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NEW MISSIONS

DADS FOR JESUS

Gregory Doirin, his wife Sonya, and their children Grednyael Christie and Chris Bryan are members at the New Missions church in downtown Leogane, Haiti. Pastor Guillame Jean is their pastor. Gregory told me, "I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior in March 2003 at church in Leogane, during a worship service. The message on repentance touched my heart and I opened my heart to Jesus." Today, Gregory's life verse is John 3:16 and he prays to lead his family in knowing the love of Jesus.

Stepping out of their home for church on a Sunday morning is more than a tradition...it's a priority. Jean Marc graduated in the class of 2005 and met his wife at our high school. Jean Marc tells me how he was born after New Missions arrived, and he sees himself as fortunate to only have known life with a church in his village and New Missions serving their community. Today, Jean Marc, his wife Mireille, and their four children (Leila, Kwessy, Kweïcha, and Kwesleïka) are members at the very first New Missions church established in Neply, Bord-Mer, Haiti in 1983. Their family represents a new generation of Christians rewriting Haiti's history.

Together, we are helping families flourish with churches making disciples and helping dads love Jesus and their families. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: Gregory Doirin loves his family and works as a photographer and translator at New Missions.
Middle: Pastor Richard Gay from Masson, Pastor Guy Fontaine, and Pastor Guillame Jean are like fathers to our younger leaders.
Bottom left: Jean Marc Fontaine loves and leads his family well as followers of Jesus, and faithfully serves their church in Neply, Haiti.
Bottom right: Psalm 27 is Jean Marc's favorite. By reading his Bible, he is role modeling to help his family grow spiritually.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

At New Missions, we are not only invested in the spiritual growth of our students, but also our teachers and employees. Starting with a one-day retreat, we recently kicked off a six-week Bible study for our female employees. Twenty-five women participated in this powerful Bible study (in Spanish) about the Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer. We would like to thank Dan and Ronda Kline for purchasing the study books for every woman. Each week, we had groups of women meeting at three of our campuses to watch the videos for the Bible study and have a chance to share with each other how God was using the study in their lives.

This Bible study has had a great impact on the women who participated. Many report that it has helped their prayer life and has given them a greater desire to talk to God and grow in their relationship with Him. It also gave them a better understanding of the spiritual warfare going on in their lives and how to address and confront the difficult situations they face—using God’s Word as their guide.

~Heather Williams Katz



The ladies met weekly for discussion and a video that prepared them for their next week of the study.



The Bible study started with a one-day retreat where we talked about spiritual warfare and the armor of God.

38 PEOPLE BAPTIZED

During the month of April, 38 people declared, “Jesus is Lord!” as they participated in believer’s baptism in the ocean at our Concrab campus. Three of those baptized were New Missions students. Pastor Yaguel, from our Bord-Mer church, was the speaker and Imelda Dantes from our Darbonne church led worship. Many of the other pastors also contributed to the service before going down to the ocean while others performed the baptisms.

Two of the New Missions students who were baptized were Milago Lapait and Marilene Duvelsaint. Milago, a seventh-grade student from our Vieux-Court school attends the Mathieu church. Milago remembers her mother (before she passed away) praying for her healing from malaria—which God graciously granted. Marilene, a ninth-grade student at Signeau, comes from another part of Haiti and was sent to live in Lafferonay. Her family is not Christian, and her father practices Voodoo. She is so thankful for the opportunity she’s had to know the truth even though she had to leave her family. We thank God for these changed lives!

~Rachel DeTellis



Milago standing with her pastor, Jean Etienne Marcelin. His family has given her a home since her mother died.



The 38 who were baptized came from 10 of our campuses. Preaching the Gospel remains our number one priority.



HAITIAN CONSTRUCTION HEROES

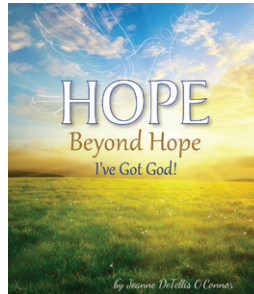
Our Haitian construction workers love serving their own people in the various communities. They also appreciate the employment. Employment for a Haitian is often the difference between success and distress. Haitians deeply value education and their faith in God. I am often impressed by the diligence of the Haitian people with their educational studies and devotion to God. Improving our school and church facilities allows these ministries to function better. It is a joy seeing projects completed.

We are picking up the pace with construction, and have been able to receive regular deliveries of quality pressure treated lumber for our roof projects. The roof for the school kitchen in Tom Gateau was recently completed. Last month, we put a new roof on a large church in Darbonne.

Everybody understands construction is hard work. Our construction team labors in diverse conditions. We desire a safe and happy work place. Attitude means everything in the workplace. Every Monday morning, the construction workers pray together. We are thankful for the diligence of the Haitian people in serving their own people. But first, we also recognize that we are serving the Lord. God has a great love for the Haitian people. They will not be forgotten or abandoned.

~Charlie DeTellis

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Top: Our construction team is 100% Haitian led and consists of masons, carpenters, and painters.

Bottom left: Sourcing construction supplies such as roofing metal is a continued challenge, but we continue on and God provides.

Bottom middle: Our students from Tom Gateau are thrilled about their new school kitchen.

Bottom right: From building roofing trusses to welding doors, the progress of construction provides jobs and strengthens communities.



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ANTONINA MARIANA LIUZZA

My great-grandmother Antonina was born in Salemi, Sicily, on July 9, 1894. Her parents died young, and she was raised by an older sister, Catherine. She married Natale Genna, a boy from the village. A year later she gave birth to a son, Giuseppe. Her husband was drafted in World War I but said, "I've fought in war before and I'm not going to fight again." He decided to be a draft dodger and leave Sicily for America. After he was in Boston for a year, he wrote to his wife telling her, "Come to America or I will find a new wife!"

Antonina left her son Giuseppe (Joseph in English) in Sicily with her sister. On June 11, 1917, Antonina and Natale were married a second time at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Boston. On August 18, 1917, she gave birth to a baby girl, Giovanna Natalina Genna.

Thirteen days later, a policeman knocked on her door. "Non capisco," she said in Italian. I don't understand. The policeman then gave her Natale's wallet. When she saw the wallet, she knew something terrible had happened. Natale Genna was a construction worker in a trench at the intersection of Atlantic and Northern Avenues in Boston. The timber shoring up the trench walls collapsed and Natale was buried alive.

At 23, she was a widow with a two-week-old baby, a son in Italy, and all alone in America. Because her husband was killed on a government project, she was given a widow's welfare payment of \$7 a week. She married another Sicilian, Matthew DeMarco. Her son Joseph came to America when he was nine years old with a relative of Matthew DeMarco. Her first child with Matthew was my grandmother Anna DeMarco.

When Anna was twelve years old, she asked her landlady if she could go out on the fire escape and water her flowers. Walking along the fire escape, she accidentally stepped into the hole where the ladder was and fell onto the street below. Anna spent eighteen months in the hospital.

While Anna was in the hospital, her mother met the Ambrosino family in front of 365 Elm Street in Cambridge, Mass. Pasqualina Ambrosino was leaning on the front gate silently praying to God to help her find a tenant for their third-floor unit. Antonina looked up at the third floor and saw no curtains in the window and asked if the apartment was for rent. The Ambrosino's

rented their apartment to the Demarco's thinking they had three children. They were shocked to find out there were six children...and then learned of a seventh child in the hospital. Pasqualina and her daughter Caroline invited the DeMarco's

to their church, Boston Christian Assembly.

When Anna came home, she was still very sick. Relenting, my great-grandmother told them, "If your God can heal, take my daughter Anna to your church."

In 1934, at 14 years of age, Anna attended church. She experienced a miraculous healing and was filled with the Holy Spirit. Soon, her entire family came to faith in Jesus Christ. In 1935, through God's providence, the DeMarco family was able to buy a four-family apartment building in Cambridge at a foreclosure price of \$5,000. My great-grandmother had 14 pregnancies, seven children, two husbands, and lived in her home in Cambridge until she passed away on Sept. 18, 1981, at the age of 87. ~George DeTellis, Jr.

**"IF YOUR GOD CAN HEAL,
TAKE MY DAUGHTER ANNA
TO YOUR CHURCH."**

"For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt."

~Deuteronomy 10:17-19

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P.S. One day my great-grandmother was asked, "How she could be sure Jesus was real?" She replied in her broken English, "I'm a-sure, I'm a-sure."

