



NURSING STUDENTS

Two sisters, Saphtana and Wichelineda Verger, graduated from our high school this year. They are from a family who has “nothing.” Their father died in 2012 and their mother has survived struggling to raise four children. In June, floods came through their home and took what little they had.

Saphtana Verger spoke at the high school graduation ceremony. What did she say? With sincere gratitude, she thanked her pastor, sponsor, family, mission, and friends for this occasion of graduation. Saphtana’s heart-kept secret was her deepest desire to become a nurse. And then, she took a giant step of courage and asked me about funding for tuition.

Both sisters have been accepted at Université Episcopale d’Haïti, located in Léogâne, Haiti. The school recognizes the power of the Christian message as they undertake teaching, research, and service. I am blessed, unspeakable, and honored to know these two sisters.

A Haitian proverb says, “One hand washes the other (*Yon men lave lot*); we are family and we need each other. When we give to the poor, we lend to God; God will repay you when you help the poor (*Sa nou bay pov, se Bondye nou prete-L*).”

We are only rich when we bless the poor. As Prov. 22:2 tells us, “Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of them all.” ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Top: Leading the graduates as they walk down the aisle, Saphtana and Wichelineda Verger represent stepping out of despair.

Middle: Pastor Guillaume Jean in Léogâne, Haiti, helped raise and care for the two sisters without a father.

Bottom left: The class of 2023 represents hope and new leaders who are living on the foundation of Christian values.

Bottom right: Our students have risen above the hardest of challenges, and we celebrate their accomplishments.

A LIGHT IN THE COMMUNITY

This year, Colegio Nueva Vida (New Life School) is celebrating its 22nd anniversary. George and Jeanne DeTellis founded the school in Sosua to be a light in a very dark community. Twenty-two years later, New Life School is a light that is shining brighter than ever. As the largest Christian school in the area, it has touched many lives in the surrounding community.

From the teachers to the students, New Life School has impacted the lives of many and has helped them in their walk with Christ. Our teachers and staff are spiritually fed so that their relationship with Christ will grow and flourish. Their love for Christ then overflows to our students. As one of our students, Christian Smil Cruz, states, “The school has been an essential part of my formation as a person and as a Christian. I have been able to study in an environment based on love and respect and surround myself with classmates who share my values and my faith in Christ.” Please pray for our students and teachers as they follow God and serve as missionaries in a community that desperately needs Christ. ~Heather Williams Katz



The preschool teachers are being presented to parents and students on the first day of the 2023-2024 school year.



Students helped prepare a special celebration for the 22nd anniversary of New Life School during a morning flag ceremony.

DREAMS COME TRUE

We are thrilled that three of our New Missions graduates just finished up courses in nursing/lab. They will be highly valued in their communities and a blessing to many. They each feel proud of their accomplishments and are so thankful to their sponsors for making their dreams become reality.

Fredberline Celestin, sponsored by Doug Bennett (who continued his wife Sandra's sponsorship in her memory after she passed), and Hermite Cange, sponsored by Sheryl Raley DeTellis, finished a four-year nursing program. Miberte Jean Pierre finished a two-year lab technician program (through memorial donations for Martha Myers), and graduated first in her class!

The nursing students enjoy working in obstetrics, and Miberte likes the field of bacteriology. They already help with small things in their villages such as taking blood pressure, first aid, and basic health guidance. Of course, their first goal is to become employed to support themselves and their families. But, they also recognize how their fields of study opens doors of ministry to the needy. We are thankful for their faith and ask you to pray for employment opportunities to open quickly for each one. ~Rachel DeTellis



Graduates Hermite from Lassale, Miberte from Nepty, and Fredberline from Ti-Riviere are ready to be a blessing.



At graduation, Miberte (in yellow) gave the address thanking the school, New Missions, sponsors, family, and friends.



WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

Come and Go with Me to my Father's House is a favorite worship song in kids' worship services. It is a song about going to my Father's house where there is joy, joy, joy! This sums up the experience our churches are sharing as they worship together.

Through our church campuses on Sunday mornings, we hear the sounds of worship led by musicians and singers both young and old. The sound systems are turned up and people are standing and clapping. The Haitian worship expression is truly passionate and meaningful. The kids' service at our Leogane-Guillaume church in downtown Léogâne, Haiti, has a worship time led by two boys, Samuel Delva and Richamar Paul.

Worship is about honoring our heavenly Father for who He is and all that He has done. Typically, most worship services have musicians including drums, guitar, and keyboard. As you can imagine, the energy and excitement of worship overseas is contagious.

"Then we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will praise You forever; from generation to generation we will proclaim Your praise." (Psalm 79:13) Hearing and seeing the worship taking place is a taste of heaven on earth. Wherever you go to worship and as you sing, remember others in Haiti and the Dominican Republic are worshipping together with you. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: Samuel Delva and Richamar Paul lead the kids' worship time at our church in Léogâne, Haiti.

Bottom left: All of our churches invest in the lives of kids and foster an environment for worship.

Bottom middle: Julia Berjamen leads worship during services at our Leogane-Guillaume church.

Bottom right: Kids attending church together are growing closer to God and worshipping together.

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YOU CAN DO MORE

The phrase “you can do more” has come before me twice recently. My son was at a pastors’ conference and privately, the speaker inspired George with the words, “You can do more.” While going through some medical therapy, I met with my trainer and was hoping to have a comfortable plan of exercising. I offered to walk 10,000 steps a day, except Sunday, and do three cardio activities per week. His eyes pierced mine and he said, “You can do more!”

In Romans 12:1 we are challenged to do more: “...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God...”

It’s not easy to live as a living sacrifice. This sacrifice is only possible when our mind is renewed, disciplined, and focused to do more. We take our thoughts captive and we find the mind of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5).

On my last visit to the mountain village of Tom Gateau in Haiti, I watched a woman who was 90 years of age walk up a steep path on the mountain with a load on her head. I asked her, “How do you climb this path at your age and with a burden?” She told me, “I just keep telling myself I can, and I must, and I take another step.” That is what life is about; we just take another step of obedience to Him day by day.

Life is doing more: one more medical visit, one more treatment, one more chemo, one more test, etc. And we need to be challenged to be confident and be assured that it is not in our strength that we take the next step. We don’t give up. We don’t look

back. We feel an exhilaration by the power of the Holy Spirit to do more. We do not do more just for pleasures that pass away, but we do more to be holy and acceptable, and to find and act on His will for our lives each day.

Thank God for the examples in the Bible of men and women who did more. Paul and Silas in Acts 16:23-25 were out ministering...called of God. The mob came against them and ordered Paul and

Silas to be stripped and beaten with rods. They were put in the inner cell of the prison with their feet fastened in stocks. In their pain and suffering, Paul and Silas did more. They began to sing and told those in the prison about Jesus.

I finally joined the local gym to begin my commitment to the best health possible and do His will; to present my body as a living sacrifice. It was not all joy as I stretched with a 10-pound weight, but I saw someone next to me lift two 30-pound weights. I can do more! I’ll go back to the gym. Exercise is another form of medicine for health.

The greatest example of doing more is Jesus. On the cross, in the most excruciating emotional and physical pain, He assured a sinner that he would be in paradise that day. He prayed for His Father to forgive those who crucified Him. He looked down at his mother and asked John to take care of her. He did more...much more. He did the monumental act of freeing us from sin and giving us life now and for eternity. He did more!

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

**JESUS
DID MORE!**

Do you need an earthquake or a fire to get you going? Just snuggle in the Word and receive His gentle voice to guide you to do more. “*Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*” John 14:12

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. Not doing more is to become stagnant. “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing.” John 6:63

