



JANUARY 1, 2018 NEWSLETTER



NEW MISSIONS

Change the life of a child

THE VALUES DRIVING US

This month, we celebrate our 35th anniversary and I cannot help but reflect upon our core values. I sat down with my father, who founded New Missions, just prior to his passing on June 26, 2008, to write out what I had observed our organization doing to impact the lives of others. These are our seven core values:

Together, we are:

Preaching the Gospel...*because only God changes lives forever.*

Giving Generously...*because we steward what's not ours.*

Focusing for Impact...*because excellence requires our priority and attention.*

Only Fearing God...*because we report to God and He is our ultimate strength and provision.*

Making Disciples...*because this is the true measurement of success.*

Doing the Right Thing...*because our integrity and trust with others is our reputation.*

Listening to God...*because He knows what's best for us so we humbly seek Him.*

Through upholding these values and being faithful over time, today our graduates are pastors, teachers, attorneys, doctors, nurses, and business owners who are scattered around the world making an impact where they live and work.

Thank you for making New Missions your mission. You are part of the story of changing lives. ~Tim DeTellis



Go New Missions Eagles! Together, we are raising the next generation of Christian leaders.



Middle: Together, we are giving generously, because we steward what's not ours.

Bottom left: Each classroom becomes the environment where discipleship happens in the lives of our students.

Bottom right: Together, we are preaching the Gospel, because only God changes lives forever.

CHANGING A GENERATION



Thirty-five years ago, I saw the darkest dark and the brightest light happening at the same time when we pitched our five tents in Haiti by a small stream at the end of a dirt road on the Bay of La Gonâve.

The darkness I saw and felt was the intensity of the physical and spiritual needs of the Haitians. At that time, Haitian women were having eight or nine children—hoping a few of them would survive to give her a caretaker at the end of her own life. Children from birth to five years of age were victims of diseases; death stole the lives of 80 percent of them.

The preaching of the Gospel is a bright light and I saw the darkness dim. Great light brought unstoppable hope. There was a heart change that only Jesus could give. Now, there is no stopping this new explosive generation, and the blessings are falling on the children's children. There is a new positive and hopeful mentality. A life has to have a heart change, and then a mind change, and then it's like an elevator quickly rising to academic and career successes.

The starving and sick children are now adults and better missionaries than we could have ever imagined. The mentality of fatalism—listening to how they once spoke (I can't. I don't have. I don't know. It's not my fault, etc.) has passed. Now, with Christ in their lives, their mindset is: If God wills. Our Haitian students know they can. They know they have a future. They know it is God's will that they are loved, and God's will to fulfill meaningful purposes in their lives.

I am happy I went to Haiti 35 years ago—to live in a tent at the end of a dirt road by a stream—with the excitable joy to say, “Jesus loves you and hope in God.” Now, we see the amazing stories: Jean Daniel (I cut his umbilical cord at birth) is now preaching in a church in Paris! Another graduate, Roland Henry, is a pastor in New York, and is our very first graduate to sponsor a student—and she's even from his home village!

The blessing will continue to come to generation after generation because the Gospel seed was planted, watered, and today is being harvested. This is your mission—partnering with God and fellow believers to share the love of Christ.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Top: Pioneering our mission in tents set the stage for us to live locally where the mission would serve.

Bottom left: Our first church in Haiti, 1983, Nepley, Bord-Mer displayed the banner, Haiti: Hope in God.

Bottom middle: In January 1983, while living in tents, the land clearing began to pioneer New Missions in Haiti.

Bottom right: Our first school opened with 151 children meeting in thatched rooms made of woven palm leaves.

A HAPPY (GRO CHAPE) BIRTHDAY



When it comes to seeing how lives are being changed, the fifth birthday is a milestone we celebrate big time! We want to throw a party for children who reach their fifth birthdays, as they represent a major step forward in surviving and thriving in the Third World.

In Haiti, during our early days, when we would ask a child when their birthday was, most of them did not know. Even their parents did not know. Often, when registering their children for school, the mother would say, repeatedly, “Ti moun fet vendredi,” (the child was born on Friday). She remembered Friday because it was the market day. Unless she could find a registration of the birth, and bring it to us to read, we would never know the birth date of the child.

I love birthdays! As a grandmother, I’ve had a few opportunities to make a birthday cake for my grandchildren, especially while living with them for a time in Haiti. My grandson Nathan turned 25 while he was in Michigan this year, and he liked his mango cake. When I turned 75 this

summer, my granddaughter Elissa made me a birthday cake. A birthday and a cake is a good day.

Thank God for the happy changes in Haiti. This year, we have 678 children turning five years old. Without a doubt, they will know about their birthdays. They know they will have a party at school. Together, with their classmates they will enjoy a big piece of birthday cake and get to put their finger in the frosting. With noise makers and party favors, party hats, decorations and blow horns, each child will celebrate how they are stepping forward in a country where too many are held back.

In Haiti, they call a child after the age of five a “Gro Chape,” which translated to English means “a big escape.” The child escaped death. The statistic when we arrived in Haiti back in 1983 was four out of five will die before the age of five. That statistic is obsolete at New Missions. Thank God for His love, His care and His provision. There is food, water, a school, a church and a nurse—all working together to make sure we continue to have more “Gro Chapes.” Thank you for loving a child so that they, too, can experience hope.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Top: The children from our New Missions Christian Academy in Bire, Haiti, celebrate the milestone of graduating from kindergarten.

Bottom left: Children from Bongnotte, Haiti, are seeing a new future because of the gift of education.

Bottom middle: Celebrating with a party in Darbonne, our students reflect a new generation growing healthy and strong.

Bottom right: Fifth birthday parties like this one hosted in Lassale, Haiti, bring a smile and hope to these children and their families.

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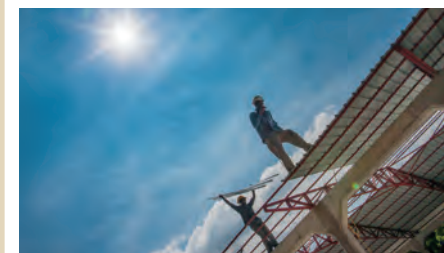
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BE THE ENCOURAGER

Can you remember a moment when someone said something or did something that encouraged you greatly? What about the opposite? Have you ever been discouraged by someone? We all have. It is sad how we can easily remember the times we were put down versus when we were lifted up.

Personally, I will never forget my most painful and discouraging moments. I've prayed and asked God why I still have those memories. Please take them away! Now, I've found those stains on my heart are frequent reminders as to why I need to be the encourager for others.

Truett Cathy, founder of Chick-fil-A, once said: "If you know someone breathing then you know someone who needs encouragement." My observations have led me to believe encouraged people encourage people, and discouraged people discourage people. So what about us? What do you do when you are the discouraged person? I've been there. I can be so discouraged the idea of being the encourager is far from any thought.

These verses from Ephesians 4:22-24 say it best: *"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."* We are made new in Christ! This encourages me. I aim to renew my mind with this instruction: May the attitude of my mind be made new.

Let us think on the power and impact of our encouragement. What we edify we magnify. What we magnify we multiply. Daily, we carry two buckets

around with us. One filled with water and the other filled with gas. We can pour gas on something negative and make it blow up, or we can pour water on something and let it diffuse the situation. More than ever it seems as if our world is becoming more and more negative. With the tap of our fingers we can tweet and post a ranting rage on our social media status updates. How can we stay encouraged to be the encourager?

Meditating on this Scripture helps me remember how to protect my mind from the negative discouragement creeping in. *"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things."* Philippians 4:8

On my desk at home, I decided to draw a diagram

on a yellow memo pad to help me live out and obey Philippians 4:8. I made four quadrants. On the top left I wrote the word: negative. On the top right: positive. Then, on the bottom left, I wrote the word: hurtful. On the bottom right

I wrote: helpful. Daily, my hope and prayer is that my thoughts would be positive not negative, and my words would be helpful not hurtful.

May we continue to guard our hearts and know we do have opposition against staying encouraged and being the encourager. John 10:10 reads, *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* Thank you, Jesus, for giving us life and being the source of encouragement for us to share.

Make where you are better—because you are the encourager. ~Tim DeTellis

WHAT WE EDIFY WE
MAGNIFY. WHAT WE
MAGNIFY WE MULTIPLY.

How often should we be encouraging one another? Hebrews 3:13 reminds us: *"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today."* Our encouragement for others is often needed. People may forget what we said, but they will remember how we made them feel by our words and deeds. Dear Lord, help me hold my thoughts captive so I may use helpful words and loving acts to encourage others—as I may never see the hurt and pain they are carrying deep inside.

Serving together,

Tim DeTellis
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P.S. Will you join us in celebrating
more fifth birthdays in 2018?
Visit newmissions.org/birthdays



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



BAPTISM FESTIVAL

We celebrate the 22 Haitians whose lives have been changed by God and followed the Lord in believer's baptism. There was one person I was particularly thrilled to see take this step of public profession of their faith.

Her name is Rose Guerline Joseph, from Tom Gateau, Haiti. She came from the mountains with her mother and her local pastor to be baptized. Pastor Johnny and Janet Hunt have sponsored her ever since she started school. She began school with red hair due to malnourishment. The construction of the Tom Gateau church and school where Rose attends was difficult, as we had to bring water up the mountain to mix concrete for the foundation.

When we face a challenge in our work, we need to see the long-term purpose and calling. This baptism festival was a historic day, and reminds me how the local church is the greatest force for good.

We must stay faithful to see lives changed, no matter the challenges. *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* (Galatians 6:9) Rose is a new Christian leader on the rise, and eventually plans to study nursing.

~Tim DeTellis



Pastor Johnny Hunt had the honor to baptize his sponsor child Rose Guerline Joseph.



Middle: Rose was part of the 22 believers who followed in water baptism. We rejoice knowing lives have been changed for eternity.

Bottom left: Hosted at our church in Concrab, Haiti, the baptism festival was a beautiful time of worship.

Bottom right: With a marching band leading the way, we walked to the ocean for the water baptism.



SHOEBOXES DELIVERED

The 2017 Christmas Shoebox Drive was a great success! A special “thank you” to each individual, school, and church that helped make it possible to give every student in our schools a gift. All shoeboxes, whether packed by a family, or at a packing party hosted by a church, school, or business are important. Shoeboxes begin to arrive at our offices in October, and volunteers faithfully serve to help us process the boxes. The shoeboxes are packed into large cases, and then shipped to Haiti on cargo containers.

Our students wait with anticipation for the arrival of the containers full of gifts. The fun begins when the boxes are distributed and the Gospel message is shared. Some children wait to open their shoebox at home—so they can open their gifts with their family, while others open them immediately. Your generosity makes it possible for children in Haiti to receive a tangible gift that shows the love of Christ. Lives are being changed because of your kindness. Please save the date for our next Christmas Shoebox Drive: Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2018.



Each shoebox matters because each child matters to God.



Thank you for your shoebox gifts going home with children to bless their entire family.



Students from New Missions Christian Academy in Haiti enjoy lunch at school.



Monthly, food is distributed to each school campus for the students' daily meals.

LUNCH AT SCHOOL

Is it important to feed children? My father would say, “How can you educate a child if they are hungry?” Since 1983, our mission has provided lunch at school. In doing the math for the total meals served over 35 years, it equals 50 million meals!

Thanks to your generosity, we are saying goodbye to hunger and hello to hope. We don’t just provide food for a day of crisis—we provide a meal to a child growing and learning. I was recently asked what I do. My response: “I help children born into poverty become empowered to live a transformed life.”

Most days I am mad at poverty because it robs the mind of hope. People born into poverty may feel trapped and hopeless. Most Haitians convey how poverty is just a way of life...living to survive. Many of the students who come to our mission schools still have their only meal for the day at school.

Thanks to your generosity, we continue to provide lunch at all of our schools in Haiti. Together, we are feeding hungry minds, souls and bodies.

HELPING THE HURTING

Thirty-five years ago, nurses Cindy Smith and Diane Vrooman, from Calvary Evangelistic Center in Worcester, Massachusetts, packed a suitcase with medication and came to Haiti. The next morning, with just two chairs and a table made out of pallets, they saw their first patients—twin sisters Jessica and Jennifer—daughters of Felicia from Bord-Mer. Felicia was our first mission cook, and most important of all is her Christian testimony.

Health education through our clinic ministry happens each day in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. We prefer to take an aggressive approach in preventing disease. Medical education empowers people to help themselves. When people are hurting, they need a smile, a touch of love, and a solution to their pain. God prepares our team of medical professionals with His Word, wisdom, and compassion—plus the proper equipment, skills, and medications.

Over the years in Haiti, we have seen graduates of our schools become nurses and doctors—who are now equipped to treat the communities we serve. From midwives arriving in the middle of the night to help deliver a baby, to nurses at our schools helping a child who is suffering from a fever, we are responding to the medical needs of the children and their families. Medical care is administered through our two medical clinics in Haiti. One is located in Bire on the Leogane Plain, and the other, Hope Medical Center, is located in the mountains of Tom Gateau.



The Dominican Republic has a free health center that is open five days a week. It is staffed with a doctor, and provides specialty services including ultrasounds. Miguel Angel Nunez had an accident seven years ago that developed into a serious ulcer on his leg—compounded by the discovery of type 2 diabetes. He has been treated daily by our doctor, who cleans the wound and applies sterile dressing changes. Thank God, Miguel is now working again and supporting his family of six children as a motorconcho (motorcycle taxi), and he also makes and sells delicious coconut desserts. Miguel says our health center is his second family.

Your prayers and financial support make it possible for us to help the hurting. You empower our medical staff to be the healing hands of Jesus—touching people in their time of sickness. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Top: Including ultrasounds, our health center in the Dominican Republic is a place of hope and healing.

Bottom left: Thirty-five years ago, we began our clinic ministry outdoors on a wooden table under coconut trees.

Bottom middle: Changing the life of a child happens with medical care and God's love.

Bottom right: Miguel, who receives wound treatment, says our health center in the DR is his second family.

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medical clinic
ministry.

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A HEALTHY HEART

Do you wake up in the morning giggling? Do you wake up with your heart full of love for God and others? A giggling heart is a healthy, loving heart. *“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.” (Proverbs 17:22)* To live, we need a heart. Our physical heart functions by pumping blood throughout our body—giving life. We also need a healthy, happy spiritual heart that desires to love God and to love others. How is my physical heart and my spiritual heart healthy and showing love for others?

My heart is healthy and satisfied when I am loving God and loving others. That often begins with a simple form of a wake-up habit. As I leave my bedroom and make my way to the kitchen to get a cup of coffee, my first thoughts are to pray. I would rather say my first thoughts are to talk with the Lord. I follow the nudge by spending some time on my knees to thank Jesus for a good night’s rest, and to talk with Him about the day ahead—searching for His guidance. *“What today, Lord?”*

God is love and because He loved us first, we now can respond to His love. *“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” (1 John 4:8)* God is the initiator. He made the first contact. We receive the gift and we express our appreciation for His love for us, as we in return love Him and serve others.

Before I came to Jesus, I had decided that I would become successful in life. I would work hard and I would have the things of this world (the worthless

stuff that passes). When I accepted Jesus as my Savior on February 12, 1954, at 11 years of age, I felt and received His love. I only wanted to love and serve Him. His love has given me what I don’t deserve, what I could not earn, and a love that faithfully surrounds me like the air I breathe.

Now that I’m 75-plus years old, I’ve seen a lot of His lovingkindness. I’ve seen His kind and generous love for the people of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. I’ve seen darkness dispersed and a beautiful light of love move in. Children who were hungry are not hungry any more, and their spiritual and mental capacities have made them great disciples, and now leaders in their society.

What joy to know the wonderful love of God

has transformed many of our Haitian children—who are now married with children of their own. Some graduates are even in Paris working in churches. What kind of love can heal, change, and lift up like the kind of love Jesus gives? Like

an old hymn says, *“Isn’t the love of Jesus something wonderful?”* You can’t box it, or describe it, or stop it. It’s a powerful life-changing love...yes, the kind that makes me giggle knowing I have the love of Jesus in my heart. Love is everywhere to give and to be received. The love of God is unlimited, and you can begin to enjoy this gift that will keep your heart healthy and cheerful. Just as Paul described in 1 Corinthians 13:4, love is kind. May God use us to be kind and love others daily.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

***“A CHEERFUL HEART
IS GOOD MEDICINE”
PROVERBS 17:22***

Our weakness is to devalue our touch of love. No matter how small the act of love...do it! *“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)* We rejoice in the healing power of God to touch the lives of those we love daily through our medical clinics. Will you join us in prayer for those God has entrusted to our care?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeanne".

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. The love that moves you to love people is the powerful unlimited love of God. Keep it moving and remember to giggle.





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Change the life of a child

DRILLING WELLS

Water is essential for life. Without a clean source of water, children may become desperate and drink unclean water that leads to life threatening illnesses.

This year, on January 15, 16 and 18, three wells were drilled for our churches, schools and medical clinic in Haiti. The first two wells brought up a strong flow of water. The night before drilling in Neply, my husband, Ted, was expounding John 4:13-14: *“Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’”* That evening the congregation prayed together, and in the morning they saw their miracle happen when we hit an artesian well!

We give thanks to our generous God. We are thankful for the well of water, Jesus, who satisfies us and leads us to eternal life. And, we are thankful for His abundant provision for our physical needs. With your help, we will be drilling more wells in the near future. Please pray with us and consider helping us drill more wells—giving a cup of water in His name.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Students at our Masson Christian Academy prayed together prior to the well drilling.



Middle: We were blessed with a new well at our Bire church, school, and medical clinic campus.

Bottom left: To the glory of God, we received an artesian well in Neply, Haiti—home to our first church and school.

Bottom right: Jeanne and Ted Loudon enjoyed being in Haiti while all three of the wells were being drilled.

CONTAINER ARRIVAL

Thank you to each person who packed a shoebox for the children of New Missions. The joy of watching children receive their shoebox gifts in person is so inspiring. Each box is filled with surprises and many gifts to share with family members.

Students praying at our schools continue to be a spiritual force for God's favor. As our cargo containers filled with shoebox gifts arrive in the capital city of Port-au-Prince, we notify our students in Haiti to begin praying for their speedy release from customs.

When the tractor-trailer begins the drive down the three-mile gravel road to the mission warehouses in Bord-Mer, children come out of the villages to cheer it along, as they know who will be receiving these gifts. Their homes and friends will be blessed and encouraged by the love packed inside each box.

We are thankful to report all of our students in Haiti will receive a shoebox gift. Extra shoebox gifts will be used this summer as our Haitian churches make mission trips across Haiti, sharing the love of Christ. In addition, we will be sending shoebox gifts to the island of La Gonâve. Please save the dates for our 2018 Shoebox Drive: Oct. 1—Dec. 31.

~Tim DeTellis



Thanks to your generosity, shoeboxes arrived at our warehouses in Haiti via cargo containers.



Former missionaries with New Missions, Ken and Kim Carroll, served by processing shoeboxes in Orlando. Thanks to all of our volunteers!



When students spend fun time together, hearts are encouraged. Love speaks every language.



Thank you to students from Ben Lippen school—who shared VBS programs at our Masson, Signeau and Concrab Christian Academy campuses.

STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS

The remarks of thirteen students from *Ben Lippen* school in Columbia, SC—who held VBS at our Masson, Signeau, and Concrab schools this January—had some common themes. Some of their comments were: “Although we were there to teach the kids, I feel like they taught me.” (Kristy Carnes) “They acted like there was no language barrier and we were lifelong friends.” (Annie Culbertson) “I loved sharing the joy of making crafts with the kids, and to see them be so creative and proud of their work.” (Emily Sark)

It was beautiful to see the Haitian students enjoying the music, crafts, Bible story, skit, and games—all the while soaking up the love and fun of the day. It was also wonderful to observe how the *Ben Lippen* students grew in their teaching and leadership skills.

The most important lesson they probably learned was how cultural and language barriers were diminished when the American and Haitian students worshiped Jesus together. “God’s love conquers all barriers.” (Jaden Caughman) ~Rachel DeTellis



CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

Sitting down with carpenter Lucnar Felice, I asked him this question: *Who built this roof on the church in Bire?* He said, “I did.” *Where do you live?* “I live here in this village where the church is located.” When a church is built by Haitians who live in the surrounding villages, the amount of dignity and respect brought to the area is astonishing, and brings a great witness of empowerment.

Here at New Missions, we employ local construction workers both in Haiti and the Dominican Republic to build our churches and schools. Building with construction crews comprised entirely of nationals provides employment to support families and strengthen the local economy.

Right now, we have identified three locations in Haiti where we need to build new church campuses. During the construction phase, the church building process will employ 40 Haitians. Over the past seven years we have built 18 churches to the glory of God. We need your help to continue our efforts to build these new church buildings.

We see the local church as the greatest force for good, globally—because only God changes lives forever. Plus, during the week, our churches serve as local schools to educate the next generation of Christian leaders. Let’s build more churches to transform lives for eternity’s sake.

~Tim DeTellis

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Top: This year, we have plans to build three more churches in Flon, Chateau and Vieux Court, Haiti.

Bottom left: Our pastors are bivocational, as they also serve as the school director for the campus where the church is located.

Bottom middle: Pray with us for the funding to build these churches—100% built by Haitians—providing local jobs.

Bottom right: During the week, our churches serve as schools where education is the gift of empowerment to change lives.

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church construction

Give a special gift
to help build
churches in Haiti



LOVING THE UNLOVABLE

There is an old fashioned lumber company in my neighborhood where we buy a lot of materials. After you place your order inside with a clerk, you drive out back to a yard filled with sheds and racks where they store all the building materials. There is one particular yard worker who loads my truck that is usually in a foul mood. Regardless of how pleasant I am, he still scowls and says rude things. I asked the other workers if he treats everybody that way or if he is just that way with me. They laughed, and told me he is like that to everybody. I hired two college students to do some concrete repairs in the basement of my house. To get this project completed, I estimated that we needed fifteen bags of redi-mix concrete.

Each bag weighs 80 pounds. I can work like a horse, but I can't lift heavy weight after having spinal surgery in 2002. Ronnie, the yard worker, was furious that I wouldn't help load the pick-up truck. He just kept heaping insults on me. Then when I was leaving he said, "Next time bring someone with you who can help." Driving away, for a moment I wanted to go inside and complain to Frank the manager for the way I was treated. After all, it was his job to load the truck.

But then I started to wonder what was Ronnie feeling about himself that made him always behave so badly. He was an alcoholic, and his face bore the scars from drinking so much. When loading my truck, he was always puffing away on a cigarette. I began to realize that Ronnie was probably feeling a lot of

shame. His behavior towards others was an expression of his own pain.

The next day we needed nine more bags of concrete to finish the job. What was I going to do about Ronnie? I had two men working for me. Two big college students. I could have taken my workers with me in the morning. Instead, I decided to get up early and drive out of my way to a place called *Gourmet Donuts* to buy a dozen donuts for Ronnie. I took a big black sharpie and wrote, "For Ronnie" on the box. I arrived at the lumberyard first thing in the morning when they opened for business. After placing my order for nine bags of concrete, I drove right over to the shed where they store the concrete. Ronnie saw me right

away. I could see the surprise on his face that I was back. When he walked over to the shed, I handed him the gift of a dozen donuts from *Gourmet Donuts*. I gave him a big smile, and told him I appreciated him. He was stunned. Without saying a word, he walked away with the box of donuts and carefully placed it on a skid of plywood to share with his coworkers. I could have complained to Ronnie's employer. I could have fought back with insults. Instead, I blessed him with a box of donuts from *Gourmet Donuts*. Driving home I was glowing inside with a big smile on my face. I won Ronnie over with undeserved love. God's grace is a gift. Like a box of donuts for Ronnie, we get what we don't deserve.

~George DeTellis, Jr.

**GOD'S GRACE IS A GIFT.
WE GET WHAT WE
DON'T DESERVE.**

"If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that. In a word, what I'm saying is...grow up. You're kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you." Matthew 5:44 (The Message Bible)



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P.S. "Do not repay evil with evil, or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing." 1 Peter 3:9





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BUILDING SOMETHING GREAT

Two girls sat on the foundation of the church being built in Concrab, Haiti, and little did they know this building would become a place where hundreds would find faith in Jesus.

Infrastructure is the foundation for a community to grow. We don't love buildings. We love people. However, the buildings become the places where we can serve children and families. We have a vision to build something wonderful—a great spiritual work that impacts the mind, body, and spirit of the people God entrusts to our care.

From churches and school kitchens, to classrooms and medical clinics, the construction we complete serves a greater purpose. Join us in building something great. Right now, we have a vision to build new schools and churches to provide the environment for life-changing ministry.

Standing in the back of the New Missions church in Leogane, I snapped a photograph of what I would say was a miracle. Why? The land where this church was built was purchased in January 1989 for \$15,500, and originally the land was home to a rum making facility. God transformed this land to have an eternal purpose. God can use us to do something that will outlast us. This is the mission to which we have been called.

~Tim DeTellis



When we build churches we build better futures for generations to come.



Middle: The tenth church at New Missions has been located in Leogane, Haiti, since 1989.

Bottom left: Carpenter Sonny works at New Missions making roofing trusses for our churches.

Bottom right: Each of our schools are established alongside our churches.

LOS CASTILLOS SCHOOL

Church services began in May 2017 in Los Castillos, Dominican Republic. We have seen the impact the church and school is having on our students and their families. Not long ago, a fight broke out between two families in Redemption village, where our school is currently located and most of the children live. The families got their machetes and were ready to fight. Community leaders stepped in to try to help the families resolve their problems, as the local people gathered around to watch. When one of the leaders asked if anyone had something they wanted to say, one of our school students, eight-year-old Yosely Nolasco, raised her hand. She said that she would like to pray for both of the families—that they would love one another and use words to resolve their problems instead of weapons. After she finished praying, the crowd started to applaud. The families put down their machetes and agreed to meet with the village leaders to solve their differences. Yosely is not from a Christian family; what she has learned about God has been through our school and church. Our students are learning about loving God and loving others, and are a light for Christ in their community.

~Heather Williams Katz



The new school building in Los Castillos, Dominican Republic, will be ready for this fall.



Join us in prayer for the children of Los Castillos, as they grow in knowing Jesus.



The children of Decouze, Haiti, enjoyed receiving new pairs of sneakers. Get involved at GiveSneakers.com

DELIVERING SNEAKERS

In February, team members from Newport Assembly of God in Newport, PA, had the privilege of helping the students at our New Missions Decouze campus pick out their own pair of sneakers. The students congregated in the church and excitedly came forward a few at a time to look over the selection and try on the pair he or she fancied. The teachers and team members assisted the little ones. It was interesting to see them deciding if they wanted a colorful pair, neutral, or high tops. Receiving a pair of sneakers is such a blessing to so many families who struggle to provide shoes and the other basic necessities of life.

As we drove up the winding road that day to this school, located on top of a mountain, I thought of all the paths these sneakers had already travelled to get there. I also thought about all the feet that would tramp the dusty trails to school and around the village protected from cuts, scrapes, infections, worms, and parasites—all because this precious cargo was being delivered. Thank you to all who donated sneakers for our school children in Haiti. ~Rachel DeTellis



NOW, I'M A PASTOR

Children were lined up to receive their shoebox gifts. On this special day, the person passing out these gifts was their pastor and school director, Mario Bijou. When he looked into their eyes, he could see himself. He, too, was once a student at New Missions.

At the age of six, while attending school at New Missions, Mario Bijou made Jesus Lord of his life. In a country where Voodoo is the prominent religion, he was stepping up as part of a new generation on the rise. God began to do a work in his heart and life. He graduated from our high school and Bible college.

Today, Mario Bijou serves as the pastor of the New Missions church in Signeau, Haiti, and is the school director at the New Missions Christian Academy in Signeau.

Mario Bijou told me, "My prayer for the children of New Missions is for them to accept Jesus in their life, and I pray this every time I pray. I would also like to see them reach high. This is my dream. I say this with all my heart."

Would you join us in helping children rise up to become Christian leaders? Become a New Missions advocate today.

~Tim DeTellis

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Top: Pastor Mario Bijou from our Signeau church is a graduate of New Missions.

Bottom left and middle: Because of serving consistently over time, we see life change happening.

Bottom right: Pastor Mario is bivocational and serves as our school director for the Signeau Elementary School.

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COMPLETE DELIVERANCE

All of us need a complete deliverance in our lives from anything holding us down. I believe some Christians are content with a partial deliverance. They are not fully walking in victory. We seem to love to hold on to past failures and offenses, and at times can stop walking in the Spirit and begin to walk in the flesh.

“Among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.” Ephesians 3:2-5

I thank God for His Holy Spirit who leads and guides us each day. We need to be at peace in an imperfect world, and forgive the imperfections of others. Often they are also walking with heavy hearts. We need to recognize the sovereignty of God and expect His providence to work in our lives. We need to walk in victory.

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” 1 John 5:4-5

Jesus is the Savior of our souls. A nonbeliever cannot comprehend spiritual matters. He is only

living in the current physical world. It takes a leap of faith to make the first step and to pray to God. God will answer you beyond your expectations. He will open your eyes to spiritual matters. I hope you have a little measure of faith to make your first step and your first prayer towards God.

“Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20

Jesus can restore our emotions. We need to receive love from others and show love to others. Some people have been living in fear all of their

lives. Some can become workaholics—trying to find love and acceptance. Others make wrong turns and get involved with drugs and alcohol while trying to fill a void in their life that only Jesus can fill. It can be hard for some

people to get out of their old mindset. Today can be a new beginning for any of us. God can make all things new. God loves us and has died for us in order to set us free.

“Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:17-19 ~Charlie DeTellis

**DELIVERANCE
COMES THROUGH
OUR FAITH IN GOD.**

We need to walk in faith and God will give us victory in our lives. Jesus has paid our debts. He has died and has risen from the dead. As Christ followers, we will also rise again one day and will be with Him. Deliverance comes through our faith in God and our realization of His love for us; His indescribable love.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

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P. S. Don't live your life in partial deliverance. Cut off the chains that are holding you down. We have been forgiven of all of our sins.



Rachel and Charlie DeTellis in Haiti.

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PARTNER WITH MOMS

When carrying out mission work, we often seek long-term solutions to help the people we serve. Spiritual darkness. Poverty. Illiteracy. Unemployment. Disease. Since 1983, we have pursued Christ-centric solutions to these big problems facing the poorest of the poor in the Western Hemisphere.

Right now, we have nearly 2,000 students without sponsors. The children who need us so much are those without fathers present in their home. God has sent us to stand in the gap.

I once sat across the room from Pastor Rick Warren. As we went around the room introducing ourselves I said, “My name is Tim DeTellis and I serve with New Missions.” Pastor Rick spoke up and said, “And you know what it looks like to be the father to the fatherless.” His comment was encouraging—but it applies to each of us. Who has God sent us to serve?

“A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling.” (Psalm 68:5) May we stop and ponder how we can serve these mothers and their families. Because of you, we can continue to help children grow out of poverty and step away from illiteracy, find employment, conquer sickness, and find new life in Christ. While not everyone may choose to sponsor a child, we have established the “Life of a Child” fund—to provide the resources necessary to continue caring for these unsponsored children. Your gift of any amount will make a difference. ~Tim DeTellis



Pray for Edeline and her two children Cleff and Vaneichla.



Middle: Matine Bellevus and her three children are thankful for the gift of education. **Bottom left:** Fils Germane, a graduate from the class of 1992, now has her children attending our schools. **Bottom middle:** Thanks for praying for Ridena and her two children Ridalen and Thirst. **Bottom right:** Remember Lorvenia and her two children Mickaella and Mitchlord in your prayers.

HOPE FOR LITTLE KIDS

At our preschools in the Dominican Republic, every school day starts with praying, singing Christian songs, and reading Bible stories. The children follow a routine each day and learn to socialize with other children, share, obey, and respect their elders and others. These important lessons help prepare them to be successful in school and in their lives. Most importantly, they are being taught about God and His love for each one of them. Every Monday, the children have a chapel service and many of the children run to their teachers, begging them to let them pray or sing a song during the service. Their enthusiasm for praying and worshiping God continues at home. The children are taught that they should pray first thing in the morning, before they eat, and before they go to bed at night. One of our preschool directors, Xiomara Peralta, says many parents tell her that their children pray at home just how they have been taught at school. How encouraging to know that these children are learning the fundamentals of education that will help them succeed in school, and are also learning strong Christian values and forming good habits.

~Heather Williams Katz



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Employing Haitians to build desks supports the local economy.



Classroom desks are 100% made at our mission in Haiti.

CLASSROOM DESKS

“Game changer” may not be a word one normally uses to describe a school desk or bench, but in Haiti it really is! “Made in Haiti” (not Made in China) is what should be printed on our classroom desks. Every desk is 100% Haitian made. The lumber is purchased in Port au Prince, and then the desks are fabricated at our Bord-Mer workshop by local carpenters. The desks used in our schools are strengthening families and the community through employment, but of course they are also changing the lives of the individuals who use them each day at school. Their classes are math, Creole, French, science, and social studies. Each day includes prayer and a devotion, as well as raising the Haitian flag in the schoolyard. Soccer and jump rope are often played during the childrens’ mid-morning break. By then, the food is cooked and classes take turns having their lunch break. Each week the student body meets together for chapel where the children sing and hear the Word of God. Many of the students attending our schools would not otherwise have the opportunity to consistently attend school. Their lives are being transformed by hearing the truth of the Gospel and developing their minds through education.

~Rachel DeTellis



TEACHERS TEACHING JESUS

The focus and priority of New Missions is to preach the Gospel. In that context, we often find ourselves in ministries such as education and healthcare—to express the full Gospel of Jesus Christ. Education is one of our most successful means to see children come to hear and to know Jesus as their Savior. Children develop a loving relationship with their teachers. Our teachers were once hungry children who responded to God. Now, they teach with dedicated love and passionate purpose to reach the next generation.

What happens in school is life-changing! Recently, our Dominican Republic director told me a story of one of our students participating in a lesson on honesty. The Bible clearly teaches “do not steal.” The boy confided to his teacher that his parents asked him to steal a pair of shoes. Because this boy is experiencing love and truth in his Christian school, a foundation is being built for him to have a successful future, and morality to be blessed and be a blessing.

Thank you for your love and passion to see miracles multiplied in the lives of children—one child at a time.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

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Top: Teachers from our Concrab Elementary School love Jesus.

Bottom left: Students help lead worship during our school chapel services.

Bottom middle: Ninth grader, Duandry Archedera Martínez, shared during chapel service in Bombita, Dominican Republic.

Bottom right: Preschool students from our New Missions Christian Academy in Nepley, Haiti, are new leaders on the rise.

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LESSONS FROM MOM

For as long as I can remember, my mother has been known as a “mother to many” besides her own children. She even introduces other people as her sons and daughters. I am honored to share my mom with the world. More importantly, I am grateful for how many love my mom, too.

This month, Mother’s Day marks our calendar in the United States. Personally, I wanted to take this moment to highlight my top five favorite life lessons I learned from my mother (the co-founder of New Missions). Up close, I have seen her live out some life principles I want to share with you today.

Principle #1 - Surrender your life. Thank you, Mom, for role modeling for me what it looks like to surrender to your calling. I will never forget the day I was in Haiti with you sitting under the mango tree at our Missions Training Center. We had just finished sharing a time of devotions with the visiting team and a young man asked you a question: “Jeanne, when was it that you made the commitment to surrender to missions?” Your response was astounding. You replied, “This morning! I did not want to wake up, but I rose in an act of surrender to my God today. Use me now!” Mom, you have shown me how your life is not your own as you have surrendered to God’s call upon you.

Principle #2 - Suck it up. This advice was told to me from another missionary who asked my mother for help. As a couple, they were serving overseas and having some struggles in their work. The wife met with my mom to ask for some tips on how to navigate the challenges of missionary living. Mom summed it up in three words: “Suck it up!” If circumstances got hard,

mom would find a stubborn hope to persevere. I pray God helps me find this same deep level of strength and courage daily.

Principle #3 - Love with food. Ever since I can remember, I recall my mother using food to love others. Our very first Christmas in Haiti my mother made homemade donuts. She would hand me the donuts to run and give away to the children who walked in front of the mission. Now, my neighbors are experiencing this when they come over to my home. They nicknamed me the “food pusher,” as I’m always offering something else to eat.

Principle #4 - You have to say goodbye to say hello again. When I was a teenager living in Haiti, mom taught me this Haitian proverb: *You have to say goodbye to say hello again.* Little did I know life’s journeys would be filled with many goodbyes. These hard moments of transition and letting go are comforted in the fact that one day there will be a reunion again.

Principle #5 - Live generously. As a young boy, we lived in the church my father was pastoring in Worcester, MA, for five years. Finally, we moved out of the church and into an old Victorian-style home. Then, within two short years, mom walked away from that house to move into a tent on the Leogane Plain of Haiti—where my parents founded New Missions. Mom, thank you for living generously. You walked away from so much to share faith, hope, and love with others—that is only found in knowing Jesus.

Thanks, Mom, for being a mom to many and still role modeling these life principles. May our lives make an impact for eternity’s sake. ~Tim DeTellis

YOU HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE TO SAY HELLO AGAIN.

How can you honor your mom this month? *“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”* (Exodus 20:12) I hope and pray you find some quality time to share with your mom. If she is no longer with you, I hope you take a moment and reflect upon how she impacted your life. Moms are truly a gift from God.

Serving together,

Tim DeTellis
timothy@newmissions.org

P.S. Join us in coming alongside single moms, by stepping into their lives with the gift of sponsorship for their children. Visit newmissions.org/moms



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

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Change the life of a child

GOD, CHANGE ME TOO

As part of her presentation to the youth group at Cielo Vista Church in El Paso, Texas, 16-year-old Gaby shared the following: “I thought I shouldn’t go on this mission trip because I wasn’t good enough. Little did I know the phrase ‘you’re not good enough’ was just a lie that Satan was trying to put in my head.” She had just returned from Haiti, where one of her dreams was to meet Marriana Charles—the girl her family sponsors through New Missions.

When your own child visits a Third World country and has the opportunity to experience a different culture, you hope and pray their heart and mind are opened to a worldview that will shape their life forever—especially when they see God at work and realize the Gospel message is not just for Americans. Perspective comes from being in a different place, and visiting Haiti helps tweak the values we have to help others.

During her presentation, Gaby shared, “Through this trip God has not only opened up my eyes and my heart to people who have different circumstances, but He has also showed me that it’s not only what can I do for them...but it is what God can do through them. One of the things that you notice as soon as you get to New Missions is that God is changing lives through the next generation!”

Is God changing you today? Watch and see what He is doing in and through you. When you sponsor a child, your life is changed forever.

~Tim DeTellis



Joseph Ortiz and his daughter Gaby meeting their sponsor child's family was a reunion of joy.



Middle: Joseph Ortiz took his balloon animal making skills to the villages.

Bottom left: Love speaks every language and shoebox gifts carry your love to the children of Haiti.

Bottom right: God made Haiti beautiful! A father and daughter making a lifetime memory visiting Haiti.



DR MISSION TEAMS

Mission teams coming to the Dominican Republic help boost our local outreach and evangelistic efforts. Most teams come prepared with Bible lessons to share with our students. We also plan other outreach events to utilize the expertise and skills of people coming on teams. Recently, we hosted medical clinics in many of the different areas where we have ministries. We were able to treat many of our church members, but we also met many people who do not come to our churches and are not yet Christians. We also hosted a baseball clinic and tournament for children between the ages of seven and twelve. Each day started with a devotional, and we invited all the children and their parents to come to our church nearby. Finally, we hosted a special seminar at our health center for women who were pregnant. In these classes, the women learned about caring for their bodies and babies during their pregnancy. The seminar ended with a big baby shower. The women had many questions, and when the seminar was over they didn't want to leave! We are thankful for all the people who come with teams to the DR, and for their willingness to use their gifts and talents for the kingdom of God.

~Heather Williams Katz



Baseball is a beloved sport in the Dominican Republic, and this baseball camp touched lives with the Gospel message.



We are loving moms and celebrating life together at our Health Center in Sosua.



Congratulations to our school administrators on receiving their CPR certifications.



Giving shoebox gifts while on a mission trip is an experience that lasts a lifetime.

COME TO HAITI

What will I do if I join a mission team going to New Missions in Haiti? Typically, teams are involved with distributing Christmas shoeboxes, sneakers, fifth birthday parties, and classroom and village ministry. Preaching, testimonies, and music are shared in chapel and church services. Some teams come prepared to do VBS or sports events with our school children. Recently, we had a certified CPR instructor, along with a paramedic, do CPR and first aid training with school personnel, nursing students, and even high school students. Educators have held workshops for our school teachers, and pastors have taught and encouraged the New Missions pastors. Our clinic director, Marie Chantal, has asked me to request eyeglass and dental teams to come and minister to our students and communities. Opportunities abound for you to be used by God during your time in Haiti.

First-time team members may initially be apprehensive. It doesn't take long for those concerns to disappear and the cultural and language barriers fade. God will use your gifts, talents, and love for His glory to bless the Haitian people. You will find you are blessed abundantly in return by their faith and worship of God. ~Rachel DeTellis



MORE FIFTH BIRTHDAYS

The air was full of expectation, like the night before Christmas, as the little children sat tightly together in perfect silence with their eyes wide open and their smiles stretching across their faces. The tables were quickly covered with bright birthday tablecloths, and balloons were blown up and passed out. The table centerpieces were in place, and the big frosted cakes were on each table.

Before the graduation party began, we had Kelly Lapp, the children's pastor from West Normandy Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., give a devotional. She introduced herself and asked for their names to reaffirm God's special love for each child, and to let them know God already knows their future. It was an inspirational time to have these precious, innocent children reach a milestone in their life—by reaching the age of five—and to get them ready for the next step of life by preparing them academically through their elementary school classes.

There was fun at the tables as the children ate their cake with cute little spoons, and not a crumb was left uneaten. They were adorable in their birthday hats, gifts of sunglasses, and playing with balloons. It was a party day—a bright day for them to mark their success and to be inspired for their next level of learning. We thank God for the gifts and faithfulness of the Haitian Christian teachers who are our heroes on this mission of raising the next generation. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

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Top: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7

Bottom left: During 2018, we will celebrate 653 fifth birthdays at New Missions.

Bottom middle: The milestone of children turning five in the Third World represents kids surviving against all odds.

Bottom right: Kindergarten graduations are a special celebration as these children are loved by God and on the rise to be Christian leaders.

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LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

On the Leogane Plain in Haiti, Pastor Richard Gay has served God for 25 years as pastor and school director at the New Missions Academy in Masson. When we were at his school a few weeks ago, he said to me, “This is my son”—with a smile reminding me of God the Father to His son, Jesus (“I am well-pleased”). Pastor Gay’s son works as a school teacher alongside his father—directing this campus with over 450 students. Other mission campuses hold the same victorious news of the second generation rising up. Like father, like son.

What more could the carpenter Joseph of Nazareth have asked of his son Jesus than for Him to learn the trade of His earthly father and be a carpenter? Like father, like Son. How many fathers do you know who long for their sons to take over their business, their farms, and their ministries...and to hear, “Like father, like son?”

There is also a negative intention when this phrase is used. An alcoholic father may have a son who has followed in his footsteps. A father may have a violent temper. A son may also feel doomed by his father’s lack of character and integrity. But each one of us is a new creation through Christ. We may look like our fathers and act like our fathers, but we have a higher more influencing DNA, and that is the DNA we take from the Blood of Jesus—the One sacrificed for us to be called a son of God. And now we can say, “like God, like me.” The inheritance from Adam has been replaced with our inheritance to become heirs with Christ.

This position with Jesus Christ takes away the pain of the influence of an ungodly biological father. One

WHEN YOU BELIEVE IN
GOD YOUR FATHER, YOU’LL
BECOME MORE LIKE HIM.

of our students in the Dominican Republic confided in his pastor that his father encourages him to steal shoes. The five-year-old boy I sponsor in Haiti never knew his father, and that leaves an emotional pain to not have an identity. We have the amazing, awesome gift of salvation so we can say, “I have a Father, and I am like my Father.”

What’s your father like? My father was a farm boy from an immigrant family of eight children. He was up before daylight to milk cows and to deliver milk to the next town on his horse Sam. My father often went to school exhausted and would fall asleep at his desk. He gave me the gift of his integrity and good name. My husband Ted’s father always had a garden, and Ted has a garden in Michigan. His garden is so big that when we are traveling, we have to call on neighbors and friends to come take the produce. This week I missed taking a photo of Ted walking in a village canal with water up to his knees—reaching into the garden of one of our mission students. Ted also planted a garden in Florida, and within two months we were eating spinach, peas, lettuce, and radishes.

The news we hear speaks to us around the world that the days we live in are very dark. We are honored and privileged to live at this very critical time in history. What the world needs is JESUS! People must see Jesus, feel Jesus, learn about Jesus, and be saved through our witness. We must rise up so that many will come to be the sons and daughters of the Father. Like Father, like son...to be like Jesus! ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

Because we became sons of God at the time we accepted His Son Jesus as our Savior, daily we can enjoy His DNA in our lives. Philippians 2:13 says, “*For it is not your strength, but it is God who is effectively at work in you, both to will and work that is, strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose for His good pleasure.*” You are like God – enjoy your DNA!

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. What a miracle to be born in flesh, and through an act of faith when we believe, we become more and more like our Heavenly Father.



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HAITI BAPTISMAL EVENT

My husband Ted and I spent a week with Charlie and Rachel DeTellis, mission directors in Haiti, along with a mission team from First Baptist Woodstock, Georgia. One of the team members spoke at a mid-week service at the Bire church and gave an invitation. Two young women responded to the call of salvation after hearing an amazing testimony and the Good News. Later that week, while walking on the mission grounds toward the ocean, we saw believers from our Bire church—including one of the young women who had just prayed to accept Jesus as her Savior—preparing for baptism. How our hearts rejoiced watching her be baptized. Four others were baptized with her.

A decision to be baptized in Haiti is a serious, carefully thought out determination to follow Jesus. I am grateful for the first memories of baptismal services on the oceanfront, when the mission was first started in the 1980's. A former missionary, Betty Ellis, was pushing her feet on the foot press of the treadle sewing machine, making white robes as quickly as possible. Young teenagers were ready to take this step—even if they were to encounter opposition and alienation from family. I remember their courage and their fear (especially the daughter of a Voodoo priest), and thank God that those first baptized in the '80s are still following Jesus. "No, no, mwe pap tounnin (No, no, I won't turn back).

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Pastor Jean Panel Louis from our church in Bire, Haiti, hosted a baptism service in Bord-Mer.



Middle: The celebration of believer's baptism in Haiti is a day of coming together to rejoice.

Bottom left: Jeanne and Ted Loudon had the privilege of witnessing this special occasion.

Bottom right: Lives are being changed forever because of the power of the Gospel.

SHOEBOX DRIVE 2018

It's hard to believe that it is already July! The 2018 Christmas Shoebox Drive is quickly approaching, and we have some exciting news to share. This year, we are starting something new. We have added the option to pack shoeboxes for infants and toddlers up to two years of age. These boxes will be used to bless the children that come to the New Missions medical clinic. Items such as bottles, onesies, baby toys, and baby shampoo may also be put into these shoeboxes. If you would like, you can include other small gifts that will bless the baby and their mom. Being able to give a shoebox gift to the young children who come to our clinic will be an incentive for mothers to bring their babies to our medical clinic.

We are so thankful for your faithful involvement in the Christmas Shoebox Drive for the past decade. Each shoebox that is given makes a difference in the life of a child. Every year our students and their families wait with anticipation for the cargo containers filled with gifts. This year the Christmas Shoebox Drive will be from Oct. 1 – Dec. 31. Please save the date and begin collecting items to put in your shoebox.

~Molly Knost



Plan now to pack shoebox gifts for our students and babies: October 1 through December 31.



Your love and prayers matter so much to our students during the Shoebox Drive.



Thank you for writing to your sponsored child and sending prayers of encouragement.



Your letters become the most prized possessions for the children.

WRITING TO YOUR CHILD

I can't tell you how many times I've seen a New Missions student show up for a sponsor visit holding a photo or letter in his hand from their sponsor. And more than likely the student didn't have a nice refrigerator to display it on, but safely kept it stashed away in a bag or box. Sometimes it can be difficult to know what to communicate with a sponsor child because your life experiences differ greatly. Some younger students may not have traveled beyond a 10-15 mile radius of their home. However, you can be assured that your letters, photos, and especially your prayers will make a difference.

Besides telling your sponsor child about your life, I have found that one great way to have "written conversation" with someone you don't know from a different culture, is to ask plenty of questions. Most Haitian students lead very simple lives. Asking questions such as: how family members make a living, what they plant in their garden, what animals they own, what chores they perform, what their church or school will be doing for holidays, where they would like to travel in Haiti, how they are doing in school, and what their aspirations are will give you insight to understand, inspire, and pray for your child. ~Rachel DeTellis



LORD, HERE I AM

What would be the ultimate hope and prayer for our graduates? May they pray: "Here I am Lord, use me." With the breeze blowing through the New Missions church in Signeau, Haiti, graduates from our Bible college began their processional line dressed in their caps and gowns. Family and friends gathered to celebrate this milestone of an accomplishment.

In a country where Voodoo is still prominent, the truth and hope found in knowing Jesus is shining brighter than ever. Today, we rejoice knowing each student in our high school began school with New Missions when they were preschool or kindergarten age.

My father, Pastor George, began our Bible college in Haiti with the purpose to equip the next generation to serve the local church and missions across Haiti. Today, we have graduates from our Bible college serving across the island of Hispaniola in roles such as pastors, mission directors, and church planters.

Pastor Joseph Elifete Eliane who serves at our New Missions church in TiBoukan, was one of those graduates. Today, he leads a church and New Missions Christian Academy. We see Haiti as a country on the rise, and at the center of it are these new Christian leaders. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: Our Bible college graduates are surrendering their lives to ministry.
Bottom left: Bible college graduation is a milestone...a true accomplishment.
Bottom right: Our vision will outlast us as new Christian leaders rise up.

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A TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE DIPIETRO ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

My grandfather, Charlie DiPietro, was born May 30, 1918, in Readville, Massachusetts. Shortly afterwards, his parents bought a 100-acre farm in West Boylston. My grandparents moved to Cambridge during World War II where he found work. Just across the Charles River bridge, they attended Boston Christian Assembly.

A woman in the church, Francis Deluca, was the leader of a committee to visit the poor and sick members of the church. My grandparents were members of this committee called "Willing Workers." In 1948, the committee gathered at Boston Christian Assembly for a prayer meeting. At that meeting, Francis Deluca began to share the burden for a camp for children. Then, Mary Poulos, a member of the group laid hands on my grandparents and began to prophesy over them as leaders of this new camp. My grandfather was just 30 years old in 1948. The group began to meet and pray weekly for this new children's camp.

They started to look for a piece of land that could be purchased, and they started to save money by tithing their weekly wages. They went to look at an old farmhouse in Maynard that was for sale for \$10,000. After looking at this property my grandfather visited his mother in West Boylston and began to share with her their vision for a children's camp. She told them how she had written to the headquarters of the church denomination, Christian Church of North America, and offered to donate some of her farmland. But the denomination never wrote her back. She said she would donate the land to them, instead, to help start a children's camp. The four acres was comprised of two open fields in the middle of a wooded area. On

Sunday, October 24, 1948, a groundbreaking service was held to dedicate the land for a children's ministry. Over the next decade a camp was incorporated, and my grandfather also started his own factory in Cambridge, called General Plating Company.

When I think of my grandfather starting this children's ministry I think of Elisha picking up the mantle of Elijah. In I Kings 19:19, Scripture tells us that the prophet found Elisha plowing in his father's field and threw his mantle upon him. Elisha wasn't thinking about being a prophet and a preacher. He was a farmer and he was out plowing his field. My grandfather wasn't thinking about starting a children's ministry. He was

working to support his young family. But the mantle was thrown upon him. Like Elisha he picked up the mantle. To pick up the mantle of your calling is to pick up the burden. The mantle is a burden. Who will pick up the burden, the responsibility, the calling? Will you pick up the mantle

**WILL YOU PICK UP
THE MANTLE OF
YOUR CALLING?**

of your calling? When we take on the heart of God, we take on His burdens for a person, a people, or a place. If you have a calling for a children's ministry then you will have a burden for those children.

My grandfather's factory in Cambridge is gone. The business was sold in 1976 and my grandfather retired when he was just 58 years old due to health issues. Soon the new owner went bankrupt. Later, the building was torn down to build a convenience store. But, Camp Woodhaven still exists and thrives today! Every summer hundreds of children will hear the Gospel. At 100 years old my grandfather's legacy lives on. Charlie DiPietro accepted the mantle, the responsibility, and he loved the work. ~George DeTellis, Jr.

Will you pick up the mantle of your calling? Some people shrug off the burden, and say "no" to the calling—because they can count the cost and don't want to make the personal sacrifice. Like Elisha, to pick up the mantle of your calling, you will have to pick up the weight of the burden and the responsibility to do the work that comes with the ministry.

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P.S. "So he found Elisha who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him." I Kings 19:19



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ACCEPTED

After submitting several college applications, my granddaughter received the word “accepted” from the school of her choice. For a child in a Third World country, the word “accepted” is not often heard. For children in Haiti, there is a lack of schools and teachers. For children in the Dominican Republic, there are limited schools—plus transportation and financial constraints.

New Missions rejoices in God’s goodness and mercy to provide a free Christian education for close to 10,000 children. Because of our sponsors they are “accepted.” John 6:37 says, “All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.”

About 30 years ago, when our mission schools were full, the mission decided not to accept any more children. A mother was waiting to see me with three children of school age. I had to say “no” to this precious mother. I went home and cried. But, I remember her courage when I said we could “accept” them next year. With this news, the mother hugged me and smiled. She had hope and could wait.

Other children are waiting for schools and the word “accept.” Your love, prayers, and sponsorships keep the mission strong—transforming the lives of children through Christian education and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are trusting Him for a great upcoming school year, and we’re blessed by your partnership. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Congratulations to the Colegio Nueva Vida class of 2018! We celebrate with you as you enter this new season of life.



Middle: Pastor Yaguel, graduate from the class of 2005, celebrates sixth graders reaching the milestone of graduating primary school in Haiti. **Bottom left:** Together, we are investing in the future generation of Christian leaders. **Bottom right:** Pray for the students of New Missions Christian Academy as they continue to learn and grow.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC UPDATE

Our children's program in Los Castillos has been going strong now for over a year. During the past year, we have seen amazing spiritual growth in the kids. Many of the teenagers have become leaders in the group and leaders in church as well. We recently finished a series with the children talking about different Christian values. We talked about love, respect, honesty, kindness, generosity and many others.

As we finished the series, we wanted to give the children a chance to put some of these values into action. So, we challenged the kids to bring dry food items to take to our local firemen. We collected the food items for one month and then we were able to take all the children to deliver the food and get a tour of the fire station. One of the best surprises was to meet two of the firemen, Stanli J. Geronimo and Berny Liriano. They were former students at our school in Redemption Village—which is the school where most of these children attend! Please pray for the children and leaders in this program as they continue to learn more about loving, following, and serving God. ~Heather Williams Katz



Berny Liriano and Stanli J. Geronimo, former students at our school in Redemption Village, are now firefighters.



The children visited the fire station and presented the food gifts to the firemen.



We celebrate kindergarten, sixth grade, and high school graduations at all our schools.



Kindergarten students from our New Missions Christian Academy in TiBoukan, Haiti, prayed before their graduation ceremony.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATIONS

This year, each of our New Missions elementary campuses held a kindergarten graduation. In Haiti, the education system begins with two years of preschool followed by kindergarten. Typically, students are five years old when they graduate from kindergarten. The fact that the child has reached his fifth year is significant, and we love to celebrate fifth birthdays in our schools. In Haiti, the mortality rate for children under five has gradually been decreasing—but it's still much higher than most of the world. So, you can see why birthday parties and graduation for this age group are exciting!

The churches where graduations were held were decorated with balloons and flags. Everyone dressed up. Godparents held gifts for their students, and the emcee kept it lively but formal. I attended the Mathieu graduation this year. The little girls were decked out in pretty lime green dresses with blue sashes, matching socks, and hair bows. The boys' outfits coordinated with the girls. The students made a special walk down the aisle, and shared dance, poetry and song. Pastor Adam Denny from Tignall Baptist Church in Georgia briefly spoke to the students and parents. It was wonderful being a part of such a special day. ~Rachel DeTellis



PACKING SHOEBOXES

Each shoebox gift matters—because each child matters to God. We can't do this without you! As I stood in front of our pastors who gathered at our New Missions church in Signeau, Haiti, I shared how the shoebox gifts we deliver represent God's love sent from the hearts and homes of people across the United States and Canada. I asked, "How big is God's love for us?" I responded: "God's love is so big. We receive so much that we must share it with others!"

When it comes to our shoebox drive, you can pack gifts for our students, nurses, pastors, teachers...but this year we are introducing infant shoeboxes for newborns through the age of two. For packing ideas visit ShoeboxDrive.com. You can host packing parties and invite your friends, co-workers, and church family to join in all the fun.

God's love for you and me does not stop with us. Our lives are not intended to be a reservoir but a river. Thank you for being a special part of our annual shoebox drive. Together, let's make history this year and reach more children and families as we share God's love. "We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19 ~Tim DeTellis



Top: Plan now to pack shoebox gifts for the children of New Missions.

Bottom left: What will you pack inside your shoebox? For ideas visit ShoeboxDrive.com.

Bottom middle: You can also send a shoebox specifically for your sponsored child.

Bottom right: Each shoebox will bless the life of a child and their family—including infants and toddlers.

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THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

We need to abide in the vine in order to produce the fruit of the Spirit. I have been feeding my soul with worship music, teaching materials, and I'm also listening to a lot of books. I really feel the need to have written material in front of me in order to meditate upon the truths of God. Yes, I am also reading the Bible. I have the Bible on audio, but still enjoying reading the Bible from an actual hard copy. This way I can highlight certain truths and quickly find these truths again in the future.

We need to dig deeper into God's truth for spiritual fruit in our lives. A passage in Galatians tells us we need to crucify our flesh and say no to our flesh. By nature we all want to put our flesh first. God's Word tells us we are to love our God first and then to love our neighbor. Amazingly, when we walk in the Spirit and live in the Spirit, we find even more fruit of the Spirit in our lives. In the flesh, I don't always want to do ministry. However, I die to myself. John 12:24 tells us, *"Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."* We need to give of ourselves for the benefit of others. When we sow love we will also receive love in our lives.

God's truth sets our hearts and minds at peace. Often people who do not have the fruits of the Spirit have heart issues which have not been dealt with.

WHEN WE SOW
LOVE WE WILL ALSO
RECEIVE LOVE.

We need to know God does in fact exist, and He loves us and wants to help us in our lives. We need to meditate upon this truth every day. We need to see ourselves as God's special children. In Genesis 37:3 we learn that Jacob had a son, Joseph, whom he dearly loved. *"Now Jacob loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a varicolored tunic."* We need to recognize the personal love God has for each of us. Consider yourself special, unique, and loved.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another." Galatians 5:22-26

It is enjoyable to be in someone's company who is loving and caring—who has the fruit of the Spirit. In contrast, no one enjoys being with someone who is grumpy and bitter. When I am in public, I look for opportunities to talk with people. Some will not even look at you. How pleasant it is to receive a smile and an acknowledgement from someone. We need people in our lives. We need to believe God for all things and keep walking in obedience and love—trusting God that the best is yet to come. ~Charlie DeTellis

We need to make a concerted effort to be living with the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. We should not be living in the flesh, but should focus on living in the Spirit. *"And walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."* Ephesians 5:2

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

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P. S. *"Do not be overcome with evil; but overcome evil with good."* Romans 12:21



Rachel and Charlie DeTellis in Haiti.

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THEY FINALLY MET

With her passport in her right hand, and a photo of Sandy, the girl her family sponsors from Haiti in her left hand, five-year-old Lilah smiled from ear to ear. The moment she had been dreaming about was finally here. She was going to Haiti with her mom and dad to meet her Haitian sister, Sandy.

Lilah's mom said, "Every day she thinks about and prays for her 'Haiti sister, Sandy' to know Jesus—constantly thinking of her even when we go shopping. Lilah is looking forward to the day when she gets to play with her. We want Lilah to know that even at five years of age she, too, can change the life of a child through sponsorship. To Lilah...that's her sister."

Instantly, the first meeting of Lilah and Sandy was filled with smiles, hugs, and love. No differences could separate them. They were like sisters finally together. After they met, Lilah said, "I just knew we were going to best friends forever." She also said her heart just felt so happy!

Can you imagine how this will shape both of these little lives? They are on a mission to grow and know how the love of Jesus unites two girls from different countries. When you sponsor a child, your life will be changed forever, too.

~Tim DeTellis



Pastor Greg and Sarah Pulling from Journey Christian Fellowship in Quinton, Virginia took their daughter Lilah to Haiti to meet Sandy.



Bottom left: Love speaks every language, and Sandy and Lilah finally met.



Middle: The gift of an education helps girls like Sandy step out of poverty.



Bottom right: When you sponsor a child, your life is changed forever, too.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC UPDATE

In an effort to raise up more Christian leaders in our high school, we recently started a Christian student leadership group called Leaders for Christ. We meet weekly with the students throughout the school year, where they learn about qualities of a successful Christian leader. They also get to hear many special guest speakers. This summer, we were able to take the group on a mission trip to Jimani to work with John and Melissa Hanley, who are missionaries there and run a children's home. During our time there, we hosted VBS for kids in the children's home and children from the community also attended. All of the students participated in a church service that was led by them and were involved in a youth game night for the community. This was a wonderful chance for the students to learn more about serving and leading. The students were deeply touched by how happy and loving the children are who live in the children's home. We look forward to seeing how God will use the experiences from this trip to impact the students' lives and help them become more emboldened to share God's love with other students in their school and community. ~Heather Williams Katz



The leadership visited families in the community and invited the children to Vacation Bible School.



Isabela Martinez Pita, one of the leadership students, helping kids with their craft at VBS.



Pastor Guy Fontaine led two of our churches from Signeau and Fond-Jacques on summer mission trips.



Thank you for praying for Haitians from our churches on mission trips across Haiti.

HAITIANS ON MISSION TRIPS

Five of our New Missions churches have already been on a mission trip in Haiti this summer, with 175 members participating. One more church will go on a trip before school resumes. Thus far, 26 people have accepted Jesus as Savior through these trips. All of this was independently planned, organized, funded, and executed by the Haitian churches. Pastor Panel from the Birey church had the largest group comprised of 110 people from his church! He worked hard to stimulate interest and motivate his team. They had numerous prayer services lasting as late as midnight in preparation. New Missions was able to help with some of their food provisions and items for distribution. The teams held open air services in marketplaces, special church services, and home to home visits.

Since 1986, Pastor Guy has annually led a team out to a new location to do ministry. He says that team members are so blessed to participate. They grow in their courage and ability to share their faith, meet and interact with believers from this new place, and enjoy fellowship and camaraderie as they work together. Pastor Guy said, "Jesus told us to go." It is wonderful to see men and women of God willing to fulfill the Great Commission. ~Rachel DeTellis



GO TEAM NEW MISSIONS

Families, life groups, and mission teams are in and out of our office constantly. They bring joy, laughter, and a willingness to serve. Volunteers are a vital part of the New Missions team.

New Missions has been blessed to have Journey Christian Fellowship from Quinton, Virginia serve alongside us in ministering to the Haitians. They led a team to Haiti in May 2018, and a few months later came to Orlando to help us pack “prepacked” shoeboxes. Sarah Pulling and her daughter Lilah (from the article on pg. 1) were able to be a part of both mission teams. It was wonderful for Lilah to meet her sponsored child in Haiti, and then come to Orlando to help pack shoeboxes. We love having families serve together at New Missions.

When asked what they liked best about serving at New Missions, one of the volunteers said, “It humbled me how a simple bar of soap or washcloth would totally bless a child and their family. We have much to be thankful for.”

You can bless a child and their family by being a part of our shoebox drive. We will be collecting shoeboxes from October 1 – December 31. If you would like to order a shoebox packed by volunteers and our team, simply visit newmissions.org/shoebboxgiving ~Molly Knost



Top: The team of volunteers from Journey Christian Fellowship served in Orlando packing shoeboxes for three days.

Bottom left: We are thankful for volunteers of all ages—serving and giving.

Bottom middle: For shoebox packing ideas visit shoebboxdrive.com.

Bottom right: Thank you to our shoebox drive volunteers who are making a difference.

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ARE YOU TOO OLD OR TOO YOUNG?

My father was 49 years old when he finally moved to Haiti full-time. You're not too old for God to use you and you're not too young, either. At the age of 65 my father moved to the Dominican Republic—having a recent diagnosis of cancer just prior to starting a new work across the North Coast of Sosua. What are you waiting for?

Age is not a limitation unless we think it is. Do you think you're too old? I'll ask the question this way: Can God not use you at your age?

The New Missions office doorbell rang in Orlando and I went to open the front door as moms and their kids came in to volunteer. Big smiles on little faces made my heart leap for joy. Even at the age of five, these young ones will make a difference as they pack shoebox gifts.

Society identifies people as too young or too old. God looks at us and sees people who are available. "Dear Lord, use me!" If that is your prayer, then you are the right age.

David approached the giant, Goliath, with his slingshot—and he was just a young shepherd boy. That's right...a boy! God used him at his age with the appropriate experiences and resources he already had. 1 Samuel 17:39 says, "David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. 'I cannot go in these,' he said to Saul, 'because I am not used to them.' So he took them off."

David could not be used with what was not uniquely his. You and I cannot take upon ourselves

someone else's skills, tools, and equipment to serve our Lord. We must come as who God made us to be—because only then will we be the most effective. "Then he [David] took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine." (1 Samuel 17:40) David went with what God already gave him.

What about retirement? Dr. Charles Stanley said, "What can you do then that you cannot do now?" That was his response with regard to what his thoughts were on retirement. If you want to golf more when you retire, go golfing now. Actually, my recommendation is for you to invite someone far from God to go golfing with you now. Use your love for golf to turn the greens into your mission field.

My hope and prayer is to be used by God every day until I die...and not let age ever become an excuse. Are we asking these questions which can hold us back? Am I too old or too young? Is it too late or am I not ready yet? Instead, may God give us a supernatural energy and passion for today.

One of my life verses comes from Psalm 90:17, "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." May we welcome God's favor to rest upon us no matter our age, so His work can be accomplished because we are living a life surrendered to Him. ~Tim DeTellis

**YOU'RE NOT TOO OLD.
WHAT ARE YOU
WAITING FOR?**

On a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, I was contemplating my life's purpose as I stood in the waiting room of our health center. Standing in the waiting room, I looked up to see a photograph of my father on the wall. Beneath the photo was a woman holding crutches, as her young daughter sat on a bench with her leg in bandages. I then knew I wanted to have a vision greater than my lifetime. May I live for something that will outlast me.

Serving together,

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Tim DeTellis speaking at Central Life Church in Cocoa, FL

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HERE COME SHOEBOXES

The doorbell often rings as deliveries of small and large packages are dropped off at our office in Orlando. Carts of shoeboxes line the walls, and extra supplies are organized to be used during processing the boxes. Volunteers come and go—helping us with the extra work. It is time for our Christmas Shoebox Drive!

A large tractor-trailer will be carefully packed ensuring every nook and cranny is filled with supplies and gifts for Haiti. Our students in Haiti expectantly look forward to every one of these deliveries! The first shipment of shoeboxes will be sent out this month. Throughout the summer several church partners began collecting shoebox supplies and even packed shoeboxes. During VBS, kids chose items to go in shoeboxes they packed for children in Haiti. We love seeing people of all ages packing shoeboxes.

There is still plenty of time for you, your church, school or office to collect shoeboxes. Our collection runs until December 31. You can pack a box for a student, a pastor, nurse or teacher in Haiti. This year, we have also added a new category of shoeboxes for newborn babies through the age of two. For further information, visit shoeboxdrive.com. ~Molly Knost



We are thankful for volunteers of all ages who serve during our Shoebox Drive.



Bottom left: There's plenty of time to collect shoebox gifts because our collection runs through Dec. 31, 2018.

Middle: Our warehouse facility in Haiti becomes a happening place as cargo containers arrive with shoeboxes.

Bottom right: Each shoebox counts, because each child matters to God.

DIA DE LA RAZA

On the same day Columbus Day is observed in the U.S., Dia de la Raza (Day of the Race) is celebrated in the Dominican Republic. On this day, our students learn about how the island was discovered and founded, and they also learn about different countries and their cultures. Our students are learning about God's love for everyone—regardless of their color or background.

Christian Smil Cruz and Mardoche Codio Jean have known each other since first grade, but have been “best friends” since third grade. They studied together at our school in Redemption Village and are now in sixth grade at Colegio Nueva Vida. Christian's family is Dominican, and Mardoche's family is Haitian. When I asked Mardoche and Christian what they thought about racism, they both said it was bad. Christian added, “People are judging people just for how they look on the outside. But on the inside, we are all the same.” Many of our students have best friends from other countries or backgrounds. It is refreshing to see so many of our students' friendships and how they are an example of God's love for everyone. ~Heather Williams Katz



Christian and Mardoche; a genuine friendship that crosses cultural boundaries and is an example of God's unconditional love for us.



Our schools are places where students from different countries and backgrounds learn together and some even become best friends.



Marie Chantale Philipe, a graduate of New Missions, serves as our medical director and meets with other nurses.



Devotions are hosted daily at our medical clinic in Haiti—because we believe the Gospel changes lives forever.

MINISTRY OF THE CLINIC

We are blessed to have nurses who love the Lord working at our medical clinic. Each day is an opportunity for them to not only meet peoples' physical needs, but also their spiritual needs. The physical needs are met through consultations, lab tests, vaccines, medication and education. The spiritual needs are met through the morning devotion, prayer and song, as well as personal ministry that happens naturally as the patient talks with the nurse regarding their health problems. Marie Chantale Philipe, the clinic director, says they frequently have patients accept Jesus as their Savior at the clinic.

Recently, a man showed up at the clinic right before it closed for the day. His hand was very swollen and he had a fever. He reported losing weight and feeling sick for a long time. He went to one Voodoo priest after another seeking help. He allowed the last one he saw to inject something into his forearm. That is what brought him to the clinic. The nurses not only treated him for his condition but shared the Gospel and their testimonies with him. He was convinced of the truth and prayed to receive Christ. He left there not only with medicine to help him recover, but also with a changed heart. ~Rachel DeTellis



NEW CHURCH AND SCHOOL

In January of 1983, between two coconut trees, we established our first church by hanging a banner that read: *Haiti: Hope in God*. Now, 35 years later, we have established our 35th church and school campus. This will mark 30 locations in Haiti and five in the Dominican Republic. This newest campus takes us farther down the southern coastline of Haiti—near Grand Goâve in an area called Fauché.

Ten years ago, during our 25th anniversary year, we made the decision to venture off of the Leogane Plain and began establishing churches and schools in the mountain area of Tom Gateau, Haiti. We now have three churches and schools in that remote mountain region.

Now, during our 35th year of ministry, we are stepping into a new area to establish more churches and schools. Our vision is to raise a generation of Christian leaders, and our mission is to change the life of a child. We accomplish this through the local church and Christian schools.

You are in the middle of this growth and impact as you sponsor a child. If you'd like to become a child sponsor for one of the 150 children attending this new school in Fauché, Haiti, simply call 407-240-4058 or email Hannah@newmissions.org. Our vision cannot be accomplished alone. Together, we can do more. ~Tim DeTellis

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Top: Join us in prayer for additional church and school locations across the island of Hispaniola.

Bottom left: We are a house of prayer, and together proclaim Jesus as the answer for our world today.

Bottom middle: The local church is the greatest force for good, and our 35 locations are at the center of their communities.

Bottom right: When we open a school, we partner with parents to help raise a generation of Christian leaders.

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medical clinic
ministry.



HOW CAN WE HONOR CHILDREN?

Recently, I read an article which stated that children become more emotionally intelligent if they have a close relationship with their grandparents. How many grandparents are on a mission to care for their grandchildren? I am grateful for my parent's mission to my four children.

My husband Ted has one grandchild, Jack, who is three years old. Ted enjoys frequent trips to Chicago to spend time with Jack. Ted and I were babysitting Jack last month, and he was trying to fix one of Jack's toys. After he tried and tried, he turned to Jack and said, "Poppa can't fix this toy. How did it get broken?" Jack fixed his eyes on his Poppa and mused, "The other Jack broke it."

Jack is only three years old, but he has heard about Jesus from the moment he was born. Jack's heart has accepted Jesus and he does not want to be the other Jack. He wants to be the good Jack. There is a promise from God that says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22:6).

What about stories of the pain of other children living in poverty, abuse or illness? Can they, too, grow in the ways of the Lord? Yes! Children easily come to Jesus and understand His love—developing a healing relationship with God. I know a child in Haiti who was given into slavery, but came to Christ and now excels in political leadership.

Another child I know in Haiti was disowned by her family because she prayed to accept Jesus. But she

trusted the Lord and achieved academic excellence, and now is a wife and mother of high esteem. Jesus is the right to every wrong in life.

One more child I recall was born in the Dominican Republic, and sadly her mother died giving birth. Her father was an alcoholic, and she quickly had to grow up—learning to take money from her father's pockets when he was asleep so she could buy some food. She found Jesus, sang in church, and became a leader among her peers. Even for a child whose life is painful, the unlimited grace and love of God can change it all.

This month, a woman had dinner at our home who was abused as a child. She speaks no pain; she is healed by the love of Jesus, and is currently on her way to Papua New Guinea serving as a missionary.

We need to read and understand what Jesus said when He told us that when we see a child, we are seeing Him (Matt. 25:40). We must stand up for these precious children and fight violence, abuse, and hunger. God, give us the hearts to meet the needs of children.

Thank God, our mission schools begin their day with prayer and Bible stories—providing them with love and security.

Can you remember kindness shown to you as a child? Praise God! Can you remember harm to you as a child? Bring this pain to Jesus. He can heal the scars of pain. Jesus loves children. Will you, too, love and honor children? ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

**HONOR CHILDREN.
PROTECT AND PROVIDE
FOR THEM. BRING
THEM TO JESUS.**

Now is the day and time for God to use you to honor children. It can happen through your gift of a Christmas shoebox. Kindly write a note of encouragement and include a Bible verse and a photo of you and your family. You are giving to Jesus when you honor and love a child.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. This month Ted and I were blessed to share this same message in Haiti with our pastors and school directors.



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Change the life of a child

LET'S BUILD TWO CHURCHES

As the Gospel is proclaimed, the Good News pierces the darkness that is all too common in Haitian villages where Voodoo is still practiced. The Voodoo priest from Neply, Haiti, told me his daughter is now a worship leader at church. He then said, "None of my children believe what I believe. All eight of them went to the mission schools and chose to follow Jesus." The power of the Gospel changes lives forever.

Would you join me in prayer for the construction of two new church buildings in Haiti? To maximize their use and purpose, each church building also functions as school classrooms during the week. The total budget is \$150,000 and we have already raised \$85,000. Thankfully, we surpassed the 50% mark toward our goal.

With a balance of \$65,000 needed for the construction of these churches, would you prayerfully consider a gift during 2018 to help us meet our goal? I believe the local church is the greatest force for good, globally. Jesus is the only hope for the world. New Missions currently has thirty churches established in Haiti.

I will be traveling to Haiti this December, and would be honored to deliver the great news of these projects being fully funded. New Missions operates without debt; we will only build what we can fully fund. Thank you for your special offering to help build churches and schools.

~Tim DeTellis



Thankfully, 100% of our construction is accomplished by providing local jobs that help support families.



Middle: When you help build a church, you help transform a community and change lives for eternity.

Bottom left: The roof trusses for our churches are made by Haitian carpenters at New Missions.

Bottom right: When you give, you help make it possible for us to build new churches and schools in Haiti.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC UPDATE

We recently celebrated National Bible Month in the Dominican Republic. While our students learn about God's love and the Bible every day at school, special events were planned during this month. Students memorized passages from the Bible and learned more about God's Word. Additionally, some of our high school students participated in a Bible competition with more than 22 schools in the region. The students had to answer questions about the Bible and stories from the Bible. We are very proud of our high school students—they won first place in the competition!

The Dominican Republic is the only country in the world that has a Bible on its flag. And while most Dominicans believe in God, the majority of them are not followers of Him. Our leaders are working daily to provide a Biblical education and foundation for our students. While we love teaching children the three R's—reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic—our highest calling is to teach them about loving and following God. Please continue to pray for our pastors, school directors, and teachers as they are working to raise a generation of Christian leaders.

~Heather Williams Katz



We are proud of our high school students who participated in a regional Bible competition against 22 schools—and won first place!



Students from our school in Redemption Village celebrated National Bible Month by singing songs and reciting Bible verses they had memorized.



Charlie DeTellis leads a time of prayer with the well drillers at the New Missions church and school in Flon, Haiti.



Our church and school in the town of Leogane, Haiti, has received a well as a testimony of God's provision.

THREE NEW WELLS

My husband Charlie often recounts the story of when the “miracle well” was drilled on our main campus in Bord-Mer. He tells how the Mennonite well drillers prayed in their truck regarding their drilling that day. God blessed with the discovery of an underground aquifer and an artesian well. Last month, he stood in a circle with the well drillers and the pastor of the Flon church—leading in prayer before they drilled. Many children and community members stood around and watched the whole process. God was faithful and provided a well not only in Flon—but in Chateau and Leogane Guillaume, too!

There is no shortage of water on the Leogane Plain. But there isn't always access to clean water in each village. Many times children wait in long lines to fill containers with water to haul home. Schools without a well also have to transport their water to the site.

We thank all who gave in order to bless these three campuses with a well. Having sufficient clean water is the number one factor in maintaining health. The children and staff at these campuses will have plenty for drinking, washing hands, and cooking.

~Rachel DeTellis



SHOEBOX FOR YOUR CHILD

As a child, I sang the song, “*You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. You make me happy when skies are grey...*” On our mission logo, we have a sun. It is on our note cards and on our postcards. I love to color it in with a yellow highlighter when I write cards. For our children in Haiti, you are their highlighted sunshine—colored in by your generous heart and creative giving. You show them “Sonshine.” The ‘grey day’ in their lives began by being born in Haiti. Many face a daily struggle just to survive.

Children are open rays of expression—not holding back their joy, their laughter, their dance, and their excitement. When the mission truck shows up at their school filled with shoeboxes, their faces show sunshine. They giggle and smile—eyes focused on the Christmas shoebox handed to them. You may never know the child and the child may never know you. But, God who is the “Sonshine” will bless those who bless these children. I am praying for God to ignite your heart to pack Christmas shoeboxes—taking the ‘grey day’ out of these children’s lives. Your gift can open their ears to hear the Christmas message of our Savior, born to save them and bless them. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

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Top: Share love and send joy to your child this Christmas by packing a shoebox gift. **Bottom left:** A special part of the gifts inside your shoebox are photos and a note from you. **Bottom middle:** “We love because He first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) is why we pack shoeboxes each year. **Bottom right:** If you don’t have time to pack a shoebox for your child, simply visit newmissions.org/shoeboxgiving and we can pack one for you.

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GETTING ALONE WITH GOD

God always gets His man alone. All of the stories in the Bible tell of someone getting alone with God. Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Jacob—even Jesus would get alone with God. One of my favorite stories from the Bible is that of Elijah alone in a cave after calling down fire on Mount Carmel. King Ahab and Queen Jezebel had begun to worship the Canaanite god of Baal and killed the prophets of Jehovah. Elijah confronted King Ahab and set up a contest. Whoever was the true God would send down fire from heaven and consume an altar prepared for Him. After the prophets of Baal failed to produce any results, Elijah called down fire from heaven and consumed the altar with its sacrifice. Then, he ordered the execution of the false prophets of Baal. When Queen Jezebel heard this, she sent a messenger to Elijah saying she was going to have him killed that very day. Elijah ran away. He left everyone and went to Mount Hebron where Moses met with God. Elijah was not running away from God, he was running to God. Just like Elijah after a great victory...we need to retreat. After performing miracles and preaching to large crowds of people, Jesus would retreat to be alone in prayer with God. Elijah was coming down from a mountaintop experience. The climb down a mountain is the most dangerous and vulnerable time.

Alone in a cave God spoke, “Elijah, What are you doing here?” That was God saying, “Hey...what’s up?” Twice God asked, “Elijah what are you doing here?” God knew everything, but He wanted to give Elijah the opportunity to speak from his heart. Elijah gave the same response twice, “I have been very

zealous for the Lord.” Elijah was saying, “God, I’ve been working hard for You.” How many pastors could say those words when God asks you, “What are you doing here?” Could you answer, “I have been very zealous for the Lord?”

Alone in the cave Elijah shared with God all his thoughts and emotions. It was during this retreat that Elijah was rested, replenished, and received a fresh anointing and assignment from God. God gave him a new mission to anoint two people as kings and Elisha as a prophet.

There is an exchange that takes place when we get alone with God. We give Him our pain and our problems and He gives us His anointing and assignment. What did Abram receive when he met alone with God? A new name, Abraham, and a promise that his descendants would be a great nation. What did Jacob receive when he met alone with God? A new name, Israel,

and the blessing of God.

Things happen when we’re alone with God. First, we can repent. Repentance is not a one-time event in the life of the believer. Repentance is a time to share our fears, feelings, and failures openly with God; to tell Him all. When you repent you let go. This makes room for us to receive a fresh anointing, a new word, or a new mission from God. You must be emptied before you can be filled.

Alone with God in the silence we can hear His voice clearly. Then, alone with God we receive fresh vision and direction from Him. Like Elijah, God has work for you to do for Him. God has a new mission for you. ~George DeTellis, Jr.

**HAVE YOU BEEN
ZEALOUS FOR
THE LORD?**

It’s being alone with God that we get the dream and the vision. A vision is not something held by a majority. It is often contrary to public opinion. It can be radical and counterintuitive. Sometimes, it is necessary to stand alone in order to prove that you are right. To get into alignment with God, you need to get alone with God.

George DeTellis, Jr.

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P.S. "In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there." Mark 1:35



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DELIVERING SHOEBOXES

Shoebox deliveries are already happening at our schools and churches in Haiti. Plus, more shoebox gifts are still arriving at our Orlando office because our collection continues through December 31, 2018.

Standing outside the school classroom at our New Missions Christian Academy in Ti-Riviere, I could hear the students giggling and making shuffling sounds as they began to open their shoebox gifts. I rushed inside to see the fun spreading across the room.

From flashlights shining brightly, to boys holding up a new pair of socks, I could see their thankfulness for the gifts they received. Personally, they were giving me a gift too—the gift of seeing love in action.

When we deliver shoebox gifts, we also bring the good news of the Gospel. Together, we are preaching the Gospel—because only God changes lives forever. *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)* We are messengers of hope and love.

Please accept a big thank you on behalf of each of our students, their families, and the churches and schools of New Missions. Because of your generosity, we will continue to share more love.

~Tim DeTellis



From socks to school supplies, each shoebox is a big deal to our students.



Middle: Thank you for putting smiles on faces and filling hearts with love.

Bottom left: Flashlights are a big hit for children living in villages without electricity.

Bottom right: Because of you and your generosity, each student at our schools in Haiti will receive a shoebox gift.



NEW PAVILION IN THE DR

Students at our school and members of our church in Bombita are very excited about the metal pavilion we are building to replace the tent. While the tent served us well for many years, wind, rain and salty ocean air have caused major damage. We are very happy that God has provided and we are able to build a sturdier, more resistant structure to be used by our school and church. We believe and hope the pavilion will be completed in time for our special Christmas programs and church services.

I believe the comments by our assistant school director and church member, Xiomara Peralta, sum it up best: *“First of all we thank God, and we also thank the mission and our missionary brothers and sisters for their prayers. The new construction for us is a blessing, because it will help in the development of our school—and thank the Lord that we will have a more secure roof so that we can listen to the Word of our Lord Jesus.”* We are thankful for God’s blessings and are looking forward to worshipping God under our new roof!

~Heather Williams Katz



Workers are laboring six days a week to finish the pavilion before Christmas activities begin.



Students enjoy watching the construction and are very excited to use the new metal pavilion for chapel services and activities.



Our New Missions Christian Academy theme verse for this year is found in Zechariah 4:6-7.



Giving our students Bibles is vital for their spiritual growth.

YEARLY BIBLE VERSE

In early September, we had a school directors’ meeting to begin the school year. One of the things we did was present the Bible verse of the year for our schools: *“It’s not by might. It’s not by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord. This mountain shall be removed by my Spirit says the Lord.”* (Zechariah 4:6-7) I asked the students to memorize it and learn the chorus with the same words. We had lime green banners with blue lettering made to hang in each school location. A couple of weeks later I was visiting the L’Acul school with a team and, to my amazement, the whole student body was already able to quote both of the verses!

In these verses, Zerubbabel is encouraged to rely on God’s Spirit to accomplish what seemed impossible. God promised to remove the “mountains” before him. I chose this passage because the challenges in Haiti are mountainous. They can appear daunting. But with the empowering of the Spirit, His work will be accomplished. Will you pray for holy empowering of our pastors, directors, teachers and students this school year?

~Rachel DeTellis



SHARE LOVE THIS CHRISTMAS

God bless you for sponsoring a child. Thank you for the personal gifts you chose to pack for your child in a Christmas shoebox. You are opening a window of love and inspiration. Many of our children hope and wait for their parents to provide the essentials—such as a new pair of socks or underwear—or to have enough food to be nurtured and survive. A Christmas shoebox provides an action of love for the present needs. A Christmas shoebox also opens the door to share the great love of God who sent His son as a babe to be our Savior.

What a blessing it is to be a part of the indescribable joy when a child clutches onto the gifts you have prepared for them. The smiles and the excitement will accelerate your love to pack and pack, and to send as many shoeboxes as you possibly can. And you should have plenty of time, as we will receive your Christmas shoeboxes throughout the month of December.

Christmas is the gift of Jesus to us, and we pass that gift along through the giving of our Christmas shoeboxes. This Christmas, share Jesus with a child... your child, and also children who are still waiting for a sponsor.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

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Top: Fadeline met her sponsor Gracie Welborn and they are now friends for life.

Bottom left: Thank you to Friendswood Baptist Church for packing shoeboxes for Haiti.

Bottom middle: Lilah, at the age of ten, helped deliver shoeboxes to our schools.

Bottom right: Our students love bringing their shoebox gifts home to open with family.

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PEACE TO YOU

The Christmas holiday is a holiday of peace. Luke 2:8-14 speaks of peace when the angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds: *“In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were sore afraid. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!’”*

The Jewish culture greets each other with the word “shalom.” This greeting means: peace to you...and the return greeting is: peace unto you. I once heard an explanation of how it means there is nothing lacking or nothing missing. We all desire wholeness and harmony in our lives. We desire love and peace. The Webster dictionary defines the word peace as “a state of tranquility or quiet.” We need to seek to have peace with one another and most importantly with God.

Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace. He has come to reconcile, restore, and to renew. *“For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation having*

**SHALOM!
PEACE TO YOU!**

abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.” (Ephesians 2:14-18) We should not allow anyone or anything to take away our peace.

The Word of God is a strength to us during the time of a storm or heartache. In John 16:33 Jesus said, *“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”* Let us not focus on the tribulation in the

world; let us focus on the provision of peace in Christ. God’s love is a firm foundation for us to build our lives upon. Philippians 4:8 tells us to meditate upon what is noble, true, and lovely. We are not to focus on our feelings in the flesh, but we need to live our lives in the Spirit. I realize this is a battle many people face. Our enemy would love for us to feel guilt, shame, and condemnation in our lives. God wants us to live with peace, joy, and love in our hearts. This Christmas, my prayer is that you will have *true peace* that only can be found through our Savior.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and God’s peace in the coming year.

~Charlie DeTellis

Take advantage of the Christmas season and share love, joy, and peace to people around you. I believe you will receive a blessing in return.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

Charlie DeTellis

P. S. We love the local church. It is important for us to be a part of a fellowship of believers. We have a reason to celebrate. We have peace in Christ.



Rachel and Charlie DeTellis in Haiti.