



HAITIANS ARE HEROES

It was a privilege and pleasure to address the crowd of people attending the New Missions 40th Anniversary Celebration in Haiti. I looked out at the crowd at our large church building on our high school campus where extra benches were placed in the front of the church and all around the outside of the building. It was beautiful as the Haitians were celebrating their faith in God. The motto of our mission, Haiti: Hope in God, will never change. God has done a good thing! I gave testimonies of God’s protection and provision, and also shared a vision of wanting to uncover greater needs in Haiti. I ended by complementing the Haitians themselves. They are the heroes, as they continue to serve in the midst of trials and hardships.

The Haitians are the ones serving their own people through our churches, schools, and medical clinics. They work every day despite numerous hardships and challenges. My love for the country and people continues to grow. At times, I wondered if God had a different work for me. But my eyes remain focused on Haiti. We should never be afraid of the hardships in life. *“Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.” (Psalm 62:8)* It is a privilege and pleasure to serve God in Haiti.

~Charlie DeTellis



Top: Thank you, Charlie DeTellis, for 40 years of serving in Haiti and empowering the next generation.

Middle: Our pastors and school directors are leading the mission forward with the motto: *Esperance en Dieu* (Hope in God).

Bottom left: Students came to celebrate our 40th anniversary, and we rejoice in the joy found in knowing Jesus.

Bottom right: Our church in Signeau, Haiti, hosted services to celebrate New Missions, and the attendance was overflowing.

YOUTH LIVING FOR CHRIST

During the pandemic in the Dominican Republic, we started a large youth group that met weekly on one of our campuses. Teens came from many places; many of them came because they missed their friends and wanted to see them. Praise the Lord... many of those teenagers accepted Christ and are continuing to follow Him! We started a second group in another location, and both groups are growing and looking for opportunities to reach the lost.

As I sat down with some of them to hear about their experiences in the youth group, I was amazed as they told me how much their lives have been impacted by the group and how they feel part of a family. One of our recent high school graduates had planned to move away for college but felt God prompting him to stay in Sosua and study closer to home. He did not want to stray from God, which he felt would happen if he moved away. He is becoming a strong leader in the group, and I praise God for the work He is doing in his life as well as in the lives of the other teenagers.

~Heather Williams Katz



Some of the youth in Playa Chiquita studying the book of Genesis to prepare for a Bible memory competition.



Youth leaders Vicky Patricio Reyes and Liliana Montas Perez sharing with some of the youth in Los Castillos.

40 YEARS YOUNG!

New Missions in Haiti celebrated 40 years in January, but it's not "over the hill." On the contrary... the churches are alive, mature, and deeply rooted with new leaders assisting with ministry. Our pastors, led by Pastor Guy Fontaine, decided to plan an event in honor of this milestone, but mostly to show their gratitude to God. The event started Friday morning and ended Sunday afternoon. At times, the Signeau church was overflowing with about 1,500 in attendance. All of our pastors were there, along with many from other churches who came to participate.

The Signeau ladies decorated the building, food was purchased for a meal served each day, worship leaders from different locations ministered, and guest speakers preached the Word of God. On Saturday night, the preacher spoke on repentance and four people surrendered their lives to Christ. There was a sense of God's presence and an attitude of thanksgiving for God using the mission to share His love with them. Literally, thousands of lives have been changed through the mission's work. All glory to God—and thank you to every laborer and supporter who has participated! ~Rachel DeTellis



Pastor Guy, who has been with our mission for 39 years, presenting Charlie with a plaque honoring his 40 years with New Missions.



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PRAYING FOR PASTORS

Early one morning, my heart felt compelled to call a pastor friend. No answer. I left a voicemail and encouraged him. Then, minutes later, a text shows up from the pastor: “I’m stepping into an important meeting and I welcome your prayers.”

1 Timothy 2:1-2 reminds us, “*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*”

I received news that Pastor Yaguel, who serves at our church in Neply, Haiti, faced a tragedy when he lost two of his children in a motorcycle accident. The news was devastating. I watched on Facebook the live stream of the memorial service as Pastor Yaguel said, “Pastors from all our churches from TiRiviere to Lassale called upon their people to pray for my family.”

The work of the local church is a spiritual work. “*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*” (Ephesians 6:12) Today, I ask you to pray for our pastors and pray for your pastor. Thank you. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: Signeau church pastor, Mario Bijou, graduate of New Missions, addresses the 40th Anniversary Celebration of New Missions.

Bottom left: The New Missions church in Neply, Haiti, overflowing with families celebrating their 40th service—founded on January 9, 1983.

Bottom middle: Pastor Yaguel, preaching strong in the wake of a personal tragedy and proclaiming, “There is still hope in God.”

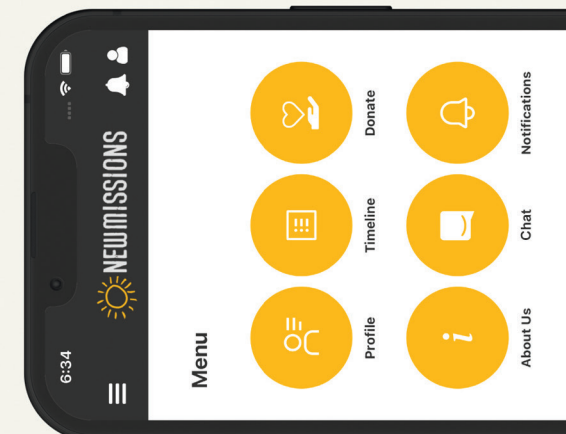
Bottom right: Please remember pastors serving everywhere in your prayers. May we pray without ceasing.



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DON'T EVER GIVE UP... JUST PRAY!

As I started the car to run errands, I clicked the media button on the car dashboard and the song, *It Pays to Pray*, came on. The song is sung by Greater Vision, a southern gospel quartet.

We are following Jesus and Jesus prayed. He was in the flesh a man, and at the same time Jesus was the son of God with all His Divine attributes. But Jesus prayed. Jesus got up early in the morning and He prayed. Jesus loved to be with His Father in prayer. He often went to the mountains or some isolated place where He would not be distracted by people or anything that would hinder His time talking and fellowshiping with the Father...and hearing from Him.

This morning, after I read a few chapters in the Bible and began thinking of the endless list of things I hoped to accomplish today, I thought of prayer. It pays to pray! But I'm ready to work! And is prayer our work? Prayer is our top priority assignment. So, I committed to the urge, and took time to pray. It pays to pray. In my prayer time, God gave me a little task and I believe that task will be like a little stone skimming across a pond to touch others and bless them. It pays to pray. You can't get your marching orders if you're not listening to the Captain of the Army. Give Him your attention! It pays to pray.

Someone misplaced the prayer book in my mother's family room where she spent most of her day. Often, she slept there on an uncomfortable sofa, because my dad passed in this room. Mother's prayer book was always near her. Often in meeting people,

she promised to write their name in her prayer book and pray for them. She had dates and needs listed. At the end of her life, she was upset when she could not find her book. But she knew the people in her mind and heart and continued to pray. We found her book and it is a treasure!

I want to write names in a prayer book. Yesterday, I got a newsletter from faithful missionaries in Haiti. Their six-month-old grandson started having seizures and is on medication. I can vividly remember the

pain and sorrow of my own grandson as a toddler when he started having seizures in Haiti, and he was on medicine for 20 years. I want to pray for this little baby boy. It pays to pray. I have prayed for my own grandson, and will use every last breath to pray for my children and grandchildren,

and you and yours too. After 20 years on seizure medicine, my grandson Nathan asked to stop taking the medicine. With a visit to the doctor, Nathan received permission to start reducing medications before stopping completely. It's been 10 years since Nathan has been off medicine with no seizure activity. It pays to pray.

Jesus told us to pray constantly. Every day, new needs arise. God sees and He cares. Our prayers move His compassion to touch us and our loved ones, and we honor and praise Him for His miraculous interventions. I prayed this morning and God gave me these words to encourage you to pray. It pays to pray.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

**IT PAYS TO
CALL UPON
HIS NAME!**

Do you ever wake up in the middle of the night and feel sleepless? That may be your calling to pray. It pays to pray. Not many people want to hear your voice in the middle of the night, but Jesus does! He loves you and He waits to hear from you. *"Call upon Me and I will answer you."* Jeremiah 33:3

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. Don't forget to say "thank you" when God answers your prayer.

