we were filled with gratitude. Thank you so much for your generosity and for blessing our students in Haiti beyond expectation! We celebrate another year filled with love and shoeboxes.

~Molly Knost

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**Top:** Eliza and Jack were thrilled to pack a shoebox for their sponsor children Sonelson Saintine and Riphterline Jean-Francois.

**Bottom left:** Thank you for sending gifts to your sponsor child, to children without a sponsor, plus our nurses, teachers, pastors, and infants.

**Bottom middle:** Shipping our shoebox gifts to Haiti on cargo containers is a joy to experience, as God provides for our schools.

**Bottom right:** Their smiles say thank you for sharing your love and generosity with our school children.

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# LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING

Sometimes it takes a new experience to gain a fresh perspective. I've been to many weddings prior to the marriage of my son Luc and his bride, Sydney. What are the common ingredients to a wedding ceremony? The bride and groom (obviously), God and Scripture reading, their wedding party, guests, their vows, flowers, food, maybe some music, and choosing the location for the wedding...to name a few. Yet, the one thing that made this wedding memorable was LOVE. Sure, no wedding is exempt from love, but I saw love from a fresh perspective. I saw love from the perspective of someone loving someone you love.

I grew up in church and knew the Scripture and references to love your bride as Christ loved the church. Even reading Revelation and learning about the bridegroom and the marriage of the Lamb, the analogy of marriage and wedding was utilized to tie the relationship between Jesus and us, His church. However, after attending my son's wedding, I saw how love changes everything from a deeper perspective. When someone loves someone you love, you cannot help but love that person.

Why did this experience shape me so much? John 3:29 reads, *"The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete."* Watching the joy in my son's life and now my daughter-in-law's life, I found a kindred spirit to their love for one another.

They had an outdoor wedding at a park, with leaves covering the ground like a custom-made

carpet. I wish I could take you to the moment when Sydney was saying her vows to my son, Luc. He was so overwhelmed with love he would snuffle and cry with joy. As I sat on the front row, I saw him dabbing his eyes and wiping his nose with a tissue, then he ever so gently handed it to his best man. We all laughed and felt the joy of the moment. Seeing their love for one another overwhelmed my heart.

Together, as believers in Jesus Christ, we are the bride of Christ. We anticipate the day when we will be united with our Bridegroom. Until then, we live and love Jesus faithfully. Revelation 22:20 reads, *"He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."* May we awaken daily in love with our Savior and adoration for His love toward us.

My phone rang and it was Luc, "Dad," he said. "Sydney and I want to drive to Florida and visit you and

Sheryl for Christmas." Due to their work schedules, they were literally only with us for 24 hours. They visited some family from her side on their way to Florida, so it helped break up the drive from Tennessee. We celebrated Christmas early. Then, the next morning we enjoyed breakfast with my mom, Ted, and other family. Our time together was brief, but precious.

Who loves someone you love? Have you expressed your gratitude for their love toward that person you care about? Love changes everything. It begins with a perspective of how love is truly a gift from God—the source of love. And then together...we share it.

~Tim DeTellis

**WHEN SOMEONE LOVES  
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LOVE THAT PERSON.**

God's love for us can be seen by how others love us. Nothing we receive can be taken for granted. Love is a mystery. *"This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church."* (Ephesians 5:32) How God loves us through others is a gift. As the body of Christ, His church, may we love one another.



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*P.S. God modeled for us a generous love by giving His son, Jesus. May we be brave with our love and bold with our generosity.*



Speaking at Central Life Church in Cocoa, Florida

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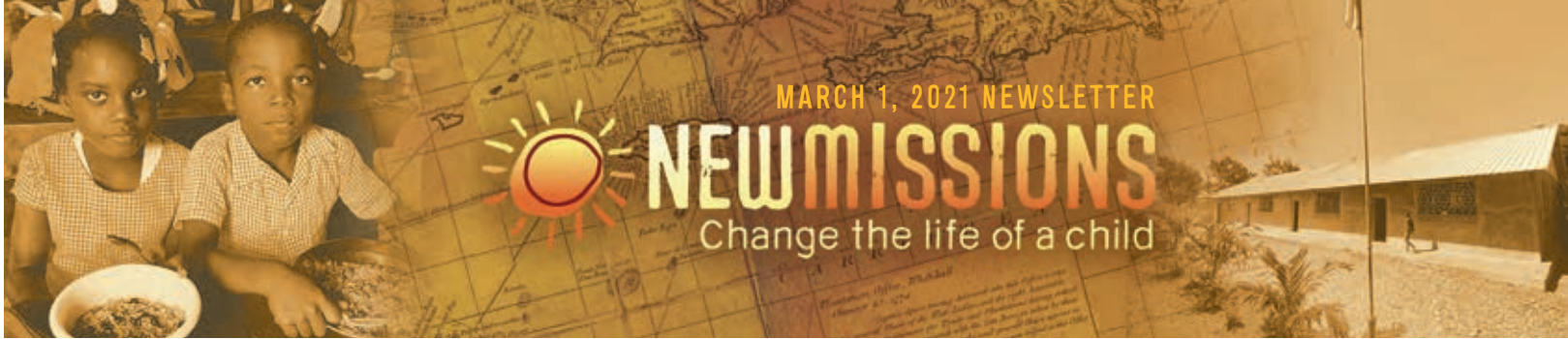


MARCH 1, 2021 NEWSLETTER



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## BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE

Construction is more than blocks and buildings; it's lives being served because of the infrastructure established in a community. Since 1983, New Missions has been under construction. The work is nonstop—yet the purpose is personal to both the children we serve and those who help build our buildings. Across 35 campuses, we currently have 82 buildings in Haiti and 28 buildings in the Dominican Republic, for a total of 110 buildings.

We can see how the life of a child is changed through the gift of education, food, and medical care. However, when we look closely at our construction professionals, we see a strong mission of love and care. Sonny, one of our carpenters, has been on our construction team since 1984. His full name is Elson Clergeau, but Haitians love to give their friends nicknames. Sonny accepted Jesus in 1986. He and his family attend the New Missions church in Bire, where he constructed the church roof. He loves his work and has witnessed the purpose behind our mission for over three decades.

This is God's work and we are His laborers. *"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain."* (Psalm 127:1) We trust God to take what we build and use it for His eternal purpose. We cannot see the future, but we can build an infrastructure today that will serve others tomorrow. Thank you for your faithfulness in helping us continue building. To learn more about active projects visit: [newmissions.org/projects](http://newmissions.org/projects). ~Tim DeTellis



Students from our Masson Elementary School stand with gratitude in front of their new kitchen and dining hall.



**Middle:** We have 528 students at our school in Masson. New classrooms were just built to accommodate our middle school students.

**Bottom left and right:** Sonny, one of our carpenters, has been on our New Missions construction team since 1984. He serves with pride as he builds roofing trusses for our schools, churches, and kitchens.

# SAVED BY GOD

John Bosio Castillo started coming to Colegio Nueva Vida in seventh grade. When he was 16 years old he accepted Christ one day in his church. A year later, he was riding on the back of a motorbike and was hit by an SUV. The driver of the motorbike lost control of the bike and a large truck hit them. Everyone who came to the scene of the accident believed John was dead. But God had other plans! After spending two months in the hospital, John was discharged but still needed more surgery and months of recuperation. His classmates and others in the community donated money to help cover his medical bills.

What seemed like the worst thing that could happen to someone, God used for good in John's life. He says the accident completely changed him for the better because he saw how God restored him to health, even when the doctors believed there was no hope. Last year, he graduated from college with a degree in Systems Engineering. He is currently working at a cell phone store and is engaged to a beautiful Christian woman named Alondra Infante. We praise the Lord for how He has worked in John's life! ~Heather Williams Katz



*Thankful for his job at the cell phone store, John is now looking for a job as a Systems Engineer.*



*John is especially thankful for the prayers and support from his mom and family after his motorbike accident.*

# A SHINING EXAMPLE

Esdras Jules' success can be attributed to some key things. He grew up with a godly mother and then decided to follow Christ himself. He was blessed with a good mind to excel in school and has always been a hard worker. Although he had these advantages, he also had many challenges.

His father, a pastor, was tragically killed in a bicycle accident—leaving his mom, Denise, to raise Esdras and his five brothers alone. Even though she worked as one of our school cooks, their financial situation was difficult.

Despite these trials, Esdras was always the top of his class and when he reached his final year of high school, one of his teachers recognized his ability and steered him towards the Universite Etat d'Haiti where he studied architecture.

God then opened a door of employment within the Haitian government. Esdras is employed as an architect working with historical structures and monuments, and will be part of the team that rebuilds the national palace that collapsed in the 2010 earthquake. He is a shining example of obedience to God, hard work, and perseverance. ~Rachel DeTellis



*A huge thank you to John Noland who sponsored Esdras for 14 years. Esdras is forever grateful!*



*Esdras, a 2005 graduate, with his family. He's a blessing to his community and the Signeau church where he still attends.*



## TRIP OF A LIFETIME

In 1977, I went to India. The smells, sounds, and food were different. I went to India to share Jesus with other women. The small plane from Madras to Madurai had live chicks packed in the back of the plane. The women sat on mats and we ate our food out of banana leaves. The sharing of Jesus definitely bonded us together. That trip sent a man to Bible school, and a church was built in Vandalur! That same year, I went to Haiti and through the Council of Evangelical Churches we started feeding children. A few years later, we visited the very land where New Missions began in Leogane, Haiti, in 1983.

I've seen mission teams arrive over and over, and wondered what will they do. I've never ceased to see God at work. Twelve years ago, Lucie Myre came to Haiti. When Lucie visited Lasalle, she found a newborn boy (Wilgard Monmain) with his grandmother, as his mother died in childbirth. Lucie provided him with formula and today, Wilgard is in sixth grade, with Lucie as his sponsor. Come on a new type of mission trip... a "Trip of a Lifetime" which includes a video-based curriculum. Learn more at [www.newmissions.org/book](http://www.newmissions.org/book). Be a *walk on the water walker*, and see what God can do through YOU!

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



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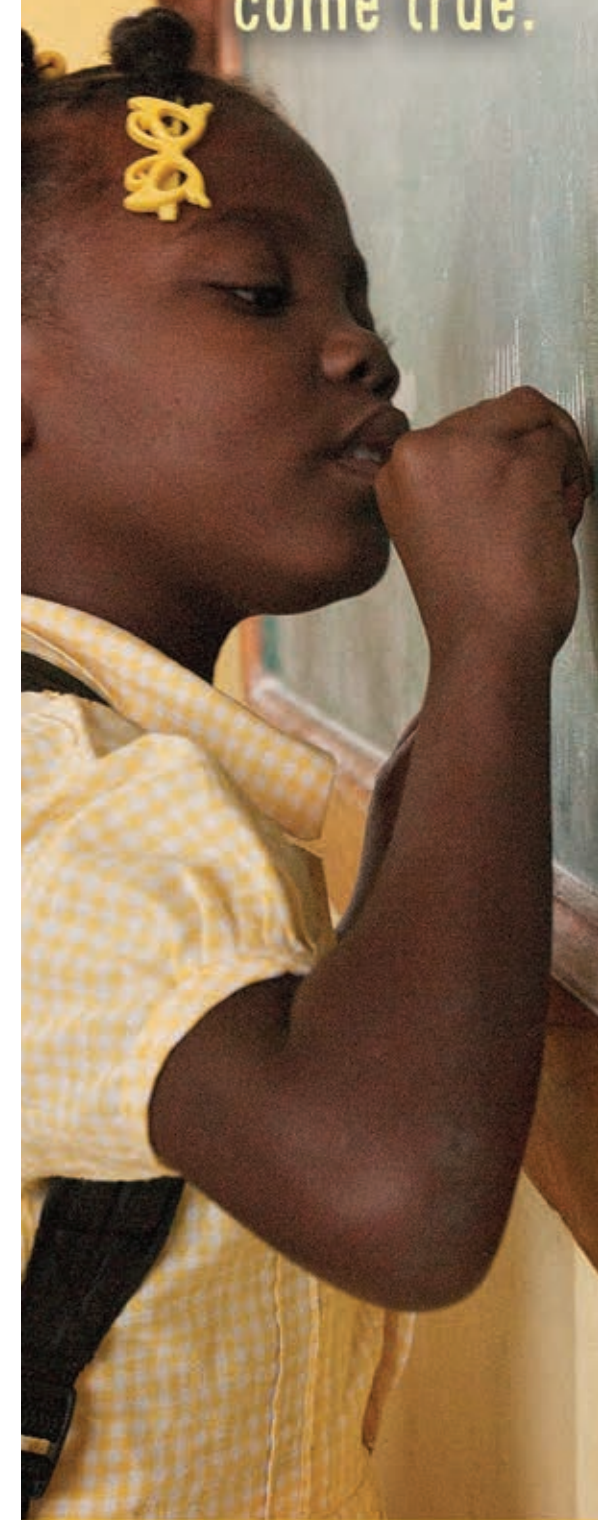


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**Top:** Where will your next mission trip take you? Most likely...it's right where you are.

**Bottom left:** Jeanne DeTellis Loudon dreamed of being a missionary and now lives life on mission wherever she goes.

**Bottom middle:** Wilgard Monmain's mother died in childbirth. Today, he is in sixth grade and attends school in Lasalle, Haiti.

**Bottom right:** Thanks to a child sponsorship from Lucie Myre, the entire family is blessed and changed forever.

# PRAISE YOU IN THIS STORM

This past summer during the pandemic, all of my ministry events were cancelled. I felt like I was being punished. Maybe you had the same feeling; your life was put on hold and all of your dreams and goals were crushed. So many students who had worked for years preparing for college had their plans cancelled. We can feel sorry for ourselves and possibly be angry over the circumstances. The same is true of suffering. Suffering is a universal human experience. We can be the victim to an unjust fate. I would like to share a story about a man named Jakob who was forced into the army to fight a war he did not want.

In the summer of 1812 Jakob Walter, a twenty-four-year-old stone mason from Wurttemberg, Germany, was drafted into Napoleon's army. There were 685,000 soldiers and 180,000 horses assembled to march to war against Russia. In June, they crossed through Poland. On September 7, they met the Russian army for battle in the town of Borodino, 70 miles east of Moscow. In the midst of the battle, Jakob cried out to God in his native German with words similar to these: "God, I have not been wounded, and You have allowed me to live until now. I thank You and I offer up my sufferings to You and pray that You will protect me. Lord, you can save me; with you, God, everything is possible." Jakob Walter wrote his story in a personal diary that was translated from German to English in 1932. The title of the book is *The Diary of a Napoleonic Foot Soldier*. He tells his story of marching 1,500 miles to Russia and home again.

**WILL YOU OFFER UP  
YOUR SUFFERING  
AS A SACRIFICE?**

After occupying the city of Moscow for four weeks, Napoleon ordered his army to make plans to retreat on October 18. For twenty-six days and nights they marched 300 miles to arrive at the Russian border city of Smolensk on November 12. There was little food or water along the journey, and soldiers slaughtered their horses for meat. By December, they reached the border of Poland. For the first time, Jakob was free to rent lodging. He lodged at Niklawi, Poland, where the landlord told him that it was Christmas Eve. On

February 24, 1813, Jakob arrived home safely in his village of Ellwangen, Germany. Of the 685,000 soldiers who went to war, Jakob was one of only 27,000 who survived. Jakob had faith to believe God could save him. God

will pass over a million people to get to one who has faith to call on His name. In the midst of the battle, Jakob prayed an extraordinary prayer; he offered up his suffering as an offering.

Is there something you are suffering from that you could give to God as an offering? The music group Casting Crowns has a song, *Praise You in this Storm*. Offering up our suffering is praising God in the storms of life. We offer up our suffering as an act of surrender. Christ is empowered by His suffering and death to save us completely. Without His crucifixion, there is no resurrection. At the crucifixion the Divine suffered with His creation. When we offer up our sufferings to God we imitate His love for us. As the Scripture says, "...we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory." *Romans 8:17* ~George DeTellis, Jr.

A Hindu dying of cancer was found praying to Jesus. Someone asked him, "With all of the gods in the Hindu religion, why do you pray to Jesus?" He replied, "Because Jesus is the only God who suffers." In Hebrews 7:24-25 we read, "...Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood. Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them."

*George DeTellis, Jr.*

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*P.S. "I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings..." Philippians 3:10*



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## MILLIONS OF MEALS SERVED

Souvenire Jean is a cook at our Signeau Elementary School. She began working for the mission in 1993 as a cleaner and was later moved to her position in the school kitchen. She loves her work preparing and serving school food. Daily, she arrives early to cook lunch for over 500 students at this campus.

She knows the importance of this food in the lives of the students. She has two grandchildren in our programs, and had five of her children attend the Signeau school. She remembers the comfort of knowing her kids would have lunch provided. Every day she sees students who come to school on an empty stomach. Some of these may not have eaten much since the day before. The lunch provided is vital to our students and their families.

A conservative estimate would be that Souvenire has prepared more than 1.2 million meals for students during her time as a school cook. She has truly been the hands of Jesus in these childrens' lives. I believe each sponsor has also had that role—touching the very heart of a child who needs food to live and learn. It is staggering to think of this figure multiplied by our 30 schools—literally, millions and millions of meals over the years. The long-term effect of faithful workers and sponsors is far reaching.

~Rachel DeTellis



*Souvenire Jean (L) and Marie Louis (R) working in the school kitchen to prepare meals from scratch for the students.*



**Middle:** *Souvenire faithfully attends the Signeau church and enjoys showing God's love through her work feeding the children.*

**Bottom left:** *These students along with over 500 others at the Signeau school will go home with full tummies.*

**Bottom right:** *The two cooks are preparing plates of food that the students will enjoy eating in the school canteen.*

# PRESSING ON!

In January, the leadership in the DR decided to start a youth Bible class for the teenagers from our churches and communities. We started the classes to give our youth an opportunity to connect with other Christian youth and to teach Biblical principles that will help them grow in their faith. Each class begins with songs, dramas, and games for everyone. Later, the boys and girls are divided so that they feel more comfortable sharing with their teachers and each other. We have been so excited to see how much they are enjoying the classes! Teen girls and boys who are normally very shy are opening up and sharing their thoughts with others.

The very best news from these classes is that since they started, eight teens have accepted Christ as their Savior! We rejoice in the work the Lord is doing in these youth! Please join us in praying that God will give the teachers wisdom to know how to teach and guide the teens. Also, please pray that God will continue to bring more young people to accept Him and grow in their faith.

~Heather Williams Katz



*Six out of the eight teens and preteens who accepted Christ were presented with a Bible.*



*Luis Morales, our high school math teacher, has a heart to work with youth and is teaching the teen boys.*



*Pastor Mario Bijou started school at New Missions in 1984. This year he celebrates 20 years as pastor of our Signeau church.*



*Pastor Yaguel Nerat celebrated his 10th anniversary this year as pastor of our Neply/Bord-Mer church, where he also serves as school director.*

## A GENEROUS LIFE

In Haiti, it is with great joy that we celebrate Pastor Mario's 20th anniversary at our Signeau campus, and Pastor Yaguel's 10th anniversary at our Neply/Bord-Mer campus!

When they were students themselves, Pastor Mario and Pastor Yaguel learned of the hope and grace of Christ; that His was a life poured out for others. Sacrificial generosity was the overflow of His heart. He'd given His life for them! Following His example, our pastors prepare their hearts to respond with a "Yes!" to their calling, as they meet the needs each day brings. Their lives reflect the generosity of Christ that fills their hearts.

We celebrate the commitment and faithfulness of these graduates, now pastors of New Missions, who responded to the call of ministry and have poured their lives into our students and families. This year, as we help build new classrooms on their campuses, I hope you'll join us in this effort.

I'm so grateful for the example of Christ's love and goodness, and pray that as our hearts are pursuing Him...believing in hope, accepting of grace, and joyful in faith... that we are overflowing with generosity. Generosity changes everything! ~Hannah Williams



## SHOEBOXES IN THE CLASSROOM

“If only my sponsor could see me now...I’m giving out shoebox gifts to the kids in my classroom!” That’s exactly what Nadege Leriche, a graduate from the class of 2006, was thinking. She reflects upon being sponsored as a child herself. Now, she is the gift giver!

We thank our teachers for making sure the shoebox gifts get delivered. Nadege Leriche teaches the preschool class at our New Missions Christian Academy in Signeau, Haiti. Teaching at the very school she attended is very rewarding. “I know I am making a difference.” Nadege expresses her students’ gratitude as she witnesses smiles and hears laughter as they open the shoebox gifts. She knows how much gifts from sponsors mean to the students, because she remembers receiving letters and gifts from her sponsors, Richard & Patricia Rosenberger.

Nadege began school at New Missions when she was five years old. Her father took her to our New Missions church in Signeau where she accepted Jesus as a young girl. She was later baptized as a teenager. She continues to attend our Signeau church with her husband.

Your shoebox gifts and love shown through sponsorship are reminders of the devotion and dedication we have in changing the life of a child. ~Tim DeTellis



**Top:** Our school teachers, such as Nadege Leriche, become gift-givers as they pass out shoebox gifts in the classroom.

**Bottom left:** Nadege started school at New Missions when she was five years old and graduated from our high school.

**Bottom middle:** Thank you to Richard and Patricia Rosenberger for sponsoring Nadege, who became a school teacher at New Missions.

**Bottom right:** Your shoebox gifts share your love and spread smiles and happiness to our school children.

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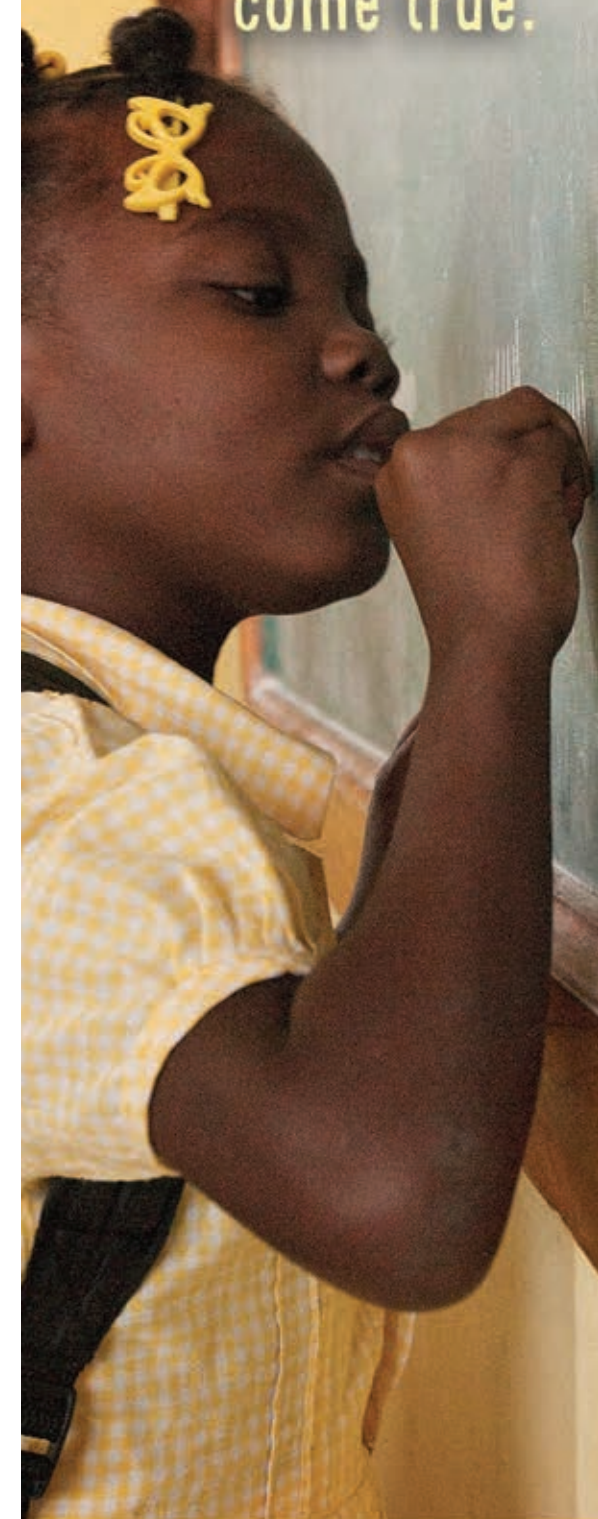
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come true.



# DRINKING THE CUP OF SALVATION

The Easter season is a special time for believers to be reflective regarding their faith. It is a time to embrace the Lord to be strengthened by Him. We need to embrace the Lord and remember our covenant relationship with Him every day of our lives. More and more we can see how this world is temporal, fragile, and passing away. I think this is especially true when one starts to become older; people pass away. I have friends and family who have gone to be with the Lord. I imagine this is also true for you. "...Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." (Revelation 14:13) "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." (Psalm 116:15)

In Psalm 116, the psalmist gives thanks to God for His mercy and deliverance from death—both in body and spirit. "For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living." (Psalm 116:8-9) I thank the Lord for my years lived and I trust Him for my years ahead. This fall will mark forty years that I have been walking with the Lord; God holds onto us. I believe we need to do our best in holding onto God, as well. We can be thankful for His grace in our lives. God is faithful and we need to do our best at being faithful in return.

During the Last Supper, Jesus picked up the cup of wine and declared this cup to be the cup of the

new covenant. His sacrificial death and shedding of blood made atonement possible for our sins. This cup of salvation is a picture of the new covenant, which in reality is the saints entering into a state of marriage betrothal to Jesus their heavenly bridegroom. In heaven, there will be a wedding banquet. Psalm 116:13 declares: "I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord." We need to always remember the death and resurrection of our Lord, and look forward to his return.

There is power in the words we speak. "Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to Him: 'Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.'" (Hosea 14:2) This was my own experience when I was eighteen years old. I prayed on the floor of my bedroom with a short prayer. The following day I felt new life from the Holy Spirit and had an

understanding and revelation of God. I am still learning to walk with the Lord in a closer way. God seems to providentially allow me to find books of truth, guidance, and encouragement. I want to encourage you to pick up and drink from the cup of salvation. My prayer is for you to be strong in your body, mind, and spirit. God is calling you to salvation, but first you need to come just as you are in faith. God loves you and He wants you to love every person you meet. We are all equal and loved by God.

~Charlie DeTellis

**"THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD, WHICH IS Poured OUT FOR YOU..." LUKE 22:20**

The resurrection of the dead is a vital truth in God's Word. If it had not been for Christ's resurrection giving us eternal life, it would not matter how we lived our lives. Believers will be rewarded for their work they do for the Lord.

Sincerely,

*Charlie DeTellis*

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*P.S. - Come to God as you are. He will wash your garments and make them as white as snow. Nothing is impossible with God!*



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# NEW MISSIONS

Change the life of a child

## WE LOVE PASTORS

Looking closely at our mission, you will find a group of pastors scattered across 35 campuses in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Pastor Guy Fontaine oversees our pastors in Haiti and has worked with us since 1984. When asked why the church is so important, he responded, "In Haiti the church plays a big role. For if there was no church praying, the situation would be worse than it is."

The local church is the greatest force of good, and pastors are leading and loving as shepherds caring for their flocks. Spiritually, pastors are entrusted to bring them provisions from God's Word. *"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve."* 1 Peter 5:2

Pastoring takes proximity, and this is where and when New Missions sees our pastors making a difference. All of our pastors live locally in the communities where our churches and schools exist. We love pastors and are so thankful for them as they preach God's Word and respond to the needs and concerns of those living in their communities. The ministry of New Missions is possible because of our pastors who care strongly for their congregations.

~Tim DeTellis



Pastor Guy Fontaine leads our pastors in Haiti and encourages them to understand the importance of prayer in our churches.



**Middle:** This year, we will be building a new church in Chateau, Haiti, where Pastor Frantzson Paul and his wife Lourberta serve.

**Bottom left:** Pastor Michel Souverain, his wife Loneze Salomon, and his daughters Michenadly and Danilove serve at our church in Vieux-Court, Haiti. **Bottom right:** Our churches in Haiti have a theme this year: "So that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations." Psalm 67:2

# LET THE CHILDREN COME

In Matthew 19, when children started to run to Jesus, the disciples stopped them. When Jesus saw this, He rebuked His disciples and told them, *“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”* At our churches here in the Dominican Republic, children are an important part of our services. From an early age, kids begin actively participating in leading worship songs and playing various musical instruments.

As children grow into teenagers, we begin to give them more responsibility in church and help them develop leadership skills. For the teens who express an interest in preaching, our pastors and adult spiritual leaders work with them to develop messages. On a recent Sunday, two of our youth, George Jean (16) and Clivens Codio (17), preached at our church services in Los Castillos and Playa Laguna. As our vision states, we are working to raise a generation of Christian leaders who impact their communities and become role models for generations to come. We rejoice as we see our children and youth growing in the Lord! ~Heather Williams Katz



Vilenny Santos Morrobel, Bombita school director, sharing a Bible story with the kids in church before the start of the message.



Clivens Codio preaching at our church in Playa Laguna. He wants to be a pastor when he grows up.



Pastor Guillaume has seen growth due to spending more time on home visitation during the lockdown.



The Haitians are experiencing full freedom to assemble for church services just as they did prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## CHURCHES POST COVID-19

In October, our pastors chose a new verse for the 2020-2021 school year: Psalm 67:2. The Creole version is their prayer, *“Please have pity on us and send Your blessings. Help us know You are with us.”* God has not only protected their congregations during this pandemic, but also their country.

Our churches and schools have been fully open and functioning since the end of the government ordered shutdown. In February, when I attended the Bord-Mer church, it was standing room only. Pastor Yaguel says the Haitians see how many in other countries have died from COVID-19, but for the most part God has spared Haiti. Seeing this has encouraged faithfulness and a greater reverence of God. I am hearing from other churches that they have had salvations, requests for baptism, and couples wanting to get married. Pastor Guillaume from our Leogane church has new members who decided to come to church after witnessing his regular home visitation while churches were closed. We are thankful for our pastors and for God’s hand of mercy and blessing. God is with us and He’s changing lives.

~Rachel DeTellis



## PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Providence Christian Academy brought their students to help process shoeboxes several times during our 2020 Christmas Shoebox Drive. They are a new school in Starke, Florida, and are striving to teach their students life skills along with academics. Once a week they do service projects so their students can have hands-on experience serving others. One of the ways they chose to serve was through our Christmas Shoebox Drive. They not only gave their time volunteering to help process shoeboxes, they also collected over 700 filler items to donate for shoeboxes.

For various reasons, several volunteer groups who had planned to come and serve at New Missions were unable to participate. While I was trying to figure out how we were going to get enough help to be able to finish processing all of the shoeboxes, Providence Christian Academy came to mind. When I reached out to see if they were available, they did not hesitate and were thrilled to plan another trip to come to Orlando and serve. During their second trip to our office in Orlando they prepared over 900 shoeboxes to be shipped to Haiti! We are so grateful for them and for the other volunteer groups who willingly gave their time to help us process all of the shoeboxes that were donated. ~Molly Knost



**Top:** Students from Providence Christian Academy came to New Missions on Friday, February 12, to volunteer.

**Bottom left:** One of the pillars of Providence Christian Academy is service and the Shoebox Drive is the perfect fit.

**Bottom middle:** Molly Knost gave the students some instructions before they began serving. They packed over 900 shoeboxes.

**Bottom right:** The students from Providence Christian Academy are learning to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

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**JEFFNIDE ANILUS** is a seven-year-old girl. She's in second grade at our Concrab School. She loves going to school at New Missions and especially loves to draw, color, and read. There she gets to eat her favorite dish of cornmeal with beans. Her favorite colors are white and blue, and she likes to play with dolls and bikes. To sponsor Jeffnide Anilus, please call (407) 240-4058 or email [info@newmissions.org](mailto:info@newmissions.org).



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# SPONSOR A CHILD IN THE DR

## JOSE ALEXANDER ABREU

**MARTINEZ** is a five-year-old boy who attends our Playa Laguna School in the Dominican Republic. Jose Alexander loves to go to school at New Missions. When he is at school, he loves to play and share with his classmates; when he is not at school he likes to ride his bike. His favorite colors are green and red. To sponsor Jose Alexander, please call (407) 240-4058 or email [info@newmissions.org](mailto:info@newmissions.org).



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# LIFE IS GOOD

There is a song the musical group The Hoppers sing: “Life is good ‘cause God is...life is good ‘cause I’m His.” The Bible says in Psalm 40:8, *“I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.”* Yes, I love life. I love God. I love His will for my life.

Life is good for me because I love life in the present for what I can do. I will be 79 years old on June 3, 2021, and my pleasures are simple, good, and plenty. Walking with no knee or hip challenges is good. Preparing healthy meals for my husband, family, and friends is good. Giving gifts of food such as homemade bread is good. Going to our home mission office in Orlando is good. Christian concerts are good. Receiving a writing assignment from our mission is good. Answering prayer requests and praying for people is good. Visiting former missionaries to Haiti and the Dominican Republic is good. Taking road trips or flying to mission events is good. Life is good, amen and amen, because God is good and I am His.

How is life good for you? I can remember a Haitian approaching Pastor George with the words, “Mwe pa bon,” translated, “I’m not good.” Pastor George’s response was, “You walk, you talk, you eat, you’re good.” The person had a greater need than walking, talking, and eating for sure.

The Bible also says that our days are numbered. An Argentinian proverb says, “From the moment you are born, death is chasing you.” Some day death will catch me, but I am determined to run faster and faster to enjoy the present life of work and purpose.

LIFE IS GOOD  
‘CAUSE I’M HIS!

As Timothy Keller succinctly says, “To die is to be with the Lord, and to live is to have the Lord with us.” Life is good!

This month, Ted and I spent five days in Houston, Texas, at the Mark Lanier Theological Library preparing for the Bible school in Haiti. Our son also invited us to attend the Timothy+Barnabas conference in Reynolds, Georgia. With each session of speakers, I felt I was receiving and responsible for the impartations spiritually and inspirationally to my life. One night I was awake in bed reviewing the words of Pastor Johnny Hunt. Pastor Johnny

was challenging us to never quit and to recommit. (We must work in the present because the night is coming when we cannot work.) No one was asked to raise their hand, or stand up, or to go forward—recommitting their life to ministry. I told myself that it was not enough to remember the invitation to recommit, but I needed to get out of bed and do it. At 1:23 a.m., I went outside to the balcony of our bedroom in the cold of the night, with the golden moon hanging over the lake. I recommitted my life to work for God: wherever, whenever and whatever.

The enemy of your mind and heart is still alive to steal, kill, and destroy. But in the same passage of the Bible, we read that Jesus came to give us life abundantly, the GOOD LIFE. I am praying that you will sing, “Life is good ‘cause God is. Life is good, because I’m His.”

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

*“Then Peter began to speak: ‘I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism.’” (Acts 10:34)* God is not willing that any should perish. Live without fear. Celebrate Christ! This is the good life the whole world needs. Breath by breath, Jesus gives us the good life...all the days of our life.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

*P.S. “I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me; But I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to Thee.” Fanny Jane Crosby*





# FEED MY SHEEP

I enjoy grocery shopping so that I can select what looks good and fresh. Some people conveniently have prime delivery do it all. Shopping is different in Haiti. My son, Charlie, may need to make several trips into the city—searching various warehouses to find enough food to feed over 8,000 children. He looks for the best to feed our students.

When can we stop feeding the children? It is not their fault that Haiti is a poor country. The United States Agency for International Development for Haiti reported that 75% live on \$2.44 (USD) per day. The poorest of the poor (25%) live on \$1.24 (USD) per day. And Haiti had 20 percent inflation last year. I don't want to depress you, because our God is more than enough. Sponsoring a child for \$35 a month is less than some people spend on coffee or ice cream treats. In the States, the majority are food secure. And for me...I struggle to eat less.

Feeding our students encourages children to come to school. Most accept Christ, and their lives are transformed. Academically they soar and pursue careers. Just like Jesus admonished Peter in John 21:17, "Feed my sheep," we will continue to feed our children in Haiti physically and spiritually. May their full tummies and smiles please You, Lord.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Lunch at school enables each child to be healthy and ready to learn.



**Middle:** Monthly, we consume 975 (55 pound) sacks of rice and 325 (55 pound) sacks of beans to prepare meals for our students.

**Bottom left:** Each month, we deliver food to each of our 30 school campuses in Haiti—to be cooked for daily lunches.

**Bottom right:** We prepare 2 million meals in Haiti annually, and this greatly helps our students and their families.

# A CLASS TO REMEMBER

Although classes started and will finish virtually this year, the class of 2021 wanted to experience as many of the traditions as possible. During the first week of class, they contacted the school director, Keyla Mercado, to ask about having a lanzamiento celebration. During this special event that the students plan, they present a class logo and theme that they create to represent their class.

One of the things that is special about this class is that it includes some of our first students participating in our *Leaders for Christ* program. Out of the 25 graduates, five are part of this leadership group. These students have been taking special Bible classes, leading chapel services, and going on summer mission trips within the Dominican Republic. When asked about what they had learned in the leadership class and how they would use their knowledge and experiences from the class after they graduated, several of them reported that they had grown in their relationship with Christ and had learned the importance of serving others. We congratulate the class of 2021 and pray that they will all seek God's will for their lives as they take their next big steps!

~Heather Williams Katz



*Giovanny Lazarre, Benjamin Espinosa, and Emil Genao (left to right) have been in the leadership program for three years.*



*The class of 2021 has worked together during the pandemic and chose this class slogan: "Let's achieve our dreams together."*

# NEW MISSIONS HIGH SCHOOL

A few days ago, I interviewed one of our high school students, Jean Kendy Lambert. Before me was a young man—intelligent, respectful, and with the light of Jesus in his eyes! I felt blessed to be talking with him, and realized that each student like him is a fulfillment of our vision for the high school.

New Missions started with only elementary schools, but as students grew up, the need for our own high school became apparent. In 1988, land with road frontage was purchased and the high school was constructed. Other structures have been built, and we now have over 1,000 students at the high school.

Jean Kendy has been in our schools since he was five. He is an orphan who was raised by his grandmother, as his mom died when he was five. His father, who was a Voodoo priest, died at a later time. His grandmother took him to church, and at age 18, he accepted Christ and was baptized. He says he has been first in his class since second grade. As a serious student, he is often called upon to help explain or teach things to his peers. In his free time, he likes studying English. After graduating, he'd like to study agronomy using the English language. ~Rachel DeTellis



*Jean Kendy, sponsored by Debora Lesueur since he was six, is very grateful for his education.*



*Jean Kendy is active in his church where he plays guitar. His favorite chapters of the Bible are Psalm 1 and Psalm 46.*



## ORPHANED BUT NOT ALONE

Who doesn't love a story with a happy ending? Meet my 16-year-old friend, George Jean (who has been sponsored by Jeffrey and Amy Vardis since 2014). George lived in a predominantly poor Haitian community, Redemption Village. Work, money, and food were always scarce. In 2009, when George was only four years old, his world came crashing down with the death of his mother. At the age of 13, George was able to enroll in our New Missions high school. There he received love and support from our Christian staff, as well as Bible studies.

Tragedy happened again in May 2019 when his father died—rendering him an orphan at age 14. He currently lives with his aunt in the same poor community. But his story gets better. George invited Christ into his life, and he's now involved in a program, Leaders for Christ, where selected students provide spiritual leadership at our Colegio Nueva Vida High School. He shares how he misses the love and guidance of his parents, but now depends upon love and mentoring from our missionaries Heather and Arismendy. He enjoys reading letters from his sponsor. George's story is still being written; he plans on being a math teacher. New Missions has other students waiting for a sponsor. Will you be part of their story? ~Rob Arms



**Top:** George Jean (standing right) is part of Leaders for Christ at New Missions—providing spiritual leadership at the high school campus.

**Bottom left:** George (middle) leads the music in Bible classes at Los Castillos every Saturday.

**Bottom middle:** He also loves sharing how Jesus has transformed his life and wants others to come to know Christ.

**Bottom right:** In the far right, George Jean loves to lead worship. He is grateful for what Jesus has done in his life.

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**BEDNA LOUIS** isn't from a Christian family—making it vital she attends one of our New Mission schools. Not only is she learning to read and write, but she knows the life-changing message of Jesus. Will you make a difference in her life?

To sponsor Bedna Louis please call (407) 240-4058 or email [info@newmissions.org](mailto:info@newmissions.org).



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# SPONSOR A CHILD IN THE DR

## ALVIN PENA MARTINEZ

lives with his mom and his two brothers. He and one of his brothers attend our New Missions school in Bombita. His favorite color is yellow and he loves to draw. Alvin loves coming to our Bombita school, and when he grows up he wants to be a doctor and an athlete!

To sponsor Alvin Pena Martinez, please call (407) 240-4058 or email [info@newmissions.org](mailto:info@newmissions.org).



# I'VE GOT QUESTIONS

Jesus asked 307 questions throughout Scripture. I love questions because they help us learn and stretch our thinking. As I examine the questions Jesus asked, I see three that stand out to help us better understand ourselves. Why are you afraid? Who do you say I am? What do you want me to do for you?

He said to His disciples, *“Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”* (Mark 4:40) I’m sure you are familiar with this moment in Scripture when Jesus was taking a nap on the boat and the disciples woke Him up because a strong storm made the waters rough. When situations in our life become unstable, we too often reach for fear and let go of faith. I remember being in Haiti during the earthquake and uncertainty was at a level I had never experienced. We had reasons to be afraid. However, I’ll never forget driving down the three-mile dirt road to relocate our mission team to spend the night at the high school campus. As we drove past the villages, we heard Haitians singing out loud and praying! Don’t let fear steal away your faith and fade away your trust. Jesus does not want us to be led by fear but to hold on to faith, daily.

*“But what about you?”* He asked. *‘Who do you say I am?’* Peter answered, *‘You are the Messiah.’*” (Mark 8:29) What is your name? When I lived in Haiti, the phrase used when you meet someone new is: “Ki-ja ou rele?” When you meet someone new you ask them: What is your name? However, the actual translation of “Ki-ja ou rele?” is: How are you called? Think about it this way: What is your name? It’s

however people know you: as a friend, father, mother, grand-dad, grandmother, papa, nona...you get the idea. Who do you say Jesus is? Jesus wants to be known well—not just well known. As we know Jesus well, we begin to call him Savior, Lord, Messiah...Teacher.

*“What do you want me to do for you?’* Jesus asked him. *The blind man said, ‘Rabbi, I want to see.’*” (Mark 10:51) This moment in history with Jesus fascinates me because of His response after the blind man made his request. Then in verse 52: *“Go’* Jesus said. *‘Your faith has healed you.’* Immediately, *he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.*” Why was he healed immediately? Because of his complete faith in Jesus.

I grew up in the home of a pastor. At the age of nine while attending summer camp, I made a personal decision to make Jesus lord of my life. Then, I was asked to follow in believer’s baptism and experienced the honor of having my father baptize me. Our faith and trust in Jesus changes everything.

What does following Jesus do in our lives? Jesus gives us vision and clarity as to why we are alive. Jesus gives us purpose to love Him and serve others. We are not our own. By faith we follow, and because of knowing Jesus well, we surrender to His purpose in our lives.

What about you? Who do you say Jesus is? Do you have fear? What do you want Jesus to do for you? These questions lead us into a deeper relationship with Jesus, as we give Him our lives, our trust, and our identity. ~Tim DeTellis

**DON'T LET FEAR STEAL  
AWAY YOUR FAITH AND  
FADE AWAY YOUR TRUST.**

I grew up singing an old Gospel song, *Day by Day*. The lyrics say: “Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray: To see You more clearly, love You more dearly, follow Thee more nearly, day by day!” Daily, we can add questions to our lives such as “why and when,” but ultimately, our trust in Jesus answers them.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim DeTellis".

Tim DeTellis  
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*P.S. Will you trust God with the  
questions of your life...all of them?*



Speaking at Central Life Church in Cocoa, Florida

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## BAPTISM IN CONCRAB

It is wonderful seeing new Christians being faithful to our Lord and Savior by following through with believer's baptism. We had a beautiful water baptism festival with all of our churches in the month of April at our church in Concrab. The joy of the Haitians is contagious. The pastors baptizing the new believers love this part of their ministry. Baptism represents death to ourselves and a new life in Christ. God is alive and still working to bring believers to Himself throughout the world.

God can make something beautiful out of nothing. In the past, we would describe the village of Concrab as a place where there was nothing. It was only a small village of huts for the farmers and fishermen. Our church and school in this community shine forth the goodness of God's truth and love.

Our Haitian ministry staff are missionaries to their own people. We encourage them to do good deeds and in return they encourage us to do good deeds. Together, we are building the kingdom of God! We never think much of what all has already been accomplished, but our dream started with helping one village. We now have 31 school campuses in Haiti. Our hope remains; we want to help more villages. We don't look at the natural problems, but believe that with God all things are possible. ~Charlie DeTellis



*We celebrated the baptism of 18 people at the oceanfront of our Concrab church in Haiti.*



**Middle:** Haitians love music and a marching band led the processional down to the shoreline.

**Bottom left:** The Baptism Festival was attended by 24 of our New Missions pastors and members of their churches.

**Bottom right:** Charlie and Rachel DeTellis are faithfully serving in Haiti alongside our churches and schools.

# STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES

The pandemic has stressed families and relationships all over the world, and the DR is no exception. Our health center director, Llenifer Santos Morrobel, was burdened by the number of couples and families whose relationships have been strained during the past year and wanted to do something about the situation. Along with our school psychologist and pastor, Arlis Dorville De Rodriguez, they planned a three-day conference for couples over a period of three weeks to strengthen marriages.

During the conference, many topics were discussed, including communication, respect, and trust. After the talk on communication, each couple was given a gift certificate to a restaurant and were told to use it during that week to take time to talk to each other about what needed to change in their marriage. The responses were overwhelming, as each couple reported how their communication had improved and things they had committed to work on in their marriage. We pray God will continue to work in these couples' lives and their marriages. We hope to be able to host more marriage conferences this year to help others who are struggling. ~Heather Williams Katz



High school student Isabela Martinez Pita and teacher Luis Morales leading the couples in praise and worship songs.



Health center director, Llenifer Santos Morrobel, leading couples in an activity during one of the marriage conference sessions.

## DO WHAT YOU CAN

The saying, “Your mission field starts where your two feet are” is so true. We are all called to this ministry of reaching others with the hope and love of Jesus. I am blessed to spend a significant amount of time in Haiti. Just as God has prepared you for your unique place, I believe God also prepared me. My parents were missionaries in India. I grew up observing them minister—serving countless cups of hot tea, providing clothing and medications, offering counsel, teaching, preaching, and visiting many villages. They always did what they could—led by God.

In Haiti, I enjoy working with our clinic and office staff to facilitate their work. Most days, there are folks with medical, educational, or food needs who want to meet with me. It is an honor to share the Gospel, encourage, and pray for them. Recently, a graduate came to me asking about help for nursing school. I took her information, but was doubtful about finding a sponsor. Within weeks a sponsor was found for her and she re-entered school. God multiplies our work, so do what you can.

~Rachel DeTellis



Our medical staff are Christians, and they love on families with prayers of hope and medicine for healing.



Rachel DeTellis serves our schools and medical clinic in Haiti to evaluate needs they may have.



## DEVELOPING YOUNG LEADERS

How can we help pour into the next generation of leaders to become ambassadors for Christ in their schools and eventually the workplace? We must start now by pouring Biblical principles into their lives for daily leadership.

Recently, I was asked to speak for a DNOW (Discipleship Now) weekend at LifePointe Church in Eustis, Florida. We took our new resource “Trip of a Lifetime” and made it the curriculum for the weekend. This five-part study encouraged the students to live life on mission right where they are and wherever they go.

One of the lessons during the “Trip of a Lifetime” is to discover something new. I decided to bring my accordion and invite the students to try and play it. Often on a mission trip, you go somewhere new and learn something you did not know. The unfamiliar sound of the accordion reminds us to listen and learn daily.

You and your church can use the “Trip of a Lifetime” curriculum for free by visiting [newmissions.org/freebook](http://newmissions.org/freebook) and download the videos and eBook for your small groups or students to enjoy.

Our vision at New Missions is to raise a generation of Christian leaders. We also want to come alongside you, your church, and your family to live life on mission...right where you are. ~Tim DeTellis

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### BUILDING CLASSROOMS

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### SPOONS FOR HAITI

Host a collection at your school, VBS, church, or office—to provide spoons for school children in Haiti to enjoy their hot lunch. To learn more visit [NewMissions.org/spoons](http://NewMissions.org/spoons)



### SAVE THE DATE

Shoebbox Drive is coming this fall. Collection dates are Oct. 1 - Dec. 31. For more info visit [NewMissions.org/shoebboxdrive](http://NewMissions.org/shoebboxdrive)

## SPONSOR A CHILD IN HAITI

**MIGUEL LOUIS** lives with his mom. He loves going to school at New Missions, and enjoys playing soccer. The family goes to church together each week. Jesus has made a difference in Miguel's life. But he is still looking for a sponsor. Will you make a difference in his life?

To sponsor Miguel please call (407) 240-4058 or email [info@newmissions.org](mailto:info@newmissions.org).



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**Top:** The students from LifePointe Church were hosted by Rob and Beth Arms who volunteer at New Missions in Orlando.

**Bottom left:** Thank you LifePointe Church for inviting and empowering your students to live life on mission.

**Bottom middle:** Students from the DNOW weekend served together and helped pack shoebox gifts for Haiti.

**Bottom right:** Tim DeTellis encouraged the students to be missionaries right where they live, go to school, and work.

# SPONSOR A CHILD IN THE DR

**SLANDIE PIERRE** Five-year-old Slandie Pierre loves to go to the beach with her family. Her favorite colors are red and white, and she enjoys attending school with her friends. When she grows up she wants to be a doctor. Will you make a difference in Slandie's life, as she needs a sponsor.

To sponsor Slandie, please call (407) 240-4058 or email [info@newmissions.org](mailto:info@newmissions.org).



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# POWER IN THE WORD

The summer of 1973, my family was living in West Boylston, Massachusetts, and my parents were the directors of Camp Woodhaven. In July, on a steamy summer day, they loaded us children into a 1964 Ford Econoline van and drove us three miles to Lake Waushacum to go swimming. Coming home, there were a dozen of us kids sitting on the floor riding in the hot van with all of the windows open. A red Cadillac ambulance with a white roof and red flashing lights with the siren wailing came racing east on Route 110 in the opposite direction of us driving home. As the ambulance passed by, I yelled out sarcastically to my older cousin Jackie Doherty, "Somebody just kicked the bucket!" She scolded me: "Georgie, you shouldn't talk that way." When we got home we found out that my 80-year-old great-grandfather, Angelo DiPietro, who lived in a farmhouse behind our home, had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. By evening, the news came that he had passed away. He had lived alone. That night, the old farmhouse was dark. It was a long time before anyone ever lived in that house again. After the funeral, I woke up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom and I thought I saw my great-grandfather in the dark hallway. But it was just my imagination. I screamed and woke up my father. He came running. "George, what's wrong?" he asked. When I told him what happened, I started to cry. He taught me a Scripture from 1 John 4:4, "*Greater is He that is within you than he that is in the world.*"

**HE PUT THE FEAR  
IN US TO HAVE  
FAITH IN HIM.**

My father made me repeat it three times. "Say it again; louder, he demanded. Ok, now go back to bed. Whenever you're afraid you quote that Bible verse." "*Greater is He that is within me than he that is in the world.*"

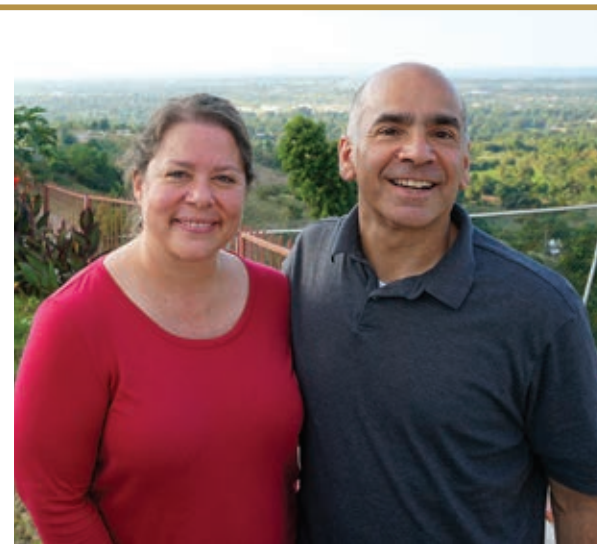
That experience stuck with me as a boy. Throughout my life, a thousand times I have shouted out that Scripture whenever I was struck with fear. Our fears are destroyed by the Word of God. In our greatest moment of fear, when we don't have a plan

and don't know what to do, we can declare the Word of God. We can put all of our faith in Him. And in that moment we can take a leap of faith. We don't always know what to do, but we do always know what we should think. Your fear can be a catalyst to faith. "*There were twelve spies that were sent to spy out the land of Canaan. Ten of them said, 'There are giants in the land. We are like grasshoppers in their sight.' But Joshua and Caleb saw the land as an inheritance flowing with milk and honey.*" (Numbers 13) Instead of thinking what you can do, imagine what God can do. The Word of God is filled with the promises that are our inheritance as believers. And in that moment think on God's Word and His promises. Declare His word as an act of faith. Our feelings are real—but not always true. God put fear in the bunny rabbit to run away when he senses danger. He put the fear in us to have faith in Him. Your greatest act of faith could come when you are experiencing the greatest emotion of fear. ~George DeTellis, Jr.

There is power in God's Word. The Word of God is a weapon. Our enemies are destroyed by the Word of God. When Jesus was tested by Satan He declared the Word of the Lord. Three times He said, "*It is written*" and quoted Scripture as a weapon in His defense. If it worked for Jesus...it will work for you.

George DeTellis, Jr.  
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*P.S. "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12*



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## CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

In 1983, New Missions did not have a single building. The mission began as we camped out in tents, and our church met outdoors under a grove of coconut trees. Our medical clinic consisted of a wooden table where the missionary nurses, Cindy and Diane, would care for families lined up early in the morning.

Currently, we have two churches being built—one in Vieux Court and the other in Chateau, Haiti. Two school kitchens are also being built—one in downtown Leogane and the other up in the mountains at our church and school in Tom Gateau, Haiti.

Construction has a two-way benefit for our mission. First, construction provides jobs to Haitians and Dominicans. We rely on local craftsman and construction workers to complete everything from site preparation to concrete and block, plus building roof trusses and final painting. The second benefit is the infrastructure for the communities we serve. We are helping to build stronger communities.

Similar to some supply chain shortages and increased costs that builders are experiencing in the United States, we have experienced the same overseas. Currently, our greatest delay is finding the enamel white metal roofing we use for all our buildings. Thank you for your giving and support of our current projects. Learn more at [newmissions.org/projects](https://newmissions.org/projects). ~Tim DeTellis



From concrete work to building roofs, our team of construction workers is comprised of local Haitians.



**Middle:** Since 1983, New Missions has been under construction and this infrastructure helps communities grow stronger.

**Bottom left:** Join us in continuing construction as we build more churches and schools. Learn more at [newmissions.org/projects](https://newmissions.org/projects).

**Bottom right:** Progress is a sign of provision for our students as the infrastructure of this new kitchen will feed 395 students daily.

# HELP FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

For most women, having a baby is a very special experience. However, for many women here in the Dominican Republic it can be deadly. A few years ago, we hosted a special baby shower for around 20 pregnant women in the community. A few months after the shower, we invited them back to the health center again for a special class. We learned that two of those women had died from complications after childbirth. We were greatly saddened and shocked to learn this news and felt burdened to do more to prevent this from happening—and even more burdened since the maternal mortality rate rose 20% in 2020 as fewer women sought prenatal care.

In May, we started a special program for pregnant women that includes bi-monthly checks at the health center, providing free prenatal vitamins for the expectant moms, and making a home visit after the baby has been born to check on the mom and baby. Please join us in praying for these expectant moms, their precious babies, and that God will use this program to save the lives of many women and children as well as reach many for Christ.

~Heather Williams Katz



*Dr. Katz on a home visit for a medical check of a newborn baby after his release from the hospital.*



*The pregnant women who are part of the healthy mom program are very thankful for the care they receive.*



*Dely-Frantz, an 11th grader sponsored by Ryan Hunt, enjoys school, loves church, and has a heart for kids.*



*Valdinio Maccius is a 9th grader sponsored by Diane Nichols. He'd like to become an audio engineer.*

# STUDENTS IN MINISTRY

There's a common thread that goes through the stories of students I've interviewed; they attend church. Our school directors (pastors) encourage their students to attend church. God is using this to raise up new workers in ministry.

Dely Frantz Baptist has been a part of the Masson church ever since he was a youngster, even though his family were unbelievers and didn't attend church with him. Because of hearing God's Word in church and at school, he's chosen to follow Jesus and was baptized in 2018. He wants to work for God. He began helping in a Sunday school class and now he's the teacher of 20-25 kids.

Valdinio Maccius' mother died in 2008 and his father is an absent parent, so he has been raised by his grandmother. She faithfully took him to church in Nepty. He loved the worship music and began hanging out with the musicians during practice. He learned how to play the drums and has been playing in church for a year.

We're thankful God's Word is bearing fruit in the lives of our students as they hear it faithfully taught each week. ~Rachel DeTellis



## HELP WANTED

Perhaps you've noticed "help wanted" signs in your neighborhood. At our home office in Orlando, we have an invitation for you to come and help us throughout the year preparing Christmas shoebox gifts for our children. When I touch an empty shoebox and begin to add gifts I imagine the smiles, giggles, and satisfaction from the child and their family. I also pray for the child, through this act of love, to receive the greatest gift of salvation through our Savior. Your touch to prepare a box and fill up every tiny crevice of space with gifts provides an expression of God's love to begin a change in the life of a child.

Workers are welcome throughout the year to come and assemble boxes, pray over them, and send them off to students, nurses, clinic babies, and our pastors. Your hands can be on the mission field in a remarkable, impacting manner.

Some of our volunteers make this an annual event in their lives, and some even take a few days to enjoy the pleasures of being a tourist in Orlando. Whether you come as a mature senior or a very young child, we have work ready for you. It's part of the good life we have in Christ—loving and serving Him. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



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You can now pre-order a shoebox gift to be sent to your sponsor child for Christmas. For more info visit [NewMissions.org/gift](http://NewMissions.org/gift)



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## SPONSOR A CHILD IN HAITI

**MARIE FLORE BOURSQUOT** lives with both of her parents. She has five siblings and they go to church every Sunday. Her favorite color is yellow, and she loves going to school. When she grows up she would like to learn how to bake cakes. Will you make a difference in Marie's life?

To sponsor Marie please call (407) 240-4058 or email [info@newmissions.org](mailto:info@newmissions.org).



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**Top:** We are thankful for Journey Christian Fellowship from Quinton, VA, as they send volunteers several times a year to serve in Orlando.

**Bottom left:** Elyssa Stimmel (L) brought 12 students from First United Methodist Church in Clermont, Florida, to volunteer.

**Bottom middle:** Kids helping kids is a big deal at New Missions, as water bottles are filled with essential school supplies.

**Bottom right:** Students volunteering during the summer helped prepare our pre-packed shoeboxes for assembly.

# SPONSOR A CHILD IN THE DR

## BRYAN ESTRELLA GUERRERO

Four-year-old Bryan lives and attends school in the village of Bombita. He enjoys going swimming with his family. His favorite color is blue. When he grows up, he wants to be a fireman or policeman. Will you make a difference in Bryan's life?

To sponsor Bryan, please call (407) 240-4058 or email [info@newmissions.org](mailto:info@newmissions.org).



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# KEYS TO SERVING SUCCESS

The first key to serving success is having a willingness to serve. Serving God on the mission field was an easy way for me to step into ministry. I first did physical tasks and later grew in ministry gifts and higher management. I want to serve God in Haiti in an even greater way. I also enjoy doing ministry while I visit the U.S. The mission field is any place on planet earth. It is God's field. A person works naturally where he is called and gifted. Haiti can be a harsh environment and much of the work is physical. The work is both sacrificial and rewarding. I really do not look for an earthly reward. Instead, I look for an eternal reward. It is a joy and privilege to be able to work in Haiti. I only wish I had another lifetime to serve God. The stories of triumph and trials are countless. I see God at work every day.

The second key to serving success is being yourself. We are to be genuine. If God calls you to a task, He will also equip you. People learn differently. Charles Spurgeon did not go to Bible college. He just started preaching and ended up having his own library of 12,000 volumes. I went to Bible college and enjoyed the experience overall. We each have different gifts, and are uniquely made. We only need to look to God to find favor and approval. *"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong."* 1 Corinthians 1:27

## WHO WILL YOU SERVE TODAY?

The third key to serving success is forgiving others and ourselves. Many people are not productive because they are focusing on the negative experiences in their lives. The Bible tells us God has cast our sins into the depths of the sea. I have to dust myself off at times and lift my spirits and recognize the blessings in my life. Many of us have had various trials in our lives. Allow the trials to make you stronger. We can either focus on our brokenness and needs or meditate on how God has wonderfully made us and redeemed us. The secret to successful Christian living is to daily surrender. We need to give it all to God and to surrender our broken heart and spirit to God. It is a sin to hold on to hurt. We are not walking in

love if we are holding on to past offenses. The joy of the Lord should be our strength. *"I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;"* Psalm 121:1-3

The fourth key to serving success is pursuing godliness. God needs to be able to work through us. *"The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayers of the righteous."* (Proverbs 15:29) We are commanded to pursue Godliness. We need to be careful sin does not slowly creep into our lives. I did not write the code of Christian ethics. Godliness is a lifelong pursuit. The ten commandments is a good place to refresh our minds regarding Christian ethics. ~Charlie DeTellis

Today is the greatest time to serve the Lord. People are in need physically and lost spiritually. It will not be easy. The wind will be hitting your face. Popular opinion will be against you. Do not fear; God has promised to be with you. Heaven will be your reward.

Sincerely,

*Charlie DeTellis*

Charlie DeTellis

*P.S. Remember to start serving others by any small gesture. Serving will soon become habit forming in your life. The blessings you give always come back to you multiplied.*



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SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 NEWSLETTER

# NEW MISSIONS

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## FINISHING WELL

Because finishing well is so important, our high school closes each school year with a service of worship and thanksgiving. This year, we had 500 students gather for the program. The theme “Stand and Shine for Jesus” was preached by a former student, Nicky Jean. The whole day was planned by the high school prayer group as well as Pastor Sheguer Marc. The day was bathed in prayer and Sheguer said they felt the help and presence of the Holy Spirit.

During the service 13 students made decisions to become followers of Jesus. Anne Marie Lorens Logis moved to the Leogane area as a teenager. She began attending our Signeau church with her grandmother but had never accepted Christ as her Savior. Anne says she sensed the touch of God on her and knew it was the day to choose Christ. Wadnerson Pierre also felt convicted about his walk with the Lord. He grew up in church and a few years ago had prayed to receive Christ. However, over time, he stopped attending church and backslid in his faith. He repented and turned back to God. Anne, Wadnerson, and the others who made decisions to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior finished their school year well...and will ultimately finish life well as they persevere in their faith. ~Rachel DeTellis



*Guerrier Shalom-Warriors of Peace (high school prayer group) sharing the Prince of Peace with other students.*



**Middle:** Pastor Sheguer is our high school and Bible college graduate; he helps lead the prayer group and organize events.

**Bottom left:** Students planned, decorated, cooked, served, and ministered as volunteers for a wonderful closing day and to the glory of God!

**Bottom right:** Wadnerson Pierre (10th grade) sponsored by John & Vicki Rodrigues likes mechanics and Anne Marie Lorens Logis (11th grade) would like to teach kindergarten.

# LEADERS ON MISSION

Four years ago, we started a Christian leadership group in our high school in an effort to raise up more Christian student leaders at our DR high school, Colegio Nueva Vida. We strive to teach the youth to be servant leaders like Christ. The program has been successful and we have seen many students grow in their faith. As a part of this program, we take the students on a mission trip each summer. In doing this, our students have an opportunity to serve others and to learn to work together as a team.

This summer, we took fourteen students to Jarabacoa, a town located in the mountains. They worked in a Haitian church in an area close to the town. We hosted VBS every morning and had different activities in the afternoon with the children. The kids had a great time and each day they were more engaged in the classes and activities. Our teen students enjoyed connecting with the children and learned valuable lessons about leadership and teamwork. We praise the Lord for a successful trip and look forward to seeing how God will use our leadership group during this upcoming school year. ~Heather Williams Katz



Leadership student Rosemica Semonfils presenting her new friend Mikaela after they interviewed each other during an activity.



The kids and student leaders enjoyed getting to know each other and learn more about God's love for them.



(left to right) Daphne, Edeline, Fredberline, Marie, Hermite, and Wideline attend school in Leogane.



Fredberline (L), 2019 graduate, is sponsored by Sandra & Doug Bennet. Hermite, 2011 graduate, is sponsored by Sheryl Raley DeTellis.

## STEPPING UP

Affording elementary and high school, let alone any post-secondary education, is difficult for most Haitians. For the six students (two just graduated) being sponsored to attend nursing/lab school this year, it's like a dream come true. Each of them have come up through our schools and graduated from our high school. We thank their sponsors for enabling them to take this next step.

Fredberline Celestin's (a third-year nursing student) father was a Voodoo priest and her family still practices Voodoo. But because she went to our TiRiviere school, she began attending church and accepted Jesus as her Savior. In her studies she enjoys pediatrics and clinicals in government facilities with many interesting cases.

Hermite Cange (also a third-year nursing student) is from our LaSalle school/church. She started her nurses training but ran out of funds and saw no path to ever finishing. We found a sponsor for her and every day she thanks God for this blessing. She has a heart for the elderly and would like to serve the geriatric community.

Please pray for these students as they step up into new areas of influence and service. ~Rachel DeTellis



## GRADUATES OF NEW MISSIONS

Waking up on the day of your high school graduation in Haiti is a dream come true. Our high school director, Anilus Jean Gasnel, led our graduating class of 2021 in a cheerful and celebratory ceremony filled with worship and praise. On Friday, July 23, at our high school campus in Signeau, our graduates were challenged to be the change Haiti needs during this historic accomplishment. We don't just need leadership in Haiti—we need Christian leaders who are accountable to the principles of God's Word.

Haiti is a country where only 20% of students ever attend high school. It's not because the student doesn't want an education. The real reason is there are not enough high schools, and public education is not free. So families cannot afford to send their kids to school.

The shocking story for me on how valuable a high school education is came from the Voodoo priest in the village of Neply. He told me, "All my children have gone to the New Missions schools and now, none of them want to work for me." This amazed me because I understood how rare education is in Haiti...but to see the vital work our schools do spiritually affirms why we exist. Congratulations to the class of 2021. Together, we are making history! ~Tim DeTellis



**Top:** With great joy and honor our 115 seniors celebrated the completion of their high school education at New Missions.

**Bottom left:** Seeing these women finishing high school in Haiti is historic as typically, families only educated their eldest son.

**Bottom middle:** Our vision is to raise a generation of Christian leaders and together, we are seeing this happen.

**Bottom right:** Education is a gift and to each child sponsor, we say thank you for helping us rewrite history in Haiti.

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# PRAY – CAN I PRAY FOR YOU?

Our Haitian worship leaders pray at the beginning of each church service: “Praise the Lord! We are not in a hospital and we are not in a prison!” Yes, praise the Lord! Those are two places that are undesirable and uncomfortable.

The prayers of the saints; it is an eternal precious incense—filling golden bowls for eternity. God is calling His people, a holy people, to pray. The more we pray, the more we remember our God who is greater than the need we are presenting—full of compassion and mercy ever present (Psalm 46:7). When we pray, we often sing a song to inspire our belief for a miracle and remember a verse in the Bible, and thus use the Word to shout and shove the enemy away.

In our May 2021 newsletter, I felt inspired to write on how life is good. But I also felt that just maybe I was provoking the enemy.

My mother often quoted Revelation 12:12, and she would add that her mother said it often. So now I tell you what my mother and grandmother said of the devil, “...he is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.” Every day, news and needs, and the unimaginable shocks our hearts, and we need to pray.

On May 4, with our car fully packed to overnight in Detroit for an early flight to Puerto Plata, Ted had a specialist ophthalmologist appointment because he was having double vision. We were advised not to travel. God’s people began to pray. Ted’s vision was totally restored within two weeks and the doctor even canceled Ted’s MRI.

Then, I got vertigo. I’ve never had it before, and my first thought was that I was having a stroke. On a four-day trip to see Ted’s family in Wyoming, the high altitude seemed to intensify my vertigo. I fell and badly sprained my ankle. That day we had a six-hour road trip to get to a friend’s home. Trying to take a step up with crutches, I passed out. I was admitted to a hospital for three days, and it was so sacred (sacred not scared) to be alone with God...I

**NEVER STOP PRAYING!**

just overflowed the golden bowls with prayers. There wasn’t family or friends to visit. But in my private room, in my discomfort, I just prayed and prayed all day and all night. Now, I’m beginning to feel like the crippled man who was walking and leaping and praising God.

When my son, George, Jr., turned 60 last month he said, “The day I was born was an appointed day by God. And the day I die is an appointed day by God.” True. But we do not get to choose either day. Nor do we know the circumstances that lead to our second appointment with God. So we pray and enjoy the ride.

Life is still good, and I love to hear of your prayer requests so that I can pray. Our mission office sends me your prayer requests and I love to pray and rejoice when God answers prayer. I love to fill the golden bowls with incense, to call the Father with confidence, with a calming comfort because God holds each prayer...recorded and treasured forever. Can I pray for you?

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

The last day my mother was able to speak, three days before she passed, she vocally prayed and prayed for family members visiting her. I ask God to give me a life with a fire burning in my soul to pray for family, friends, and nations as in Leviticus 6:13.

Sincerely,

*P.S. Use prayer as a gift to give and a weapon to overcome.*

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon





## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

The children of New Missions are waiting for your Christmas shoeboxes to arrive! Starting in October, we collect shoeboxes filled with much needed gifts for our students, and deliver them to the children at their schools. You can find the details at [shoeboxdrive.com](http://shoeboxdrive.com). Your church or school can organize a drive to collect shoeboxes. Each year we send over 10,000 shoebox gifts to Haiti.

Did you know baby Jesus was the very first child to receive a Christmas gift? Three wise men traveled—following the star to Bethlehem. The Magi studied the stars that prophesied of a newborn King. They were traveling by camel and had packed small gifts that they could carry in leather sacks tied to their camel saddles. When they met Mary and Joseph they laid before baby Jesus three gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold represents His kingship, frankincense is a symbol of His priestly role, and myrrh is a fragrant anointing oil. Packing a shoebox is like packing for a long trip; you have to fit it all into that tiny space just like your suitcase.

You can make a child's Christmas special. Imagine the surprise and delight when a child opens your box and receives the unexpected gifts. This Christmas, you can be like the Magi and bless a child with a box filled with gifts. ~George DeTellis, Jr.



*George DeTellis, Jr. and children from our school in Leogane, Haiti, are thankful for your gifts.*



**Middle:** You have until December 31, 2021, to send your shoebox gift to bless the life of a child and their family.

**Bottom left:** Container loading day takes a team effort and we thank you for your generosity of love.

**Bottom right:** What will you pack inside your shoebox? Don't forget a photograph of you and your family.

# BAPTISM IN LOS CASTILLOS

A few weeks ago, we had our very first baptism at Los Castillos, including eight teens from the church. As I told the youth that day, we have watched them grow up physically and mature spiritually, and it was wonderful to watch them take this big step in their walk with Christ. The youth attended weekly discipleship classes with Pastor Osiris Pérez in preparation for their baptism.

When we started this church about five years ago, we often went door to door inviting people to the services. Some would come for a while, but most did not continue coming. However, the children and youth who came kept coming became more involved in the services and activities. God was faithful and in His perfect timing, He provided a pastor for the church. Now, many adults regularly attend the church as well, but the children and teens remain an integral part of the services and leadership. We are working to raise up the next generation of Christian leaders. Please pray for our church in Los Castillos and especially for these eight youth who were baptized—that God would use their testimony to bring others to Him. ~Heather Williams Katz



*Perla Pérez being baptized by her father, Pastor Osiris Pérez; his three teenage children were baptized on this special day.*



*The teenagers rejoiced as they shared their declaration of faith in God with everyone by being baptized.*

## ORDER A SHOEBOX

It's that time of year again! Christmas is upon us. Over the past few months, we have been working hard to put together prepacked shoeboxes. Our warehouse has been full of supplies. Volunteers have worked tirelessly unpacking supplies, filling water bottles with essential items, putting together shoeboxes, folding t-shirts, and lastly, packing shoeboxes. It's a huge project, but one we look forward to each year. We know the ultimate outcome is to put a smile on a child's face and share the love of Jesus with them.

This year, we have some exciting items in our boxes. Our younger children will receive a Haitian Creole coloring book with Bible stories. We are including a sketch pad and coloring pencils in our 7 to 11-year-old boxes. And each of our older students will receive a French Bible and a French English Dictionary. Each age and gender has unique items selected that will hopefully put a smile on their faces: stuffed animals, balls, toy cars, headphones and much more. If you would like to order a shoebox for your sponsor child, visit [newmissions.org/gift](http://newmissions.org/gift). Let's share God's love this Christmas!

~Christy Dillon



*Did you know you can order a shoebox for your sponsor child by simply visiting [newmissions.org/gift](http://newmissions.org/gift)?*



*Volunteers make the difference as they serve to help fill shoebox gifts with essential items for children and their families.*



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## COMPEL THEM!

Luke 14:23 says, "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full." That's just what five of our churches did during the month of August. Amidst ongoing unrest, fuel shortages, inflation, the assassination of Haiti's president, and an earthquake, 120 people chose to leave their homes and labor to help fill God's house.

The Masson team went to the Jacmel area for eight days of outreach and revival meetings. They visited 30 neighborhoods for evangelism, and held classes for women, youth, and children. They also distributed hygiene items, clothing, and 100 Bibles to the church members who had none. They loved being used by God for His work!

Our Signeau pastor, Mario Bijou, is thankful for God's miraculous protection. Their group was in the Les Cayes area when the earthquake hit. All the homes were destroyed except, amazingly, the two-story building where the team was inside! After the earthquake, they assisted and ministered—holding open-air services—and slept outside due to aftershocks. They sense their work there is not finished, and plan to return soon to help meet some physical needs. All of the teams are reporting salvations, lives rededicated, and many touched by prayer, teaching, and worship. The Gospel is a beautiful thing; "compel them to come in." ~Rachel DeTellis



**Top:** The team crossed the mountains fully loaded with personal items, food, Bibles, bedding, and a sound system.

**Bottom left:** Pastor Richard Gay and church members gathered for a service and prayer to send off the team.

**Bottom middle:** The team from Masson took enough food with them for the entire week.

**Bottom right:** Joseph Luc Desange, assistant pastor and sixth-grade teacher at our Masson school, has worked for New Missions since 1989.

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# BETTER THAN GOOD

The road to Jericho was not an easy one to travel. Descending from Jerusalem to Jericho is like walking down an unpaved, mountainside path full of twisting turns and loose rocks under your feet. It's not an easy environment to navigate the 18-mile trek. This was also an appealing location for thieves to hide and attack the travelers. In addition, the journey takes you from the higher elevation of Jerusalem—sitting at 2,575 feet above sea level—down to below sea level once you arrive in Jericho. This paints the picture of life's journeys that do not come without obstacles and challenges. How do we live? We live by loving God.

The story of the good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-28 begins with the question asked by a lawyer. *“Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”* *“What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”* Jesus answered. *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’ and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.”* In verse 28 Jesus replied, *“You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.”* Personally, it seems life is not getting easier. Does this mean if we love God we can conquer this journey down the “hard to navigate” roads of life? Absolutely! Our relationship with God changes everything and should guide us in how we respond to the needs of those around us. However, the lawyer wanted to find a loop-hole and asked, *“But who is my neighbor?”*

Jesus shared how the priest and a Levite noticed the man who fell on the road to Jericho after he was beaten and robbed. Both just passed him by while

he was lying on the road. Then, a Samaritan (who wouldn't typically associate with a Jewish person) stopped and went to the wounded traveler and began to show compassion and concern, as his needs were an urgent matter. I often miss these moments because my eyes are more on me and not focused on the needs or issues of others. I am praying more often that the Lord will give me renewed eyesight to see how He wants me to respond—even if it makes me uncomfortable.

How do we navigate and respond when we encounter a stranger or unknown neighbor? Jesus knew our faith would be the foundation of how we should respond when faced with an opportunity to help. In Luke 10:36-37, Jesus said, *“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.”* Here we have a role model situation of loving God and loving those we may want to ignore or pass by. I can't help but wonder what caused the Samaritan to be so good. Or maybe he was better than good!

The good Samaritan was truly obedient. Yes, we can love God, but to love our neighbors we need to step over the role of noticing and step into obeying what God commands us to do. It's not optional, really. It's intentional on God's part because He wants us to be ambassadors of Christ and represent His son to a hurting and hopeless world.

~Tim DeTellis

GO AND DO  
LIKEWISE.

The good Samaritan teaches us to notice others. Then, we need to go to them—not ignore them or pass by on the opposite side of the street. Finally, we can help others. Let's step into the needs and hurts of the people around us because we love God so much. We can't ignore who is in front of us because of the power of love inside of us.

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*P.S. Today, my prayer is, “Dear Lord, may I be better than good and live in obedience to You.”*



Speaking at Central Life Church in Cocoa, Florida







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## EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

Our mission in Haiti is a full-time ministry providing spiritual leadership, education, nutrition, and medical care. Although we are still rebuilding from the January 2010 earthquake, we wanted to do something special to help with current needs caused from the earthquake that hit southern Haiti on August 14, 2021.

New Missions has used boats since the early 80s to deliver food to villages down the coast where we have schools and churches. I was already preparing to launch our mission's boat when a friend of mine initiated a relief trip to the Cayemite Islands. When we arrived, we worked with local authorities and had them select 50 families that would receive food, water, and tarps from our mission. I went ashore and started talking with the people. They were friendly, peaceful, and thankful for our efforts. Naturally, we started talking about schools, churches, and God.

Pastor Sheguer Marc also had some of his church members go to the Au Cayes area after the earthquake. We gave them financial resources to help ten families make repairs to their homes and provide food. Thankfully, due to our local leadership, we are able to respond and follow up.

I am challenged by the faith of the Haitian people. Many of them lack opportunities for education and jobs. They truly trust God for their daily needs.

~Charlie DeTellis



*Traveling by boat and then spending the night, Charlie DeTellis delivered tarps, rice, beans, and cooking oil to families.*



**Middle:** Feeding families was our priority in response to the earthquake in the remote area of the Cayemite Islands.

**Bottom left:** None of our buildings had any damage from the recent earthquake, and all of our school children and families are safe.

**Bottom right:** Charlie and Rachel DeTellis are faithfully serving in Haiti and we continue to pray for their safety and strength.



# TOGETHER AGAIN

Because of government regulations last school year, our students could not come to campus and had to study from home. This was extremely difficult for parents, students, and teachers. However, our teachers and school staff did an absolutely amazing job staying in contact with students and their parents, and did all they could do to remove any barriers that would prevent students from being able to learn.

We rejoice because the Dominican government permitted classes to begin on campus again in September. Not only are the teachers and school directors thrilled that the students can come to class again, but the students are delighted, too! All of our students, including fifth grader Yveloure Dularier, who attends our school in Los Castillos, are happy to be back in the classrooms learning from their teachers and sharing with their friends. School Director Keyla Mercado reports that the parents are also happy, willing, and ready to help at the school. Please continue to pray for the health of all of our students, teachers, and staff. We are thankful to be sharing God's love with our students again in person!

~Heather Williams Katz



*Fifth grader Yveloure Dularier is happy to be back in class learning from her teachers and sharing with friends.*



*School Director Keyla Mercado greets students as they go to class after the morning flag ceremony and Bible reading.*



*The gift of a backpack is a blessing to the middle school students at our Masson campus.*



*Pastor Jean Michelet Philippe from our New Missions Christian Academy in Lafferonay, Haiti, unpacked new stainless steel bowls.*

# BLESSED TO BLESS

In Matthew 25:40 Jesus says, "...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Most of you don't get to witness the recipient receiving and enjoying the blessings you have provided by contributing to sponsoring a child, given to our "Library in a Box" project, packed a shoebox, or collected other essential items for the children of Haiti. These things mean so much to the students in our schools. Thank you for serving in Jesus' name.

I had the pleasure of being one of the links to getting some of these items to our schools and children this month. Charlie said, "I need you to empty the warehouse; we need to make room for school food and upcoming containers." So I had the privilege of distributing bowls and spoons, school supplies, teacher shoeboxes, backpacks, and the new "Library in a Box" sets for our directors to use with their programs. In this new school year, pray for lives to be saved and for the students to grow in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man. We labor together. ~Rachel DeTellis



## SERVING FURTHER

The history of New Missions expanding into the Dominican Republic started in the early 90s with a burden for the Haitian community living in the DR. In 1999, we began in Redemption Village—a Haitian community. Our love for God and the people quickly grew. In 2000, we felt led to begin an international church (New Life Church) and also a Bible school.

When our New Life Church facility was too small to house our Dominican services, we purchased land in Playa Chiquita in 2006, and started a Dominican church, preschool, and a health center. Dominican families began coming to church from further away in Playa Laguna.

As a result of doing street evangelism in Bombita, we began a church and school and eventually purchased a small piece of land on the main highway. A tent was used for church and school for seven years, and finally in 2012, a campus was built. We started a home church there, and eventually built a permanent church and preschool in 2014. In 2019, we relocated the school from Redemption Village to Los Castillos where we built a campus with a church and school.

Today, in the Dominican Republic, we have five churches, five schools, and a health clinic. Our present leadership is Dominican-driven under the direction of Heather Williams Katz and her husband, Dr. Arismendy Katz.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

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**Top:** The campus in Mulata provides classrooms through high school and is home to the New Life International Church.

**Bottom left:** Our newest campus in Los Castillos serves Haitians from Redemption Village.

**Bottom middle:** The health center in Playa Chiquita, Dominican Republic, serves families across the North Coast of Sosua.

**Bottom right:** Our Bombita Elementary School and church has a new generation of leaders on the rise.

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# POWER IN REPENTANCE

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed The 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. It was a list of 95 sentences that he believed. This was the eve of All Saints Day and he knew the church would be packed full of worshippers the next day. The first declaration was, “When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ‘Repent’ in Matthew 4:17, He willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.” At this point in history the pope was building St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome and had sent out preachers selling indulgences for sin to pay for the construction. Some Christians had come to Martin Luther and said, “We no longer need to repent for our sins. We have letters from the pope for our indulgences.” Martin Luther said, “The life of a Christian is a life of daily repentance.”

The New Testament was written in Greek. The Greek word for repentance is “metanoia.” Meta is the Greek word for change. Noia is the Greek word for mind. Metanoia is to change your mind. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew. The Hebrew word for repentance is “teshuvah” meaning to turn in the opposite direction. Repentance is both to change your mind with a decision and to change your actions by reversing direction. Jesus tells a parable of the Prodigal Son who changed his mind and returned to his father. The prodigal son repented. He had a change of mind and a change of direction—returning to his father. God is waiting for us to return to Him; to return to the Father’s love. Repentance is turning and

coming home to God’s love. There is no repentance without love. Repentance without love is only regret. *“We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)* The Prodigal Son remembered his father’s love.

There is power in repentance, because in that moment we go from being wrong to being right and righteous. From lost to found. From God’s wrath to God’s grace. From wretched to righteous. How often do we need to repent? Martin Luther believed that it should be part of our daily life as a Christian. *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)* This Scripture is a promise of God. Jesus loves you very much. God loves you so much that He sent His only son, Jesus, to die for you so that His blood would cover all your sins. But Jesus cannot

repent for you. That’s a choice only you have. Jesus is not a self-help program. We cannot reform ourselves. We need a Savior who has paid the price; someone who loves us. Repentance is the key which enables us to receive the freedom and joy that Jesus wants to give us as He releases His forgiveness upon us.

You are powerless because you are unrepentant. Satan, the accuser, has you chained—reminding you daily of your sin and failures. Only when we confess our sins to Christ and receive His grace are we free. *“From that time on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.’” (Matthew 4:17)* Jesus is calling us to teshuvah—to turn and return to Him. ~George DeTellis, Jr.

REPENTANCE  
WITHOUT LOVE IS  
ONLY REGRET.

*“The Lord is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” (II Peter 3:9)* We need repentance and changed hearts—not just changed behavior. Jesus was crucified alongside two thieves. One of them repented. *“Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’” (Luke 23:42-43)*

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P.S. *“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments...” Joel 2:12-13a*





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## YEAR IN REVIEW

Chasing the call of God in our lives begins with a true surrender. This past year, we surrendered our entire mission in prayer during the 21 Days of Prayer—which we will host again Jan. 6 through Jan. 27, 2022 (more info at [newmissions.org/prayer](http://newmissions.org/prayer)). Looking back on 2021, we saw God at work in the midst of unplanned events and uncertainty in the world.

We rejoice in the accomplishments of building churches in Chateau, Vieux Court and Flonc, Haiti. New school buildings were also built in Bire and Masson including a dining hall with kitchen in Masson and a kitchen in Leogane. Thankfully, we were also able to drill two wells in the Dominican Republic. Most of all, baptism festivals took place in both countries and our churches sent out missionaries to reach their own people.

My heart is overwhelmed by you and your faithful generosity to New Missions. I am reminded that Jesus is the only hope for our world. This Christmas, may you be reminded of this truth found in John 1:4, *“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”* I thank God for you, and pray you and your family have an abundance of God’s peace and love this Christmas.

~Tim DeTellis



*Our vision is to raise a generation of Christian leaders.*



**Middle:** *Because of you, we are seeing lives changed with the gift of education.*

**Bottom left:** *Construction of churches, schools, and kitchens are possible because of your generosity.*

**Bottom right:** *Providing clean drinking water by drilling wells helps families in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.*

# TEENS FOR CHRIST

During the past year, we have encountered many challenges as the pandemic continues to affect every aspect of our lives. In spite of this, we have seen the Lord working in amazing ways here in the Dominican Republic! In January, we started a youth Bible program at our church in Playa Chiquita. This class is well attended and many teens have accepted Christ! When schools started again in September, we were able to start an additional youth Bible program at our church in Los Castillos.

Because of these programs, many teenagers' lives are changing. Recently, at one class in Playa Chiquita, only a few students attended along with the teacher because there was so much rain. The class normally meets in our open pavilion, but the wind and blowing rain forced them to find cover in one of the bathrooms. As they sang and praised God, they felt His presence and one of the teenagers accepted Christ right then! Please continue to pray for the leaders of these programs and for the teenagers who regularly attend...that more will come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior.

~Heather Williams Katz



Please pray for the teachers of our two youth Bible classes - Vicky, Llenifer, Luis and Liliana (from left to right).



God is working through our two youth Bible classes. Pictured here, youth are meeting at our church in Los Castillos.



Our high school chapel is completely run by students, as God is raising up a new generation of leadership.



Students in chapel at Concrab. Pastor Guillaume (from Leogane) says, "God is using students during chapel in extraordinary ways."

# SINGING FOR JESUS

Each week our schools hold a chapel service. It's an important time of instruction and worship. The children receive teaching on their level and are given the opportunity to participate. If a student would like to sing, they send a paper up to the front requesting the opportunity. What a joy to see these young ones stepping out and singing for Jesus.

In middle school and high school the students are also given the privilege to speak. Pastor Yaguel from our Bord-Mer school/church says the first time he ever preached was at a school chapel service as a student. Pastor Richard from Masson says he has leaders in his church who started developing their gifts while in school.

When our pastors chose John 3:16 as the new school verse for this year, I sensed that this needed to be a year of more intense evangelism in our schools; a year of winning more kids to the Lord and of chapel services that change lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. Won't you pray with us that there will be even more children singing for Jesus?

~Rachel DeTellis



## 21 DAYS OF PRAYER

Sometimes our prayer request may be a simple need. But then, there are those heartbreaking situations when our prayer request is an immediate need of a supernatural healing, or deliverance, or provision. In these circumstances, I often find my heart overwhelmed. I must talk to Jesus. I must find a Word to anchor my faith. I can even use the theology in a hymn to support my weakness to believe, such as, "Leaning on Jesus." The Word that inspired the writer of this hymn is Deut. 33:27, "The Eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. . ."

There are disappointments and broken dreams. There are the questions. We need to have our family in Christ to support us in prayer, in warfare, to reach the throne of God and to see our Savior, Healer, Provider do a supernatural work.

In these days of increasing evil and of waning faith, we need to stand strong with every weapon to fight against the enemy. In Ephesians 6:11 we read, "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." We discipline our mind and mouth to take one more step.

Please join us as we enter 2022 with our 21 Days of Prayer. You can sign up at [www.newmissions.org/prayer](http://www.newmissions.org/prayer).

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

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**Top:** Prayer matters because hope in God changes everything.

**Bottom left:** Kids sponsoring kids is an answered prayer as we reach the next generation.

**Bottom middle:** Our churches are at the center of fostering a spirit of worship and surrender to God.

**Bottom right:** God's provision for our mission is possible because of faith and prayer.

"We love because He first loved us."

1 John 4:19



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# DRAW NEAR TO ME

We all need to stay close to God, especially during these times of instability and uncertainty. One can feel loneliness even when having great success. People need people, and people need God. I recently thought of this verse for myself, *“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.”* (James 4:8a) For me, this verse speaks of God’s love and presence. Love is the foundation of the Christian faith. We are all in need of God’s love and love from others. God is not difficult to be found; He is everywhere. It’s like steering a boat and following a compass course. We need to keep our hands on the wheel and often return to a true course. All of us are instructed to be submissive to God, to cleanse our hands, and to purify our hearts. We are also promised we will be lifted up when we humble ourselves. We can come to God anytime and in any condition (paraphrase of James 4:7-10).

God has a good word for us when we come to Him. Our God is a God of restoration, redemption, and admonition. The Israelites were instructed to call upon the Lord and to seek after God while they were in captivity. *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* (Jeremiah 29:11) God has a great plan for all believers. The Israelites had Israel as their Promised Land. As Christians, we have a “promised land” which outshines the sun. We need to accept these words for the Israelites as our own.

**DRAW NEAR TO GOD  
AND HE WILL DRAW  
NEAR TO YOU.**

Reading God’s Word is an excellent way to stay close to God. It should be a daily discipline where we discover the character of God and the truth of His law and love. We should feel relaxed in God’s presence while we have our quiet times with Him. We need to find portions of the Bible that speak to us in the moment, and write these words upon our hearts and minds.

Having a regular prayer life is essential for staying close to God. It is easy to be busy in life and distracted by work or hobbies. We must not forget the importance of our quiet time with Him. God is in control regarding everything in the world, so we should not be anxious when we hear of distressing things happening in our country and worldwide. Jesus said, *“Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.”* (Matthew 6:34a) We need to seek God in order to be strong in body, mind, and spirit.

Staying in fellowship with other believers is essential for staying close to God. Of course, it is fine having friends who are not believers, as we are to be a light and a witness to the people around us. We also need other believers who will build us up in our faith. The acts of reading God’s Word, prayer, and fellowship will help build our faith and make us sensitive to the Holy Spirit in our lives. I agree when the Psalmist said in chapter 73 verse 28, *“But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all Your deeds.”* ~Charlie DeTellis

I want to encourage you again to pursue God. We can have valleys in our spiritual journey when we do not feel the presence of God as strong as other times. Do not let a day go by without seeking God. He is waiting for you to draw near to Him. You will find a loving Father who will instruct and love you.

Sincerely,  
*Charlie DeTellis*  
Charlie DeTellis

*P.S. We will find God when we seek after Him with our whole hearts.*

