



10 YEARS AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

For those of us who were in Haiti for the 2010 earthquake, a myriad of images comes to mind when we begin to ponder that devastating day. The sight of villagers camped out in the fields lifting their voices in songs of worship to God has stuck with me. Their instinctive response to tragedy revealed their strong faith. Just as their faith carried them through those difficult days in 2010, their faith is just as strong and vibrant going into 2020.

Our pastors report that their churches are maturing. Not only are individuals being saved and baptized, but more people are marrying rather than just living together—as is the norm in Haiti. Some churches regularly help those who are sick or in great need. Fervent prayer remains a central and vital part of church services. There is a better understanding of the Word of God, as pastors faithfully teach their congregations—reaching out into their communities and beyond. Madam Delva from Neply used to help the Voodoo priest during ceremonies, often becoming demon possessed herself. In 2017, she was very ill and she asked for prayer. God healed her. Today she is joyfully serving and worshipping Jesus. We thank God for each life touched and changed by God and give Him all the glory! ~Rachel DeTellis



Eight of our students lost their lives in the earthquake. Many lives were spared because children were not in buildings due to school dismissing just prior.



Middle: *Rising up from the destruction following the earthquake was a revival of faith and following Jesus.*

Bottom left: *Immediately following the earthquake, villagers such as Vesta Jean began to sing and pray for God's comfort.*

Bottom right: *Since the Haiti earthquake, we rebuilt many churches and schools that were destroyed due to the devastation.*

IMPACTING YOUNG LIVES

Every school day in the Dominican Republic, over 100 preschool students have class at our churches in Playa Chiquita and Playa Laguna. Each day begins with a devotional, prayer, and Bible songs. The children love singing the songs and participating in the prayers and Bible stories. Many of these students will go to public school when they finish our preschool, so this is an important opportunity for us to share God's love and the Gospel with each of them.

Many of our teachers have noted a difference in the preschool children after they have spent time with them and shared God's love with them. One of our teachers remembers a student of hers who started the year with very bad behavior. When she realized it was because the child was lacking in love and attention at home, she began showering him with love, and his behavior changed dramatically. Many of the parents tell us that their children come home and tell them they need to pray at all times during the day. Please pray for our teachers as they work each day to teach these young minds and hearts about God.

~Heather Williams Katz



Our preschool students love going to school to learn how to read and write and learn more about God.



Teacher Belkis Guzman Martinez works faithfully to teach the students the basics they need to know to succeed in school.



It's time to replace the tent in Playa Chiquita with a permanent structure for our church.



We are thankful for the children and their families who hear and respond to the Gospel in Playa Chiquita.

DR CHURCH TENT

Fifteen years ago, in Playa Chiquita, our spirits soared as we raised up a brand new blue and white striped tent. Then, as the years went by, from high winds and scorching sun, along with hurricanes, our tent became in total disarray and was no longer repairable. We made a decision to buy a new one—exactly the same tent. Yet again, the sun and storms continued to rip our tent apart. Though we had temporary repairs made to the tent, we realized a more permanent structure would be necessary.

Our tent in Playa Chiquita is now used for community events, as well as for our church, Iglesia Nueva Vida. The present condition of the tent is at least 50 percent torn, with portions of it hanging down; quite unsightly for the town. Now, we've made a decision to go ahead with an open air structure on the present tent concrete foundation—to have an appropriate place to worship and have community events. We look to God and the generosity of His people to dream with us and help provide the financial resources to move forward with this decision. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



21 DAYS OF PRAYER

Prayer is essential for our spiritual life—it is vital. New Missions is celebrating our 37th year of mission work and the pioneering efforts have been possible because of prayer.

I'll never forget the day I stood in a chapel service at our school in Neply and asked the children to pray for the cargo container stuck in Port-au-Prince, the capital city, to be released from customs. When I asked for a volunteer to pray, a young girl jumped up and ran to the front of the church and without any hesitation she called upon all of her fellow students to drop to the ground and kneel to pray.

On January 6, 2020, we begin our *21 Days of Prayer*. This day is our 37th anniversary and I invite you to join us in prayer for the calling God has placed upon our lives—to share His Good News and love our neighbors everywhere. Week one is focused on our work in Haiti, while week two is concentrated on our ministry in the Dominican Republic. The third week turns our attention to the activities in Orlando, where our home office is located. You can sign up at www.newmissions.org/prayer. Thank you for praying with us.

~Tim DeTellis

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Top: Your prayers for our team of Haitian construction workers is important—as we continue to build new buildings and churches.

Bottom left: Our Orlando office receives donations and manages logistics to help serve our school and churches.

Bottom middle: Cooking lunch each day in Haiti is a miraculous process for our school cooks, and we thank you for praying for them.

Bottom right: Our schools and churches in the Dominican Republic welcome your prayers as we serve families across the North Coast.

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WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

Let me consider that question. Where do you live? How do you dress? What is your diet? Do I like the temperature where you live...or your government? Won't you be my neighbor? God has called us to love our neighbor. Who is my neighbor? Genesis 1:27 says, "God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them." Any person I meet anywhere is my neighbor—each one created in His image. Am I guilty of seeing the differences, or do I see each human in God's image?

In 1977, I visited India. I felt God's love for each face I saw. I wanted to be that neighbor, but I had to come home. I was a mother to four young children and a pastor's wife. The distance did not hinder us from building a church in Bangalore, or from sending a student to Bible school. God took the love I had for India and sent us to Haiti—the very same year. In 1983, we moved to Haiti. We went from living in a 10 room Victorian home in Worcester, Massachusetts, to living in a tent in a field of brush. This month, New Missions is grateful for 37 years of being neighbors with Haiti. My husband Ted has been to India nine times, and he loves to work on providing clean water to the poorest of the poor. I can't say I love cities with 17 million people, like Kolkata, where the traffic, screaming, continuous horns blaring, and people bumping into each other is much more intense than any Disney adventure. But what I loved best on this trip was meeting a Hindu neighbor, Rajasree, a school

teacher who found God, Jesus Christ—not among her 330 million gods—but as her personal Savior.

One of her students in a public school invited Rajasree to see a skit at her church. The skit had a theme based on Matthew 11:28: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Rajasree did not feel a connection to the skit. Later that year, her mother was diagnosed with cancer, and she thought of the skit. Now, she had a burden. Was there someone she could go to and find rest? She went back to the church and decided to follow Jesus. Now, she had to tell her Hindu parents and risk being an outcast from her family. Miraculously, her parents said that she could follow Jesus. They even allow her to have a Christian prayer meeting in their home. Her mother was healed, and the

Hindu woman is now the Christian coordinator of a girl's home where the girls are loved and nourished, and also learn the "skit" to follow Jesus. The young student in the public school simply invited her teacher to come to church to see a skit. How simple. How ordinary! But a miracle of salvation happened, and now I know Rajasree is my neighbor forever.

In this new year of 2020, I want more than ever to just do some simple, ordinary thing in the natural—to reach someone for Jesus. Is this your desire? As you breathe in the love of God into your life (that you need to survive), can you breathe out His love to your neighbor?

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

I AM YOUR NEIGHBOR.
YOU ARE MY NEIGHBOR.
WE ARE ONE FAMILY.

The New Year is a gift of time to us. I don't want to just mark off days on the calendar, but with His love empowering me, I intend to invest my time into the Kingdom of God. It's Jesus who says, "Go," and it's Jesus who says, "I will empower you," and it's still Jesus who says, "Work until I come again." Dear Jesus, help us to breathe out our breath with Your love to someone today.

Sincerely,



Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. Fred Rogers was the television host of the children's program, "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." Let God make your neighborhood beautiful every day... through you.





DELIVERING SHOEBOX GIFTS

Your generosity is what made it possible! We will have enough shoebox gifts to bless the lives of all of our students in Haiti—with the final total collection of 13,500. We are so thankful.

We cannot take it for granted when a plan works out. From time to time, we see up close a miracle of God orchestrating how our mission runs. When we ship shoebox gifts to Haiti, the process is well documented and each shoebox is inspected and carefully packed for delivery overseas.

During the shipment of our first cargo container to Haiti for our Shoebox Drive, we ran into some concerns with the container arriving safely to our mission due to unrest in Haiti. Plus, there was news coming from Haiti saying the customs office was closed for an unknown length of time.

We prayed and knew the timing was critical as we had another cargo container ready to be shipped, and did not want to have two stuck in customs. To the glory of God, our shipment was released in less than 30 days from customs and before Christmas. We were able to ship our second cargo container one week before Christmas. This was a miracle in the midst of a country that was slowly returning to functionality. Thank you for your generosity because—generosity changes lives. ~Tim DeTellis



During our Shoebox Drive we will have shipped a total of three cargo containers to Haiti filled with shoebox gifts.



Middle: Each school receives their cases of shoebox gifts for each student to enjoy a special gift for their entire family.

Bottom left: Fortina Dardinia Pierre came to watch the cargo container being unloaded and was so excited to see all of the gifts.

Bottom right: Thank you for blessing the lives of each of our students and their families with your love.

READING GOD'S WORD

This year, we have continued to work with our Christian student leadership group to equip them to become Christian leaders with a strong faith in Christ. Recently, they had the opportunity to hear Jamie Williams share his experience about living in a cave for two years to study the Bible. As you can imagine, our students had many questions and were excited to hear what he had to share. He encouraged all of them to read through the entire Bible.

We wanted to give our students a small taste of what it is like to read and study God's Word, so we took them on a day trip to a house in the country to read the Bible. The students divided into different areas and were given the assignment to read Galatians and Ephesians. After the students read through the two books, everyone came together to discuss what had been read. The students really enjoyed the exercise and it has motivated them to keep reading their Bible daily. Please continue to pray for our students as they grow in their relationship with God and face many challenges and decisions as teenagers.

~Heather Williams Katz



The Leaders for Christ group enjoyed getting away from their daily routine to read and discuss the Bible.



Eleventh grade student, Valerie Medrano Montero, taking time alone to read her Bible as other students do the same.



New Missions graduate, Ermithe St. Val, a cook at our Neply campus, displays a Wahoo ready to be cooked for the students.



Leogane Guillaume campus first grade teacher, Yanique Jean Baptiste, serves hungry students rice and beans.

SCHOOL COOKS

Good, nourishing food is precious to Haitians and is an important path to their hearts. Our 41 school cooks and over 40 assistants are all unsung heroes. They arrive at work by 6:00 a.m. to begin preparation. Since the mission's earliest days, we have had the goal of using propane to cook our school food. However, not all of our school kitchens have this set up, so these resourceful ladies will begin their cooking the Haitian way—either on three stones with wood or on a metal frame with charcoal. They use large 10-gallon size cooking pots and must maneuver 50-pound sacks of rice and beans. The cooks at our largest elementary school, Masson, will cook 165 pounds of rice a day! They use garlic, sea salt, tomato paste, herbs, dried/salted herring, and some vegetables and fresh fish are added when available.

Not only does cooking the food take skill, but serving it takes a good eye. They portion it out to the children appropriately so all get the right amount. We are so grateful for their service to bless our students. ~Rachel DeTellis



MISSION TRIP IMPACT

Early in 2019, I arrived in the Dominican Republic from the United States. There was some work that needed addressed at our Colegio Nueva Vida Campus. I was immediately greeted by a group of excited students followed by a barrage of questions. When are the missionaries coming? How large is the group? Where is the team from? I barely finished with their questions before another group joined them. After addressing all their questions, the students went their own way with huge smiles of anticipation. Their hopes were confirmed; more teams are coming this year!

The question has been raised: Do mission groups really make a difference? In 2019, we had seven teams engaged with the lives of our students, and also children from surrounding communities. Through the efforts of mission teams and the movement of the Holy Spirit, 62 students made a commitment to follow Christ. Countless others were strengthened spiritually. One highlight is the sponsor luncheon, where sponsors get to meet their student (along with a family member) and spend a memorable afternoon together.

So my answer: Yes! Teams make a difference today and for eternity. When you take a mission trip you never know what experience awaits you. Our students in the Dominican Republic hope to see you soon. ~Rob Arms

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Top: Christ Church of the Valley from Phoenix, Arizona, prepared for a week of relationship ministry.

Bottom left: Bombita students learning new songs to sing in church.

Bottom middle: Face painting is just one of our fun activities during mission trips.

Bottom right: Students from Redemption Village are anxious to start their week of Vacation Bible School!

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THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU DO TODAY

Every day we have a to-do list of things we want to get done. Here in North America, we live in a culture that is entertained to death. People binge on movies and video games. They laugh about it. They talk about it. We waste time going on the internet and watching movies for six to eight hours at a time. Every day, every week, you have a to-do list. When you're driving in your car, I want you to imagine that the Holy Spirit has a to-do list. Wherever you live, God wants to use you to reach somebody with the Good News of the Gospel.

Sometimes in the busyness of ministry, there will be a little window of opportunity that opens up during the course of the day. To plant a seed and then watch the Holy Spirit at work truly makes one realize what is important in life.

In the spring, on Good Friday, we bought two large, double-door commercial refrigerators for our ministry that weighed 450 pounds each. We could have bought them on the internet, but we would not be able to handle the job of getting them in the building. So I bought them from a local company, and they sent out three workers. Inside their truck were two shiny, brand-new, stainless steel refrigerators—strapped to the wall. They had to carry these up several steps and through a narrow door. To do that, they moved them through the door like a coffin. Then they flipped them on their back, and slowly stood them on their feet.

**IMAGINE THAT THE
HOLY SPIRIT HAS A
TO-DO LIST.**

They had all sorts of special moving equipment and techniques. I could hear them yelling at each other, and I could see the sweat running down their faces. These three men got those big refrigerators in without a scratch, put them in place, and set them up perfectly.

When we got outside, I said to them, "I respect you. I want to thank you for the work that you've done today. I want to buy each of you lunch." Then I opened up my wallet and handed each of them a \$20 bill. They were stunned and surprised by my

generosity. Then I said to them, "Now, I want to tell you a little about my life. I am blessed to work for a large ministry, have a nice home in Florida, and a beautiful family.

Today, I want to share with you my greatest possession." I paused and looked them in the eye. Then I said, "My greatest possession is my faith in Jesus Christ. Today is Good Friday. Today, Jesus Christ was crucified and died for you!" They stopped to listen to me, and I got to share the Gospel with them. One of them was already a Christian brother. Before they left I was hugging and shaking hands with these three men. They could feel the love I had for them. After they left I looked up to heaven and said out loud, "That was the most important thing I did all day!" What will be the most important thing you do today?

~George DeTellis, Jr

God can use each one of us...every day...right where we live. We just need to reach out and begin sharing the Good News of the Gospel. Are you ready to be used of God? Do you have a good word to share with people you meet? Do you have the Bible (God's Word) in your mouth—ready to deliver a message straight from heaven?



George DeTellis, Jr.
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*P.S. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."
Romans 1:16a*





WHAT IS A BIBLE?

The Bible is what I need to give me guidance, direction, and encouragement. It is my manual for my life. It's comparable to a manual you receive to maintain an appliance in good order or to repair. The Bible is also a person; it is God. I hear God speak to me when I read the Bible, His Word. And I love the story of an old woman in India who was taking a literacy course using the Bible. As she walked to her class, young people jeered at her and asked, "What are you carrying under your arm?" The woman answered, "I'm carrying God."

In my life, I have great joy in carrying God. I have peace hearing from my authority, the Creator of the universe. God gives me words of life.

Bibles are needed for our students, and these Bibles also bless the families and communities. Most of our people do not have access to computers or the internet, and the black and white print Bibles are what they need for their constant compass in life.

Just think how our lives would be if we did not have the Word to know that when we call upon Him, He saves us, He knows about us, He cares, and He answers with His compassion and healing. I need God, the Bible, and His Word—which is a gift for all.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Verline, Winda, Fredline, and Jamson will never be the same thanks to the power of God's Word. "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalm 119:1 05



Middle: Our schools are where we teach our students how much God loves them—starting with the Bible.

Bottom left: Join us in giving Bibles to students in Haiti and the Dominican Republic by visiting newmissions.org/Bibles.

Bottom right: When we give a Bible to a student, they carry God's Word back to their family.

CARING FOR ALL AGES

At our health center in Sosua, we minister to people across their lifespan. Expectant moms come to our clinic for regular prenatal checks, and we care for them and their unborn child. After their baby is born, we continue to treat the mothers and their children as they grow and develop; the care continues into adulthood and advanced age. For many elderly people, the care we provide is invaluable to them. Most do not have any health insurance and traveling long distances to see a doctor is more difficult for them.

One such person who has benefited from our services is Rafael Martinez. He is 77 years old and lives a short ten-minute walk from the health center. He suffers from diabetes and high blood pressure—both of which are treated at our health center. He has been coming to see us for more than 10 years. Every time he comes, he has a big smile on his face because he is grateful for the care and love he receives. We are thankful to be able to share God’s love with him and so many others through free medical care.

~Heather Williams Katz



Mr. Rafael Martinez is thankful for the care he receives at our health center and for the free medication.



Some of our kindergarten students recently had an opportunity to visit our health center and meet the doctor.



The health trainers met together at the New Missions clinic to provide updates and reports.



Health trainer Viola Petiotte, from Masson, teaching a young lady at her home.

HAITI HEALTH TRAINERS

Our churches, schools, and clinics all impact communities in their own unique ways. No single ministry can do everything, so we are thankful for one program that is blessing people with understanding of health issues. It was started in 2001 in response to the lack of knowledge on how to stay healthy. Lucie Myre, from Montreal, saw the potential of a program of health trainers in the communities teaching others. She prepared culturally appropriate Creole materials and taught the first group of health trainers. Claudine Abelard, our head nurse at the New Missions clinic, has been running the program ever since.

This past week, I sat in on a meeting held for the trainers. They told me how people became even more open to listening during the time of the cholera outbreak in Haiti. Now, folks are asking about the Coronavirus. The topics our trainers discuss with individuals or groups range from hygiene and prevention of disease to breastfeeding, nutrition, and water purification. Person by person ignorance is being replaced by knowledge, as the trainers faithfully reach out to those around them. ~Rachel DeTellis



CELEBRATING MORE FIFTH BIRTHDAYS

Reaching a milestone in life often brings out reflection; the successes, the setbacks, the people and places that brought you to where you are today. This month I turn 40 years old, and for the last 20 years, I have had the privilege to serve alongside the team at New Missions. Throughout my time serving with New Missions, I have literally seen thousands of children move from heart-breaking poverty to a happy and healthy life.

As I think about my 40th birthday, I am reminded that nearly half of the children born in Haiti do not reach their fifth birthday. This is a staggering statistic that I know we can change together. God's potential for their lives is bigger than the poverty they were born into. New Missions is ministering to these children, giving them a jump-start on beating the odds of infant mortality in the Third World. All of our elementary schools have preschool programs caring for children under five.

This year, I also want to celebrate with those children who are turning five in Haiti and the DR. So I am "giving away" my birthday, and I encourage you to join me. The presents, the meals, the vacation—whatever it is—let's give it away so more children can celebrate their fifth birthday. ~Dave Nowak



Top: During 2020, we will see 1,718 children celebrate their fifth birthdays.

Bottom left: Join the *I Am Hope Club* and help more children under five. Learn more at newmissions.org/birthday

Bottom middle: Dave Nowak and his family's support helped Daphken reach his fifth birthday and then continue in our school.

Bottom right: The joy of seeing students reaching the milestone of their fifth birthday gives many reasons to throw a party.

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LESSONS FROM A CHILD

My wife Rachel and I started raising our four children in Haiti. I've realized there is much to be learned from our kids—and children in general. Children can portray innocence, optimism, love, and amazing faith! Some of the wonderful memories we have together are having devotions under the mango tree with visiting teams, and also doing village ministry together. While visiting the Haitians' homes, our kids would help pray for people. Of course, they enjoyed our pet dogs and goats. One goat, Ivory, used to steal bananas from the bunch we typically had hanging on the front deck of our house. Also, our son Nathan had an older friend who would take him horseback riding down the beach or to LaSalle. And...I do mean horseback riding because there was no saddle. It was an added blessing to have the kids' grandparents, George and Jeanne, with them. Children's sense of amazement, their faith, and their love are characteristics we should all have.

We need to have a heart like a child. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."* (Psalm 19:1). Children are constantly amazed by nature. During the spring, a child may say: "Mommy, look! I see flowers growing up through the snow." Every day of each season has something new and exciting for those who have a childlike attitude of wonder and amazement toward God's creation. This attitude is powerful because it points us to the God who created it and His greatness. We all have to deal with the hardships of life, but we must keep a light

heart and focus on the positive. With a childlike sense of amazement, we, too, can bring glory to God.

We need to have faith like a child. *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."* (Mark 10:14-15). The intensity and sincerity of a child's prayer is powerful to observe. While children

are young and have a strong desire to learn, it is important to teach their tender hearts about the things of God. I am thankful for my wife who faithfully read Bible stories to our children. Faith must be exercised daily. It is believing without seeing,

and it is standing upon the promises of God. Our God is stronger and greater. We need to believe and trust like a child.

We need to love like a child. *"Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."* (1 John 3:18). Children naturally love their parents. They don't have to think about it. We, also, just as naturally need to truly love God and others. Still, children do need a strong family structure and I truly applaud mothers. A strong home life provides a good foundation for loving others. I am learning to be a better husband, father, friend, brother, son, and follower of Jesus. I am holding onto Christ and I am glad that He is holding onto me. He is our greatest example of love—a love that never fails.

~Charlie DeTellis

**WE NEED
TO HAVE A
CHILDLIKE FAITH.**

Jesus is described as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. He loves us dearly and will never abandon us. We are brothers and sisters in the Lord. We need to move forward accomplishing the will of our Father in heaven with a heart, faith, and love like a child.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

Charlie DeTellis

P. S. You can help a child grow healthy and strong by joining the "I Am Hope Club" and serve children under the age of five.



Rachel and Charlie DeTellis in Haiti.



A BLESSING TO THE CHURCHES

My wife and I meet with our school directors and pastors on a regular basis. There are usually about forty leaders in attendance. We also distribute supplies to the schools and churches during the same time. When we receive a shipping container in Haiti, we start sending out the contents the very next day, as we have limited storage space. The same warehouse that holds our Christmas shoeboxes also stores the food for our schools. We have a second warehouse for construction materials.

During our meeting this month we also distributed pastor Christmas shoeboxes, first aid kits, and 19 sound systems. Quickly, the churches who did not receive a sound system asked, “When will we receive our sound system?” I responded, “On the next container...and pray for its safe arrival.” In Haiti, we do not take anything for granted.

God has been very good to us. Our last container of the season was shipped on February 12—with thirteen more sound systems and more Christmas shoeboxes, and we’re currently working on the release of this last container. Praise God, we’ve been able to continue receiving supplies in Haiti without any blockage. The spiritual work in Haiti is at the center of all of our ministries. We want to do a work that will last for eternity. ~Charlie DeTellis



Charlie DeTellis from our Orlando office loaded sound systems on pallets for shipment to Haiti on cargo containers.



Middle: Charlie and Rachel DeTellis gathered with our 30 pastors in Haiti to encourage them as they are at the center of all our mission work. **Bottom left:** During the distribution of the new sound systems, we also gave away specially packed pastor shoeboxes and first aid kits for each school campus. **Bottom right:** The gift of a sound system to our churches also blesses each of our schools for use during weekly chapel services.

THE JOY OF READING

For many children in the Dominican Republic, reading is a privilege that not everyone can enjoy. Many children may learn how to read at a very basic level but never really master it. At our schools, we begin teaching the basics of reading in kindergarten. For those children who have problems learning how to read, their teachers work with them individually. We also have a teacher specially dedicated to working with children who have learning difficulties. Even our mission dog, Bentley, sits with some of our students every week to listen to them read!

Our goal is that each one of our students will be able to read proficiently—so that they may excel in school and beyond. Of course, the most important reason for teaching our students how to read is so that they can read the Bible for themselves. One little girl proudly told me that she learned to read and is happy because now she can read the Bible by herself and memorize verses each week for one of our Bible clubs!

~Heather Williams Katz



Our first graders have excelled at reading this year; here they are reading a story in their Spanish books.



The children are very excited every week because they get to read to our mission dog, Bentley.

FAMN POU JEZI

I remember attending Jeanne DeTellis' 50th birthday party in Haiti back in 1992. It was a ministry party. She had invited the 12 pastors' wives and other women from each of the New Missions churches. The tables had been decorated, and of course there was good food. This event, along with Jeanne's ladies Sunday School class, were the stimulus for the women's ministry that we have in our Haitian churches now. She encouraged these ladies to take leadership and start a group at their church. She called this movement Famn Pou Jezi—Women for Jesus.

At present, all of our churches have a women's ministry. Recently, I was able to visit Bord-Mer and Bire meetings. Some groups meet in the churches, while others move from home to home. They pray, sing, teach, and even memorize Scripture. The typical size of these groups is 15-20, but some churches report as many as 60 to 70 during the summer. Women in the church have an important role in evangelism, modeling Godly living to the younger folk, worship, and service within the church. They are women of faith—living their lives for Jesus. ~Rachel DeTellis



A ek s Venia, Pastor Panel's wife, and Dieujust Dena clean the Bire church before the Famn pou Jezi meeting.



Marie Carmel Petit-Homme, from the Bord-Mer Church, stimulates faith and joy as she energetically leads the women's group in worship.



COOKING IN MASSON

When I see the faces of Eveline Michel and Lena Lociel, our school kitchen cooks in the village of Masson, I see a halo of an anointing on their composure, smiles, and their hard-working hands. They partner with God and New Missions as they cook to feed just over 500 children at this campus. The kitchen space is a corner of the campus with just dirt on the ground (sometimes quite muddy in rainy weather), no roof or walls—just cooking with three sets of three stones to hold three 10-gallon pots at a time. As soon as a pot is cooked, another pot is started, as there are shifts of feeding. These same two women carefully measure out the food—preparing bowls and then washing the bowls over and over again. I love their commitment to nourish our children.

It's all part of the love of God being expressed over and over so our children can believe in a loving, providing God, and make their future one of success. When you come alongside us, you can help build a kitchen with a roof and gas stoves. All of our cooks, including Eveline and Lena, will be so thankful to not have to bend over to the ground to cook on three stones. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

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Top: Eveline Michel and Lena Lociel are the school kitchen cooks in the village of Masson. **Bottom left:** The love of Jesus to meet the needs of children is shown by the love of our school cooks who prepare lunch each day. **Bottom middle:** Rice and beans is a favorite meal at school and cooks also prepare a vegetable sauce to pour on top. **Bottom right:** Pastor Richard Gay serves as the pastor and school director in Masson, Haiti, where we educate 528 students from preschool through eighth grade.

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LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER

Ansanm means “together” in Haitian Creole. Togetherness makes life better because you have community to share life with. When I lived in Haiti, I saw the strength of togetherness as villagers would gather at the shoreline to help pull in the fishing nets. It took many hands and the strength of togetherness to survive. Unfortunately, after years of living back in U.S., I began to forget the importance of community like I experienced in a Third World country.

Now, lifestyle in the United States seems to be more about individual privacy and a lifestyle of isolation. More than ever, hate has become a popular campaign that’s dividing people, and our communities are becoming places lacking a culture of togetherness. As followers of Jesus, we must take a stand and begin to live out the model of community Jesus shows us, as he invited others to come and follow Him. What if we became the community builders as people of faith? How can we bring people together around the purpose of sharing God’s love with others?

Jesus did not do life alone. He gathered disciples to be with Him on the journey, and during their time together they grew in fellowship and faith. There is no substitute for face-to-face time together. *“One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles;” Luke 6:12-13.*

Imagine the togetherness of these disciples; together, praying...and ultimately encouraging one another. In Acts 2:42-47 we see believers who are

now filled with the Holy Spirit, and we see how they devoted themselves to the Apostles’ teaching, fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and prayer. The life of a disciple was modeled by time learning God’s teachings, spending time together in conversation, sharing meals together, and personal prayer time.

Acts 4:32 says, *“All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.”* All we have is not all for us, but God gave it to us for helping others. My prayer is, “Dear Lord, use me to make a difference right where I am and wherever I go.”

Being a good neighbor does not need to be complicated, but we do need to be intentional. I’m trying my best at getting to know my neighbors. One day my phone rang and it was Marlene from next door. In a frantic voice she said, “Tim are you home?” Yes, I am, I responded. “Good, because I’m out of town and Jorge needs your help,” Marlene said. “He was pressure washing and got something in his eye; it’s swelling badly and his vision is blurry. Can you take him to urgent care?” I quickly drove over and picked up Jorge because life is better together.

Making a difference takes proximity. The closeness and reach is nearby for a life to be impacted by another. This is togetherness. God has you near others and those people can be influenced by you, and your actions of love and care. Sharing life together is the Gospel lived out in our lives with others. God did not intend for us to do life alone. Life is better together.

~Tim DeTellis

**JESUS GATHERED
DISCIPLES TO BE WITH
HIM ON THE JOURNEY.**

Who are you sharing life with? *“We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth.” (3 John 1:8).* Our kindness speaks, our generosity speaks, and our love speaks how much we truly care. Actions speak louder than words, and togetherness begins with what we do more than what we say.

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P.S. “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.” Romans 15:5



Speaking at Central Life Church in Cocoa, Florida

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STRUGGLES GONE

In the midst of the struggles that Haiti has been experiencing, there was rejoicing this March as 22 people publicly expressed commitment to Jesus through water baptism. This year's baptism festival welcomed 21 of our New Missions churches to celebrate together at the Concrab campus. Each person in attendance was encouraged to daily meditate on Psalms 91 and 46—to make God their refuge and strength. The Santo church's brass band played and led the procession from the church down to the beach. Some being baptized had seen God's healing touch, some were delivered from Voodoo, and others were returning to their Christian roots after coming to Christ for themselves.

Of those baptized this year was a New Missions student, Jonathan Fleurisca. He hasn't had an easy life. He told us his father was involved in local crime and died prematurely due to violence. However, thanks to a mother who knew the Lord and took him to church, he received Christ as his Savior at a crusade on December 14, 2017, at our Leogane Guillaume church. He sings in the children's choir and plays the drums. We are thankful for the ministry of each of our pastors and for your faithful prayers and support on behalf of our churches and schools across Haiti and the Dominican Republic. During these struggling times God is still changing lives.

~Rachel DeTellis



Jonathan Fleurisca (who is available for sponsorship) was among those baptized. He is 14 years old and sings in the children's choir and plays the drums at our Leogane church.



Middle: Surrendering to God, 22 people publicly expressed commitment to Jesus through water baptism.

Bottom: The Santo church's brass band played and led the procession from the church down to the beach.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP MATTERS

Our students in the Dominican Republic love their sponsors! They call them their “madrina” or “padrino,” which means godmother or godfather. When a student receives a letter or gift from their sponsor, it is a reminder of just how special they are to them. Most of our children do not receive gifts from their parents because they are too poor to buy them anything. When a package or letter comes from their sponsor, they are ecstatic!

When you send a letter to your sponsored child in the Dominican Republic, it is sent to us via a special shipping service. We receive the letter a few weeks later. It is translated into Spanish and is sent to your child’s school. After your child reads the letter, he or she writes one back to you. That letter is translated to English and sent back to the mission office in Orlando, where it is then sent to you. Although the process may take several months, it is well worth the effort because it reminds your sponsored child how much you love and care about them and, more importantly, how much God loves them.

~Heather Williams Katz



When students receive letters and gifts from their sponsors, it reminds them of how much they are loved.



Our students, like Crismaldy Vasquez and Kemisa Yant, enjoy writing letters and coloring pictures to send to their sponsors.



Sarah Doirin smiled big knowing the food she was taking home would bless her entire family—thanks to your generosity.



Our warehouse manager, Osmique, oversees the distribution of food to each school.

DRY FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Americans rushed out to grocery stores to stock up as COVID-19 began to spread in our nation. The Coronavirus is now in Haiti, but sadly most Haitians are not able to buy extra food because they lack finances and refrigeration. Many have to shop on almost a daily basis. Food insecurity is a very real thing.

When the president of Haiti announced that schools must close and no gatherings should be more than 10 people, we knew we must still somehow provide the food our students would have received in their school lunches. Nutrition is a key factor in staying healthy and being able to fight off sickness. Many in Haiti are vulnerable due to being undernourished. In keeping with the government’s directives to not assemble, we decided to provide the students with uncooked food to take home to their families. In this way, the children will still receive the nourishment and families will be protected from the possible spread of the virus. We are committed to continue feeding the students during this difficult time. ~Rachel DeTellis



APPRECIATION FOR SNEAKERS

As a parent, one of your greatest desires is to be able to meet all of the needs your children have. I am blessed to be celebrating my first Mother's Day as a mom this year. In anticipation of the arrival of our new baby, we received gifts and purchased supplies so that we had everything she would need when she arrived. In Haiti, many parents do not have the luxury of being able to prepare for their children's needs. They live in a culture where they truly do have to ask the Lord for their daily bread. Resources that are required for basic necessities such as clothing and shoes are not readily available. New sneakers are rare and a huge blessing to children in our schools. Long walks to school make sneakers necessary—not just for comfort but also to protect their feet.

Your generosity made it possible for some of our students to receive brand new shoes. This blesses both the student who received the gift and the parents who desire that their children have everything they need. Thank you so much for generously giving of your resources to bless children in Haiti with the gift of new shoes. Your gift is a tangible expression of the love of Jesus. ~Molly Knost

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Top: On behalf of the parents of our students, thank you for the gift of sneakers!

Bottom left: We had enough sneakers to bless all of our school cooks, and they were thrilled with this surprise blessing.

Bottom middle: The gift of sneakers arrived at our school in Lafferonay and even blessed our children under five.

Bottom right: Students from our school in Leogane, Haiti, show their gratitude with joy for their new sneakers.


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MOTHERS IN JOY AND IN SORROW

From the very beginning, God told us that because of the sin of Eve, women would endure pain in childbearing. The pain is not only in the birthing process, but also the pain of sin. The first mother, Eve, had the pain of her son Cain killing her son Abel. We've seen the indescribable joy of a mother with her newborn, and also the joy of a mother going to her child's performance, recital, graduation, and wedding. You've heard the joy of a mother telling you her child is on the Dean's List or of their promotion at work. But I don't think I've ever heard someone say they wished they could have been Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Mary was the mother we all admire and esteem. She was a young girl who was misjudged and ostracized; an unwed mother. Even her boyfriend was ready to break their engagement but an angel asked Joseph to stay with Mary. Mary is honored, but she had her pain. She had the pain of the mystery of the child that was from her flesh but yet came from God and belonged to God. She continually had to surrender her flesh to God so that the Spirit of God would prevail. Mary saw her son being misunderstood, doubted, abused, and finally her eyes looked on his flesh suffering on the cross. As a mother, Mary had pain.

We see the pain of some single mothers—financial constraints and the lack of emotional support to raise their children. We see mothers who endure abuse from their spouse, and mothers who have children suffering with handicaps, special needs, and chronic diseases.

We know there are mothers in countries where there is no work, and food is scarce. Their pain is the daily survival to give their child bread to live.

There are mothers in pain because their child overdosed on drugs and died. I know mothers in pain because their child gave up on life and committed suicide.

I know mothers whose child is in prison from making bad life choices. I know mothers whose child chooses an alternate lifestyle. I know mothers in pain because of conflict in the family and siblings out of relationship with one another. I know mothers in pain because their children have not yet accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. The list of pain is endless.

In whatever way you as a mother are in pain today, I would like to encourage you...to remind you...that when Jesus was on the cross, in His own agony and suffering, He looked on His mother. As His mother was suffering watching her son, Jesus called on His beloved friend, John, to take care of His mother.

Jesus is the One who still sees and knows and He cares. Your pain is His pain, and He wants you to look to Him for strength and courage to be faithful to your call to mother your children. All you can do is what you can do. God can do the rest.

This Mother's Day, I want to be in prayer with great heart tenacity to encourage mothers who are in pain to lift their heads to our God of mercy and the One who can do the impossible. Never give up. Keep on being the mother God has called you to be.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

*"THE LORD IS NEAR TO
THE BROKENHEARTED
AND SAVES THE CRUSHED
IN SPIRIT." PSALM 34:18*

You may be the mother who has pain, but reach out to another mother who has pain—to love and encourage her to believe. We know God sees the tears, the pain in our hearts, and the lump in our throats. God cannot fail. Comfort a mother with words from Jesus.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. As a mother, we always want our chicks under our feathers. Thank God, His feathers are more than enough for our protective covering.





FEEDING FAMILIES DURING UNCERTAINTY

During this challenging season, we are sending students home with food for their families. We want you to know we are staying steadfast in our mission to serve children and families in Haiti and the Dominican Republic through our 35 churches and schools.

Rest assured, we are monitoring every campus and as of this writing, all of our children are well, safe, and unaffected by the coronavirus, COVID-19.

Today, Charlie DeTellis is still in Haiti leading the mission. He is working with a wonderful team of Haitians who live locally to serve at all of our schools and churches. In the Dominican Republic, Heather and her husband, Arismendy, are leading our team of Dominicans to love and serve families across the North Coast.

God is still at work and the children in Haiti and the Dominican Republic need our help now more than ever. We see the local church as the greatest force for good.

Our hope and our prayer is that through this, God will be glorified and more people will come to have a personal relationship with Jesus. He is our refuge. He is our hope! *“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1).* Thank you for standing steadfast with us during this time. May God bless you and keep you safe. We love you! ~Tim DeTellis



Sending food home with children for their families is vital in this season and we thank you for your generosity.



Middle: Thanks to your faithfulness, we are providing rice, corn meal, beans, and cooking oil to feed families.

Bottom left: Students from our school in Los Castillos (n the Dominican Republic) are bringing food home for their families.

Bottom right: Trucks delivering cases of cooking oil to our mission warehouse in Haiti for distribution through our schools.

HE'S HERE!

When we found out we were expecting our beautiful baby boy, we never imagined that his birth would coincide with a pandemic! As the due date drew closer and our lives changed dramatically due to COVID-19, we did begin to worry about the plans we had made for his delivery here in the Dominican Republic. However, God was in control every step of the way and that gave us peace. I am reminded of John 14:27, which says *“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

Maxwell Ari Katz was born April 3, which was about two weeks before his due date. I believe he arrived early because God was protecting us from being exposed to the Coronavirus while in the hospital and before the number of cases in the region rose dramatically. We are so thankful for his safe arrival and that he is healthy. Remember that no matter what happens in this world, God is in control and He will always take care of us.

~Heather Williams Katz



We thank the Lord for Maxwell's safe arrival and for His protection from the coronavirus while in the hospital.



Happy to be home with the whole family: Arismendy, Bentley the dog, Yensi, Heather and baby Maxwell.



Families gather in their front yards to have church together in Neply, Haiti, as the Gospel is heard loud and clear.



As the church is scattered, we are still gathering faithfully at homes and communities across Haiti.

CHURCH DURING COVID-19

Attending church is very important to Haitian believers. Most Haitians have none or very limited electricity and few options for being fed spiritually via TV, internet, and radio. Going to church is often the only “thing on the calendar” for the week. So they are feeling the loss of this vital part of their lives intensely. They, like us, are asking, “When can we all go back to church together?”

In the meantime, our New Missions churches are following the government regulations to not come together in large groups. Each church has chosen their own solution to this requirement. Some have decided to continue using the church building, drastically limiting numbers and regulating spacing. Others have chosen to worship in homes. Haiti’s good weather facilitates meeting outside in the yard. In many ways, the churches were well prepared to switch to small group gatherings—as the pastors tend to share preaching and worship responsibilities. Others are already trained and prepared to step up and serve in these small groups. Jesus assures us that even in tiny gatherings, HE IS WITH US when we gather in His name. ~Rachel DeTellis



VIRTUAL MANGO RUN

The White family loves to run! Dallas White, lead pastor at The Grove Church in Acworth, Georgia, has enjoyed running several half marathons and obstacle races. His wife, Amanda, recently completed the Albany Marathon in 3:27. Hopefully, this will qualify her for the Boston Marathon next year.

With COVID-19 cancelling races, the White family became excited to take part in a “virtual” running race that would also benefit a good cause. Dallas shared, “We love Tim DeTellis and New Missions and saw this as an easy way to meet a need. I did find myself, several times throughout the run, thinking about the kids in Haiti and New Missions work to help them and their families in these difficult times.”

You can still sign up for the Virtual Mango Run at newmissions.org/run. You can run, walk, or cycle at your own pace and distance. Once you finish you’ll receive a beautiful medal. After your race, don’t forget to take a picture and post it on social media to show your friends! Tag @newmissions and use the hashtag #virtualmangorun—so we can cheer you on.

The White family encourages everyone to do this. Dallas shares, “Why not do this? Most Americans have been stuck inside for weeks. Why not get out and enjoy fresh air, while playing a part in helping New Missions!” ~Christine Batchelder

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Top: You can run, walk, or cycle as part of the Virtual Mango Run and support the children of New Missions. Visit newmissions.org/run.

Bottom left: Pastor Dallas White from The Grove Church in Achworth, Georgia, invited his entire church and family to participate.

Bottom middle: Jeremy Law from Woodstock, Georgia, dedicated a day to the Mango Run, as part of his 2,953 consecutive days of running.

Bottom right: Virtual Mango Run participants are signing up from all over! Congratulations Krystal Nowak from Orlando, Florida.

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ONLY BELIEVE

Before Jesus came to raise Lazarus from the dead, Mary and Martha sent a message to Him: “Lord, the one you love is sick.” The Bible does not say the one who loves You, Jesus. Our relationship with God is not dependent upon our love for Him, but His love for us. *“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16*

It takes courage to have faith in God. The first thing you must believe is that He exists.

The second thing you must believe is that He loves us. There is only one thing that God asks of us—to believe in Him. Will you believe in Him?

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6

Don't let a wave of fear from the storms of life come and wash away your faith in Jesus Christ. Great faith is often born out of the depths of fear. Every great story in the Bible has a hero in a desperate situation believing in a God of miracles. In our darkest hour, shaken by the fear of the facts that face us, we cry out in faith asking God for a miracle. When we think of faith, we imagine someone strong and courageous. But faith is often born out of fear or desperation. You might find yourself straddled on the horns of a life or death situation: if I don't have this surgery I may die... but if I have this surgery it might kill me.

**GREAT FAITH IS
OFTEN BORN OUT OF
THE DEPTHS OF FEAR.**

During this pandemic, for many people, there is the dilemma of needing to go to a hospital. There is the fear of contracting the COVID-19 virus during a routine hospital visit. As believers we put our faith in God to protect us. Yet, the fear of death is real. I have a friend Dan who is having chemotherapy treatments to fight his cancer. He is working from home and there is the fear that every time he goes to the hospital for his chemotherapy treatments he may be exposed to

the COVID-19 virus and die. As a Christian, Dan puts his faith in Jesus and believes that God will protect him in his time of need. Before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead he asked Martha a question, “Jesus said to her,

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26). Today, Jesus is asking you the same question...do you believe in Me? The eyes of the Lord search throughout the earth to be strong on behalf of the man or woman who believes in Him. God is a way maker. He can make a way where there is no way. Do you need a miracle in your life? Will you believe God? What you have planted in faith, don't dig up in doubt and unbelief. Our faith is the response to His declaration of love. All things are possible—only believe.

~George DeTellis, Jr.

During the storms of life we have a great opportunity to share our faith with every person we meet. As we reach out to our neighbors with greetings and acts of kindness, let us also plant a seed of faith. I like to share my faith by telling people I meet that my greatest possession is my faith in Jesus Christ.



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P.S. “Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.” I John 5:5



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MASSON DINING HALL

As a mom, I want the best for my children. Moms in Haiti are no different. Mothers may be poor and more limited in their choices, but they want to know if a school has a good reputation and if the child will receive a good education. We asked some mothers of our Masson students for reactions on the new dining hall that is currently under construction. They expressed gratitude for the beautiful work already done and for the investment being made.

The concrete work for the canteen has been completed. But the roof, seating, and the kitchen need to be finished. The cooks look forward to having a roof over their heads and cooking on propane instead of the smoky wood fires. At present, the 500+ students at Masson don't have a designated place to eat lunch. This spacious canteen will greatly facilitate the classrooms staying cleaner and a more orderly lunch meal. However, not only will the dining hall be a huge blessing to the school, but the church will also benefit. Pastor Richard Gay says it may also be used for special events such as conferences and weddings. Moms, students, teachers, cooks, our pastor, and church members are thrilled with this new addition to the Masson campus. Thank you to all sponsors and donors who have made this possible.

~Rachel DeTellis



The new dining hall at our Masson campus will also include a new school kitchen.



Middle: School children from Masson are looking forward to their new dining hall to be ready this fall.

Bottom left: You can help us finish the dining hall in Masson with a gift: NewMissions.org/Masson

Bottom right: Pastor Richard Gay is leading our Masson campus in raising a generation of ĩri stian leaders.

FEEDING FAMILIES IN THE DR

Many Dominicans and Haitians living in the DR rely on jobs where they receive daily pay but have no job benefits or security. When the government instituted a lockdown due to the coronavirus, most of these people lost their jobs. One such man is Obi Luis who is the father of our four-year-old preschool student, Chali Luis. He and his wife have two children and are expecting another. He works clearing land for people and doing whatever odd jobs he can find. When the lockdown started, he was left without work and a way to provide for his family.

Thanks to our generous supporters, we have been able to give bags of food to the families of our students multiple times during the lockdown. When Luis came to pick up their bag of food, he thanked the Lord for His provision and for the mission. When we found out his wife was pregnant, we took the family more food, prenatal vitamins, and baby supplies. We are thankful to God and to the many people who donated money so that we can help families during this very difficult time.

~Heather Williams Katz



Obi Luis thanks the mission for their help in providing food for his family when he had no work.



Our team at Los Castillos worked hard to prepare and distribute bags of food to the families of our students .



Belandie Paul is an unsponsored 7th grader who enjoys school and dreams of becoming a nurse someday.



Nerson Eugene is 7 years old and in 1st grade at the Masson campus. He is sponsored by Nancy Kull from California.

SPONSORSHIP CHANGES LIVES

There are many single moms in Haiti. Women are often left alone with their children due to desertion or the death of the father, and are destined to eke out a living for their families. An example is Belandie Paul's family from Lasalle. Her father died from a stroke in 2016 leaving Belandie's mom with four children to raise. Nerson Eugene, from Masson, lost his dad to illness and is being raised along with six other siblings by their single mom. The struggle for these moms to feed and educate their children is profound. Without the ministry of New Missions to provide education, these kids and thousands more would not get to attend school.

Sponsorship is an amazing thing because it connects two people: one with a need and the other with the ability and vision to meet that need. Single moms with little or no resources are so grateful when their children have the opportunity to attend our schools—where the students receive a lunch and have free access to our medical clinic. Sponsoring a student can be life changing for both the student and the sponsor. ~Rachel DeTellis



VIRTUAL MISSION TRIPS

Have you ever wanted to take a mission trip? You can! We invite you to come experience New Missions in Haiti and the Dominican Republic with our new virtual mission trip option. You can register yourself, your family, or your church at newmissions.org/trips. Once you are registered, pack your virtual bags and get ready for a new adventure!

Over the course of five days, you will be challenged to see the world around you with a fresh perspective as you learn about New Missions' areas of ministry. In our daily videos, you will see first-hand how God is working in Haiti and the DR as you visit our churches, schools, and clinics. Additionally, your virtual trip comes with a companion guide that is easy to download and print. Specifically designed to enhance your mission trip experience, this guide contains relevant devotionals and activities that will help you integrate what you learn on the mission field into your own life.

Registration is now open for our virtual mission trips. You can make a donation upon registering which will help support the crucial, life-giving work of our pastors, teachers, and nurses. Together, we can still make an impact in the lives of others and in our own. ~Dave Nowak

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Top: Our mission teams for 2020 to Haiti are cancelled and we are now offering a virtual trip option.

Bottom left: You can still experience a life-changing mission trip and learn a new perspective while staying home.

Bottom middle: Your participation will help children in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Signup: NewMissions.org/trips

Bottom right: Your virtual mission trip includes a recipe for rice and beans that you can enjoy at home.

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A GOD OF SALVATION AND REWARDS

God begins calling and seeking after us. We all have different testimonies. Some children are led to Christ at a young age, while other people find God later in life. It is our response to seek after God and to invite Him into our hearts. It is also our responsibility to keep seeking after God. I believe we are attracted to God by His goodness. However, many people do not want to follow the teachings of Christ. In John 6, Jesus asked the twelve disciples if they wanted to leave. I love the reply of Peter in John 6:68, *“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”*

After salvation, God calls us to service. God calls each of us to serve Him—somehow and someday. It can be a small act of kindness. I am friends with a Syrian man who owns a small grocery store. In his store, I noticed he did not have any produce. I brought him a box of hot peppers and tomatoes from our garden. He replied in Creole, *“Mesi mille fois.”*—which translates to, *“Thank you a thousand times.”* I have another friend who is a mechanic. I brought him some special tools. He looked at the tools with amazement. We all have different needs. God will give opportunities for us to serve. Perhaps a widow in your neighborhood cannot cut her grass. Ephesians 2:10 says, *“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”* And in Galatians 6:7-8 we read, *“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the*

flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.” There is a blessing in daily obedience, service, and devotion to Jesus.

We need to focus on the goodness of God and not the evil of this world. Satan is trying to lead as many astray as possible, but our God is greater. *“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.”* (Revelation 22:12) Haitians always refer to

God as: *“Bon Dieu.”* This translates: Good God. Salvation has been made available to us. *“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.”* (1 Corinthians 2:9)

God spoke to Abram in Genesis 15:1, *“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”* We need to claim these same words over our lives. God is our shield and our very great reward.

I am really not seeking any extra rewards beyond my salvation. Jesus paid the ultimate price and my salvation through His sacrifice is enough for me. My role as missionary in Haiti is really that of a servant. Yes, I have some leadership roles, but everything I do is to lead and care for the Haitian people we serve. There are many physical tasks involved. However, my talents seem to fit the tasks. All that we do, we need to do it unto the Lord. One day, I want to hear the words, *“Well done my good and faithful servant.”* (Matthew 25:21a) ~Charlie DeTellis

**JESUS IS OUR
SAVIOR AND
GREAT REWARD!**

It is vital for believers to abide in Christ, and to be faithful to Him until the end of our lives. It’s always this combination of doing and trusting. The challenges of the work in Haiti are really what keep me serving Him full-time. *“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.”* (Revelation 2:10)

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

Charlie DeTellis

P. S. Knowing Christ and making Him known will give you rewards in this life and the life to come.



Rachel and Charlie DeTellis in Haiti.



BACK TO SCHOOL!

As many children head back to school, 10-year-old Junior Isaac can't wait! He loves to learn and is grateful for the opportunity. He found out about New Missions after visiting the school's facilities and participating last year in the New Missions summer camp. Junior had so much fun at camp, he begged his mom to enroll him at the Colegio Nueva Vida school in the Dominican Republic.

Junior has an incredible story of transformation. He's had problems at other schools with his behavior and learning, but at New Missions, Junior has not just survived...but thrived. His parents were even surprised with his progress. Because of his emotional and intellectual development, his parents shared that he was unable to enroll in five different educational institutions. But now his life has changed for the better. When the director was asked about Junior's behavior, she reported he was an excellent student and doing much better with learning.

Junior has a dream. He heard his classmates talk so much about their sponsors, he ran home and told his mom, "Mommy, my dream is to be sponsored one day!"

In Spanish, nueva vida means "new life." Junior certainly has a new life now, thanks to New Missions. But he's still hoping and praying his dream of being sponsored will come true. If you would like to sponsor Junior please call our office at (407) 240-4058. ~Christine Batchelder



Junior Isaac with his mom, Lucy. He begged his mom to let him attend the school at New Missions.



Bottom left: Junior Isaac loves to go to school at New Missions. It's his dream to one day have a sponsor.

Bottom right: Students talk about their sponsors all the time. They get excited to receive letters, and love getting a shoebox for Christmas!

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

All summer long, our school directors work tirelessly to plan for the next school year. This year brings more challenges as we adjust our methods of teaching to accommodate the new government requirements because of the coronavirus. Although this creates more tasks for our directors, they are happy to be able to work for the mission and teach our students.

Daniel Farington, our school director in Los Castillos, has worked with New Missions in the DR for 20 years. Even though he is 70 years old, he says he would much rather be interacting with the children and teachers at school than sitting home. He loves the school and church, and his passion for the mission can be seen by all who meet him. Under his direction, the teachers prepared weekly homework assignments to send home for the children during the quarantine—because most of the children do not have internet access. This summer, Daniel and our school staff are working diligently to be prepared for the upcoming challenges of the new school year. Please pray for the health and safety of all of our staff and students as the school year begins. ~Heather Williams Katz



Director Daniel working with Assistant Director Bethania Javier Duran and teacher Beronica Bonilla.



Administrative Assistant Jennifer Santos Morrobel working to help organize our school staff for the upcoming school year.



Ymene Yolanda Georges, 19, and Andre Luxon Michel, 21, are from the graduating class of 2020.



Andre and Ymene have been friends for six years and have been dating for two years. They have plans to marry this fall.

SENIOR SNAPSHOTS

Andre Luxon Michel started attending New Missions schools when he was four years old. As he reflects back, he thanks God and his sponsors, the Jernigan family, from Texas, for helping him get to this point. They have sponsored him since he was six years old! He accepted Christ at a young age and later got baptized. He is a musician in the Santo church, and sometimes he gets to preach. Life was not always easy for him. He remembers the exhaustion of the long walk to school, because his family could not afford to send him on a tap tap. A tap tap is a brightly colored mode of local transportation in Haiti. Now, his dream is to become a lawyer and to speak several languages.

Ymene Yolanda Georges lives in a two-room house with her parents and five siblings, but her humble situation has not stopped her. She is always at the top her class in school. In 2008, after hearing a message on repentance, she gave her life to God. Ymene serves in her church—both in the children’s and youth ministries. After graduation, she would like to study psychology and help many people.

~Rachel DeTellis



ORDER A PREPACKED SHOEBOX

It's that time of year again! Christmas is right around the corner. For the past month, our staff has been working hard to prepare for volunteers to come to our office to pack our prepacked shoeboxes. Packages have been arriving almost daily, supplies have been unpacked and shoeboxes have been assembled. This brings a great sense of excitement and anticipation. Prepacked shoeboxes are a project we look forward to each year. It's important—because for many of these children—it's the first and only gift they receive at Christmas.

This year, we have added some exciting items to our boxes. Our 3-6 year olds will receive a children's book called "The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross" in Haitian Creole. It is a wonderful story about God's plan of salvation. For our 7-11 year old students, we are including "101 Favorite Bible Stories." And each of our older students will receive a French New Testament and a French to English dictionary. Each age and gender has unique items selected that will put a smile on their faces. Such items include dolls, soccer balls, stuffed animals, ball caps, and much more. If you would like to order a shoebox for your sponsored child or for an unsponsored child, visit newmissions.org/shoeboxgiving. Let's share God's love this Christmas! ~Christy Dillon



Top: Our prepacked shoeboxes are filled with toys, schools supplies, and hygiene items. We pray it blesses and encourages the children.

Bottom left: We pack shoeboxes for all ages. Here, a high school student enjoys getting her shoebox with age appropriate gifts.

Bottom middle: We're so grateful for our volunteers who help us put together prepacked shoeboxes.

Bottom right: Volunteers from Journey Christian Fellowship in Quinton, VA come every summer to help us put together shoeboxes.

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HONORING ANNA DIPIETRO

Proverbs 22:1 says, “A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.” On June 20, 2020, my grandmother, Anna DiPietro, passed away at the age of 99. She had a good name! Her celebration of life service was hosted at Camp Woodhaven in West Boylston, Massachusetts, on June 25, 2020—which would have been her 81st wedding anniversary. She and my grandfather, Charles, who passed away at the age of 101 in September 2019, made history as the longest living married couple in the state of Massachusetts. Together, they celebrated 80 years of marriage. My grandparents are also on record as the longest donors to New Missions.

In my office, I have the handwritten prayer request my grandmother sent to us the month my grandfather was dying. She wrote on her giving statement: “Please remember my husband Charles. He has an incurable disease. God is able to heal him. Thank you. Love and prayers for all of you. God’s blessing on your life.” My grandmother was a praying woman. She kept a prayer diary with lists of family and friends next to her Bible. Grandma passed away peacefully at her own home with my mother and Ted at her side.

What gave my grandmother such a good name? A relationship with Jesus did. My grandmother was one of six siblings, two sisters and three brothers. She had a serious fall off of a fire escape from a tenant building in the west end of Boston at the age of 12, and was sent to a hospital for 1.5 years—seeing her mother only twice. The doctor said she had internal

injuries. When her mother was looking for an apartment to rent for her family of 8, the landlady, Carolina Salto, witnessed to her about the saving and healing love of Jesus. My great-grandmother said, “If your God is real, then take my daughter Anna to church.” Grandma told me, “I remember getting on my knees at church and surrendering to God. When I stood up, I was healed and filled with joy. I was saved!” Her mother then accepted Jesus as her Savior, and a year later, her father accepted the Lord in their home. The simple invitation to church for my grandmother impacted countless lives, as she became an evangelist to her family and friends.

After my grandmother’s passing, her three daughters Elizabeth, Jeanne, and Karen were at her home. Grandma placed a note in her mail basket sharing how she hid cash in her bedroom...wrapped in a scarf under her bureau...and under the chair cushion. They collected \$1,300 that was stashed away. “What do we do with all this money?” they asked each other. The eldest daughter Elizabeth said, “It’s not our money, it’s God’s money!” Jeanne quickly responded, “Give it to Myanmar, to build a Christian school for the children there.” What a wonderful testimony of exactly how my grandmother lived her life. It was not hers; she represented the name of Jesus.

Today, may you be encouraged by how important your name is. People are watching and listening. Your name is a good name because of the Jesus in you. Let’s go love, give, and serve in Jesus’ name.

~Tim DeTellis

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When I would call my grandmother, she reminded me, “Timothy, the anointing is what you need in life. You must seek God’s anointing.” Whenever she would remind me of this, I would think of the song she loved to sing: “It’s not by might, it’s not by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord.” Daily, may we yield to the Holy Spirit to give us a good name.

Tim DeTellis

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Speaking at Central Life Church in Cocoa, Florida



SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 NEWSLETTER



NEUMISSIONS

Change the life of a child

THE GOSPEL TO ALL PEOPLE

The security of the Gospel is the greatest message we can share. Jesus is still the answer for our world today. Currently, New Missions is building a new church in Flon, Haiti, and the progress has been impressive over the past several months. Our Haitian team of 10 construction workers, including carpenters, have just finished making the roof trusses and installing the metal roof.

New Missions is focused and passionate about the Gospel. Currently, we are building the church in Flon and expanding the church in Masson. Then, we have two churches to build in Vieux-Court and Chateau. Building a church in Haiti is like putting a lighthouse on the shoreline. People hear the Good News and find refuge. *“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.” (Psalm 34:8)*

On July 7, 1990, my father, Pastor George DeTellis, wrote an article for our monthly newsletter titled *Unprecedented Times*. Here is the closing paragraph:

“Before the return of the Lord, I believe that there will be a mighty wave of world evangelism. Are you wanting to be in the forefront of what God is doing in the world? Let us be on the crest of the wave. Let us be about our Father’s business.”

Today, I raise my hand and say, “Yes, Lord. Use me to share the Gospel to all people.”

~Tim DeTellis



Carpenters from New Missions built the trusses at our mission and then installed the church roof.



Middle: Our painters are finishing the gables and adding final touches to the exterior of the church.

Bottom left: A stage will be built out of concrete, and wooden church benches will be made in Haiti at our mission.

Bottom right: We currently provide employment to a full-time team of 10 construction workers in Haiti.

CARING FOR NEW MOMS

At our health center in the Dominican Republic, we treat people from all age groups—many of whom are vulnerable patients such as the elderly, pregnant women, new moms, and children. For the new and expectant mothers, we not only help them with their medical needs but also their emotional and spiritual needs.

Anyelina Maldonado first came to our health center for a pregnancy class we offered for women in the community. Her baby was born by C-section; she spent two weeks in the hospital because she had a very bad infection. After she was discharged, she returned to our health center twice a week to have her incisions cleaned. She continued to come for treatment for 10 months. Her daughter, Adanyely, is now 14 months old and both she and her mom are healthy. Anyelina is so thankful for the care she received at the health center, and says we are her family as she has none nearby. We thank the Lord that we are able to love and care for these precious women and children who come to our health center.

~Heather Williams Katz



Anyelina and her daughter Adanyely recently came to the health center for check ups and were given a food bag.



B by Yulina Louis was born June 7th; she is being checked weekly to make sure she is gaining weight properly.



Jessica Furcy, a 2018 graduate, was sponsored by Maria Lima from first grade through graduation. Thank you, Maria!



Jessica enjoying some time with the students. Schools will reopen mid-Aug. through mid -Sept. to finish the 2019-2020 school year.

WHO BUT KNOWS?

Jessica's mom used to sell vegetables in the Mare-Chal area. When her mother saw an opportunity for Jessica to enroll in the New Missions school there, she sent her to live with an aunt in that area. After completing elementary school, Jessica began attending our high school in Signeau, and her family moved her again because they couldn't afford the transportation cost each day. She was an excellent student and dreamt of becoming a kindergarten teacher or a pediatrician because she enjoyed working with children.

She is now the PK1 (three-year-old) teacher at our Signeau campus, and is working to complete her full certification. Jessica was baptized in December 2018 and attends the Signeau church. She helps out with the youth ministry and often leads evening services held right at her home. Her parents had seven children before they had her, all of whom died. God spared Jessica and we believe He has a good plan for her. From the child of humble beginnings to now a teacher—who knows where God will take Jessica and how He will use this young intelligent woman.

~Rachel DeTellis



CLINIC OF HOPE

Medical care has always been an important part of what New Missions provides in the communities we serve—because it is a vessel for sharing the Gospel. In the beginning, the clinic was a table under coconut trees. There were no other clinics and no moped taxis to transport folks. Often, missionaries were called at all hours to help deliver a baby or for an emergency. Those “midnight calls” are rare now due to midwives. The midwives are New Missions graduates who are already skilled nurses, and have received extra training in midwifery. They are now helping in their communities with both deliveries and emergencies.

Today, we have two clinics in Haiti: the *Hope Medical Center* in the mountains of Tom Gateau, and the *Clinic of Hope* in the Bire community—serving our students and families throughout the Leogane Plain. They are staffed by Haitians, including Marie Chantale Philipe, a New Missions graduate, who is the director. Infants and women are cared for through our clinic programs. Consultations and medications are given and lab work is performed when needed. Nurse Claudine Abellard says she always reminds patients that the medicine can make them well... but only God can save and heal them forever. We hope to partner with eye and dental teams to also meet these crucial needs. God is at work healing and giving hope! ~Rachel DeTellis

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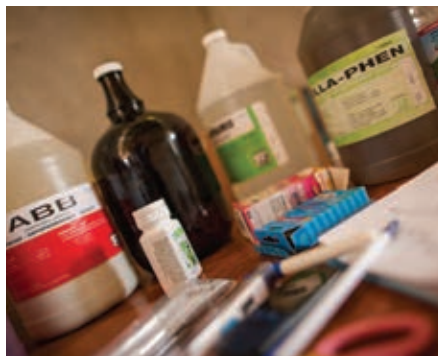
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Top: Mothers are blessed by the clinic's ministry to keep themselves and their children healthy.

Bottom left: Marie Chantale Philipe (left) and Claudine Abellard (right) provide education and leadership at the Clinic of Hope.

Bottom middle: Most of our clinic medications are purchased wholesale in Haiti and then bagged or bottled as prescribed.

Bottom right: Community health trainers, clinic staff, and Rachel DeTellis are in front of the Clinic of Hope in Bire.

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GIVE OF YOUR BEST

The words to an old song say: "Give of your best to the Master, give Him first place in your heart; Give Him first place in your service; Consecrate every part!" What's your best?

In Haiti, my son Charlie sent Pastor Guy to the city of Port-au-Prince to do an urgent errand for the mission. Pastor Guy was stuck in traffic for hours, and he knew that it would be impossible to get to his destination before the office closed for the day. He left his truck and jumped on a taxi motorcycle and accomplished the errand; well done for the mission. Pastor Guy gave his very best!

Jesus watched over an offering being taken in the temple, and He saw a widow woman put in 'two mites' (worth one cent today). It was her very best!

An acquaintance on Facebook told me about a Haitian friend she met five years ago in the Dominican Republic, who was out of work. With the border closed, he was desperately hungry. Our very own Dr. Arismendy went and found the man, ministered to his soul, and gave him groceries. Arismendy did his very best!

In the Old Testament, David began to gather materials to prepare for the construction of the temple for his son, Solomon. Nails of gold were collected, and each nail would have a value of over \$25,000 today. David did his very best!

During the pandemic, when I heard from our mission president that all salaries of all workers in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and the U.S. would be paid in full, and we were going to feed families, I trembled as to how God would provide when people

were losing jobs and churches were closed to receive offerings. One morning, at 2:30 a.m., I woke up impressed to write the biggest check I've ever written! That morning, I quickly wrote the check and received an immediate flood of peace and presence that passes human understanding.

An American mother wrote me of how they changed what they ate so she could send an offering to feed families. Just be obedient, and don't try to understand. Do your best everyday—in some way—to someone. Be quiet and listen for His nudge. You'll feel the miracle of the unending, unlimited love of God come from your innermost being. And as you give, what you receive is not always tangible, but indescribably inexhaustible.

This very hour is the greatest moment to give our very best. Why I love to do my best for the Master is because of the secure investment of serving Him. Perhaps you've seen many people die. The stuff they treasured and spent their lifetime serving was left behind. Giving the best of my time, talents, and treasures to my Master, I send them to my eternal address. My gifts are dividend-raising investments of gain for the Kingdom here, and the final eternal Kingdom there. Giving your best is gifting yourself.

I am blessed and excited to see God's people giving their best, rather than living in insecurity or selfishness. We know the present is dark and gloomy in the natural. But we believe that as we give our best, our Master is sovereign to supernaturally give us a new day. I love giving my best.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

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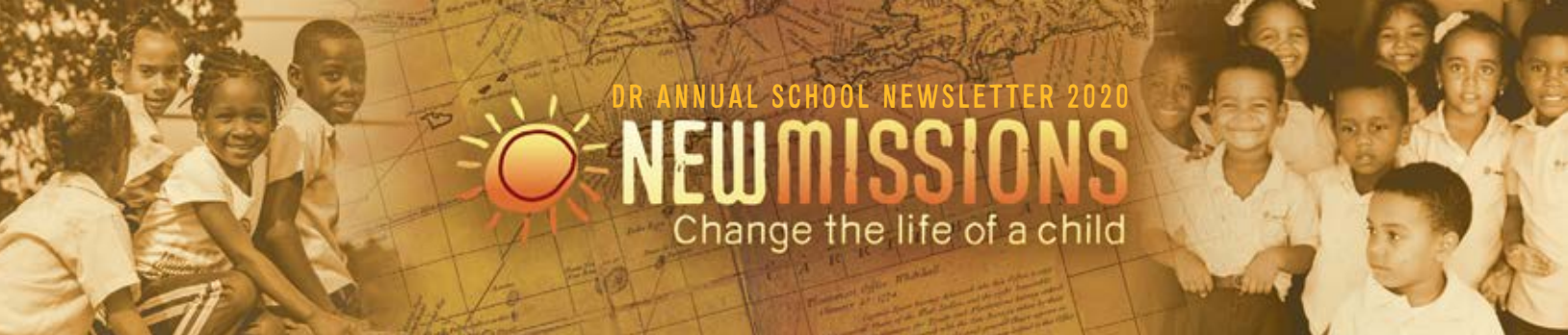
James 2:17, "Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." Jesus lives! His life in me naturally causes my faith to bear fruit. How can I love Him without expressing my love in works for what touches the heart of my Savior? I ask God to give you the best of spiritual health...to have faith that loves works.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. Please pray for our students and teachers to be encouraged and inspired this new academic year...to be and do their best.





CHANGED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Vilenny Santos Morrobel is the principal for the Bombita school in the Dominican Republic. Her job is to make sure that everything runs smoothly on the campus. It was through the ministry of New Missions that Vilenny asked Jesus to come into her life and heart. She made the decision to follow Him as her Lord and Savior. From that moment, her life was forever changed.

As Jesus was transforming the community, Vilenny became passionate about helping New Missions in our schools. She was appointed principal of our Bombita campus and has been with us for five years now. Vilenny is so grateful for this opportunity. She is praying God will change the lives of the students just like He changed her life. She shares, "I especially love when students can enthusiastically learn about the love of God and know the beauty of New Missions." Vilenny knows Jesus changed her life and that God is at work in the Bombita school. She shared with us that God is her number one priority when making any decisions. Vilenny's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 37:4, "Take delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart."

~Christine Batchelder



Vilenny Santos Morrobel accepted Jesus when New Missions came to Bombita. Her life has drastically changed since.



Middle: Vilenny makes God her top priority in all of her decisions. She knows God gives her strength for everything she is doing.

Bottom left: Vilenny hopes to lead our Bombita school into a bright future— nowing there is hope through Jesus.

Bottom right: Vilenny loves when the students are excited about God! She knows the difference Jesus makes in their lives.



SCHOOL DAYS

Students love attending our New Missions schools in the Dominican Republic. They love learning and making new friends. The path to education opens the door to a host of new opportunities for them. They often talk of their sponsors, and the children love receiving letters. The students study similar subjects as those in the United States. Their subjects include: math, science, social studies, Spanish, English, French, art, and physical education.

While the teachers know education is important, they also realize how vital it is that these children hear the Gospel. It is only through the life-saving message of Jesus that these students will be radically transformed. It will change their future. God's Word, above all, is the source of truth. It brings hope and light to a world filled with darkness.

As students begin a new school year, don't forget you can encourage your sponsor child by writing them a letter. Would you also take some time to pray for them? *"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."* Proverbs 22:6

~Christine Batchelder



Students study much of the same subjects as children in the U.S. Those subjects include math, science, social studies, and art.



Students love to praise and worship Jesus. The future is bright because of what Jesus is doing in their lives.



Teachers know the importance of sharing Jesus with the children. They love building relationships with their students.



Devotions are an important part and a daily activity for students at New Missions. They love learning about Jesus.

PRAYER REQUESTS

A new school year is exciting yet intimidating. School work can sometimes be challenging for a lot of children. Would you take some time to look over these prayer requests and pray for the children, staff, and families?

Please pray that the students will have a heart of compassion for their classmates and a teachable spirit. *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you."* Psalm 32:8

Please pray:

- For the safety and health of our teachers and students
- For our school directors as they make adjustments due to Covid-19
- For all to experience the love of God and grow closer to Him
- That we'll finish the certification process for our Bombita and Los Castillos campuses
- That God will give teachers patience and love as they teach the students every day

~Heather Williams Katz



A CHILD'S DREAM

Junior Isaac desperately wanted a sponsor. It was his dream, as he always heard his classmates talk about their sponsors. Junior wondered if anyone would love, encourage, and pray for him—as he saw his classmates' experiences with their sponsors.

Mel Cochran went on her first mission trip to the DR in July of last year with Christ the Savior Lutheran Church. It changed her life forever. On that trip, she met a young boy named Junior Isaac. He quickly caught her attention. Mel said, "He was a spitfire; very energetic!" She found herself constantly encouraging Junior—who seemed to crave love and positive attention. They took many pictures together and created fond memories. Since that time, Mel wondered about that sweet, energetic boy she met and wondered how he was doing.

Then, she read our August newsletter. Junior Isaac was featured on the cover. . .still hoping someone would fulfill his dream of being sponsored. Mel got chills knowing God was at work. Immediately, she knew she had to call New Missions and sign up to be Junior's sponsor. "I couldn't wait! This is such an awesome experience. The difference is you get to meet your child. It's not just a face; you build a relationship," said Mel. Junior Isaac's dream came true—and we are so excited to see what God has in store for both of them! ~Christine Batchelder



Top: Junior Isaac was struggling at other schools, but has thrived at New Missions. He loves school and is doing well.

Bottom left: Mel Cochran met Junior in the summer of 2019 on her first mission trip to the DR.

Bottom middle: Junior (far right) and some of his friends at a New Missions camp last year, as they learned about Jesus.

Bottom right: Junior Isaac prayed for a year that Mel Cochran would become his sponsor. He is so excited God answered his prayer!

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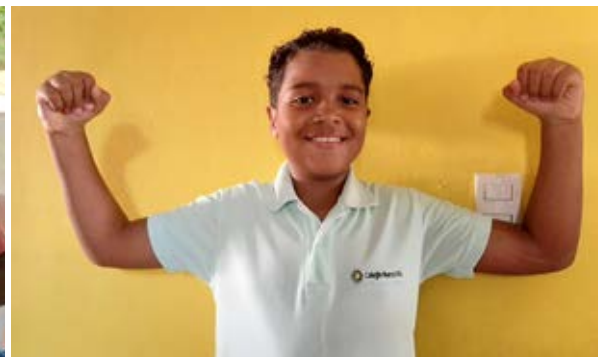
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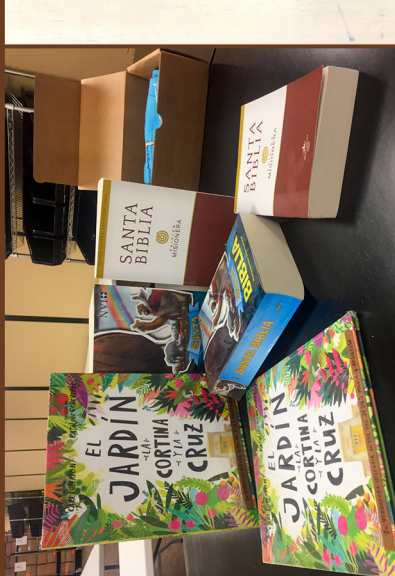


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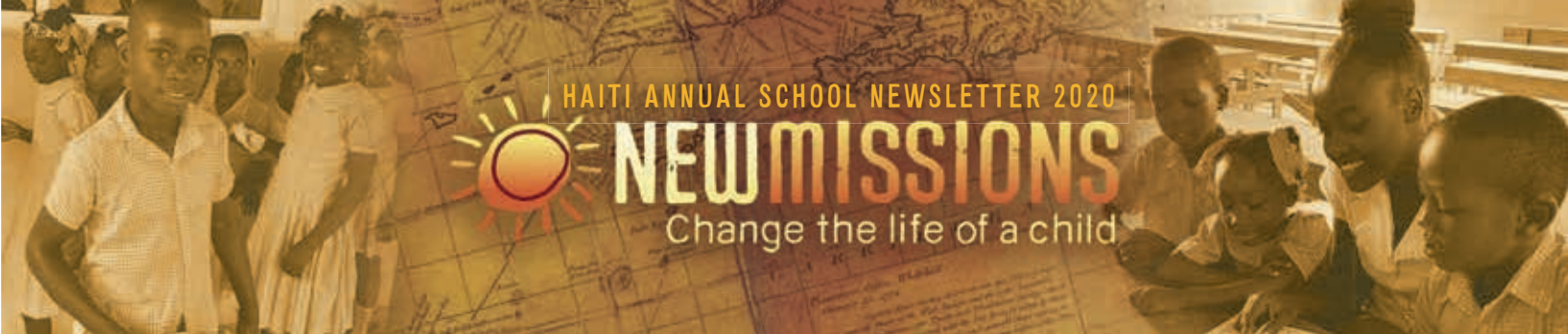
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THE VILLAGE OF BIRE

Pastor Louis Jean Parnel did not grow up in a Christian family. For many years growing up, he lived with his uncle who was a Voodoo priest. Because of that, everyone thought he would become a Voodoo priest, as well. He would often help his uncle and be a part of the Voodoo culture. Then, New Missions came to his village. They were in the process of building a church, and he was curious as to what this was all about. Over time, he began to hear God's Word. Suddenly, he knew something was different. Pastor George DeTellis spoke to him about God and how desperately he needed Jesus as his Savior. It was at that moment he received Jesus as his Lord and Savior. He was immediately baptized and his life was forever changed. He wanted to learn more of Jesus and could see the changes Jesus was doing in his life. He started teaching Sunday school in the church.

In 2008, Charlie DeTellis approached Louis Jean and felt the Lord was calling him to be a pastor. He couldn't believe it; he was so honored. It was at that time he became the pastor of the church in Bire. Jesus was bringing forth light and hope to a place of darkness. Pastor Parnel's favorite Bible verse is Matthew 28:19, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* Pastor Parnel knows and believes we have a responsibility to go and make disciples and is excited about what God is doing in Haiti. ~Christine Batchelder



Pastor Parnel loves preaching the Word of God. It was the truth of Jesus Christ that saved his life from Voodooism.



Bottom left: Pastor Parnel, his wife and four children; his family is important to him and he knows God has blessed them.



Bottom right: Pastor Parnel loves to spend time in the community. Here he is with the cooks at our Bire school.

COOKING WITH LOVE

When I see the faces of Eveline Michel and Lena Lociel, our two school kitchen cooks in the village of Masson, I see a halo of an anointing on them. They partner with God and New Missions to make a miracle happen by feeding a multitude every day. They cook to feed just over 500 children from three years of age through middle school students. The current kitchen space is in a corner of the campus with just soil for the floor—sometimes quite muddy in rainy weather. There are a few poles that hold a tattered tarp which keeps out some rain. They cook with three sets of three stones to hold three 10-gallon pots at a time. As soon as one pot is cooked, another pot is started.

I love their commitment to nourish children. When the children come to school, they like to check on those “Mommies” who are working to fill their bowls. It’s all part of the love of God expressed. Some of our kitchens are still outdoors, and we’re upgrading kitchens with gas stoves. Our cooks, Eveline and Lena, will graciously have less strenuous work.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Eveline Michel and Lena Lociel prepare a nutritious meal for the students. These two cooks love serving Jesus.



Rice and beans is a staple meal in Haiti. For many children, this will be their only meal of the day.



Children are eager to learn at New Missions schools. Many students walk to school and live in nearby villages.



Students travel from all over to get to our New Missions high school. They know education is important.

HAITI SCHOOLS

This is a general summary of a typical day in the lives of our students in Haiti. However, each school may look a little different. In Haiti, school is usually a half-day. Many of the schools also have an afternoon session. Some grades meet in the morning and some in the afternoon. If there is an afternoon session, students arrive before noon and eat lunch first. Then, school ends about 4:30 p.m. Students walk to school and usually live in a nearby village.

High school students are the exception, as many come from all over to attend our high school. They may walk, bike, or even take a tap tap to get to school. A tap tap is a brightly colored mode of local transportation in Haiti.

Students begin to learn English in 7th grade and continue throughout high school. During a normal school day they also have devotions, learn French, math, Creole, science and social studies. Chapel takes place once a week. This year, we have designated that the elementary schools will hold chapel each Wednesday.

~Rachel DeTellis



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HAITI

It's been quite a year for Haiti. There has been much unrest in the country. And now, as with the rest of the world, Covid-19 has left its mark. But through it all, the Haitians at New Missions have remained faithful—knowing God is at work. Psalm 37:7 reads, “*Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.*” When things seem to go wrong, remember God knows our circumstances better than we do. It's important to pray and trust Him. Please pray for:

- Political stability this year and protection from Covid-19
- A fresh vision and passion for our pastors and school directors—that their lives would truly reflect integrity and God's goodness
- More students and their families to be touched by the Gospel message and receive Christ as Savior and Lord
- Our teachers' ability to instruct effectively. They will have to get the students back on track after Covid-19, as there are no “virtual schools” in Haiti. Pray for their discernment to determine the most important information to focus on as they interact with their students each day. Pray they can instill a love of learning in the students, and by their example the students would want to become followers of Jesus.

~Rachel DeTellis



Top: New Missions pastors preach the Gospel. As a result, many have been baptized because of the life-saving message of Jesus.

Bottom left: New Missions focuses on making these students disciples of Jesus Christ—as He commanded in Matthew 28:19.

Bottom middle: New Missions students begin to learn about Jesus at a young age. Prayer and devotions are an important part of school.

Bottom right: Women often hold Bible studies and prayer meetings in the villages, and many have come to know Christ.

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THE POWER OF ONE

One person can make a difference. Five-year-old Kweicha Leyna Fontaine hopes that one person will be you. Kweicha loves playing with her dolls and going to school. However, she faces many challenges because she lives in Haiti. Yet, her father proudly shares, “There’s hope in Haiti because of Jesus and New Missions.”

If you’ve gone on a mission trip to Haiti, you’ve probably met Kweicha’s dad, Jean Marc Fontaine. You definitely can’t miss his big smile! His passion for his faith and his family is contagious! Jean Marc attended New Missions schools since he was nine years old, and now passionately works for our ministry. He’s married and has four children. Two of his children attend New Missions schools. His son is sponsored, but his daughter, Kweicha, is still waiting for a sponsor.

Jean Marc knows the power of one. One person promised to invest in his future, and it changed his life forever. Now, his daughter needs one person to transform her life. Like many parents, Jean Marc dreams big for his children. He prays his children grow up loving and serving the Lord, and hopes his daughter will become a nurse. Kweicha and so many children like her are still looking for that one person God will use to impact their lives. Will it be you? If you would like to sponsor Kweicha, contact our office at (407) 240-4058. ~Christine Batchelder



Five-year-old Kweicha Leyna likes playing with her dolls and loves school. She also enjoys drawing.



Bottom left: Jean Marc attended New Missions schools since he was nine. He credits Jesus and New Missions for changing his life.

Bottom Middle: If you’ve been on a mission trip to Haiti, you’ve most likely met Jean Marc. He has the biggest smile and loves to help others!

Bottom right: Jean Marc with his wife, Mireille, and three of their four children.

CALLED BY GOD

Being a pastor requires a special calling by God. Each of our pastors in the DR has very different talents and abilities, and God uses each one of them for His glory. One of our pastors, Nicolas Santos, is passionate about evangelism and has been instrumental in bringing many people to Christ.

Pastor Nicolas got saved during an evangelistic service led by Pastor George DeTellis on Sosua Beach. After accepting Christ, he started coming to our Bible school and began preaching a few times per month. Although he had fears about becoming a pastor, he knew God was calling him to do this. In a dream, he saw himself working as a pastor in the village of Bombita. He surrendered to the will of God, and has been the pastor there since 2004. When asked how he has seen God working through this pandemic, he responded that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever—and the Lord has continued to provide for their needs as He has always done. Please pray for Pastor Nicolas and the church in Bombita as they meet daily to pray and continue to trust God for His provision and care.

~Heather Williams Katz



Pastor Nicolas has overcome many challenges in his life and thanks the Lord for His faithfulness and steadfast love.



*Pastors Nicolas Santos and Pedro Peralta praying with a man who accepted *firi* st during an outdoor evangelistic service.*



Pastor Jean Guillaume and his wife, Ymacula, lead this Leogane ministry. Ymacula heads up the women's department and school food preparation.



Guillaume's family (l-r): Wideline, Emmaneulla, Ymacula, Guirlene, and Guidony teach in the school and are strong leaders in church.

CHANGED LIVES

Back in the early 90s, I remember attending church at what we now call the Leogane-Guillaume campus. The building was a rickety shelter with a dirt floor, and there were just a few who attended. The property, which had once housed a small rum factory, was purchased by New Missions in 1989. But it wasn't until 1997 that a nice church structure was built. Today, there is a mature congregation of over 300 people who attend. The church has grown and become strong because of the faithful leadership of Pastor Jean Guillaume. He was made pastor and school director in 2000 after teaching in New Missions schools for eight years.

Pastor Guillaume received Christ as a teenager at a crusade when a nine-year-old child approached him and "preached" to him. Now he finds much encouragement in helping the students at his school come to know and follow the Lord. Pastor Guillaume says his greatest blessing is knowing his four children, all New Missions graduates, are totally committed to God and that they, along with his wife, are serving alongside him. His steadfast commitment to God's work has changed many lives. ~Rachel DeTellis



HAITI SHOEBOX PACKING IDEAS

Packing a shoebox is a wonderful way to bless someone in need. The shoeboxes collected during our Christmas Shoebox Drive touch the lives of both children and adults in Haiti. It is always our goal to give every child in our schools a shoebox. We also use the shoeboxes to bless others who are involved in our ministry in Haiti. You can pack a shoebox for a teacher, pastor, or nurse who is serving in a New Missions school or church. Our health clinic loves to receive infant shoeboxes filled with items for babies and toddlers that they can give to mothers of young children.

When you pick out gifts for your shoebox, it is always wonderful if you can include a combination of practical and fun items. For our students, try to choose a few toiletry items, some school supplies, and some gifts that are simply for enjoyment. Water bottles, soccer balls, and baby dolls are always favorites of our students. New t-shirts, underwear, and socks are another great option to include, as well. Games, such as playing cards, jacks, and dominoes are also very popular. You can download and print out packing lists for all of the different categories of shoeboxes at shoeboxdrive.com. I know the gifts you choose will be cherished by whoever receives them. ~Molly Knost

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Bottom middle: Favorite gifts include a soccer ball and toys that bring smiles to our kids.

Bottom right: Learn more at shoeboxdrive.com on how you can also bless a teacher with a shoebox gift.

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1 John 4:19



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GROWING UP AS A PASTOR'S KID

In my mind, I have an image imprinted of my father always wearing a suit jacket when he served as a pastor. On Sundays, he would wear a suit, dress shirt, and tie. I respected him for the role he played in the community. His attitude was he would love every person who walked in the door of his church. He spent his time pastoring and reaching out into the community. The church he pastored for the longest length of time was Calvary Evangelistic Center in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts. As a family, we were always in church, and during the summer we spent our time at a Christian camp. I questioned going to church as a teenager, and was told I had to go to church on Sunday mornings or I could leave the house. Well, I had a nice bedroom and my mother was the best cook in the world; I decided to go to church. By listening to my father preach, faith began to grow in my heart. He told me later in life, "In every one of my sermons there were three points to be found: God exists, God loves you, and God is able to help you."

I gave my life to the Lord in a strange way. I was in my own bedroom, at the age of eighteen, and I told God I wanted to try being a Christian for a week. In that season of life, I was not content with my lifestyle and knew there had to be more to life. At the same time, I reasoned that if God was the maker of everything, it would be worth it to serve Him. So I took a leap of faith. The next day, I felt God had touched my life; I knew I was saved. I was working at a company called Paper World, where

TAKE THE LEAP OF FAITH!

I purchased a decal of a rainbow and a dove and placed it on my bedroom door.

In 1983, at the age of 19, I was part of the first group of missionaries going to Haiti with my parents—where we went to plant a church, school, and medical clinic. We were carrying the building plans with us to construct our first building that would be multifunctional. In the first week...the church, school, and clinic were up and running with temporary structures. My father had served in the National Guard, and his skill set from that time surely put him in his element directing this new mission. We were like Marines that had just hit the beach.

My father explained to me how God gives us the desire to do His will. Philippians 2:13 reads, "For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose." I often question if I am doing enough to please God. We know we are saved by grace, and that God calls us to work in His vineyard. He needs laborers working in His kingdom. It was God who first loved the Haitians, and called my father to serve in this part of Hispaniola. It is His mission; He gets all of the glory. I feel the Holy Spirit leading and guiding—by giving me the strength and desire to do His work. My father was a great man of God. I loved and respected my father. He taught by word and by deed.

~Charlie DeTellis

We all need people in our lives who can help direct us in making the best decisions and choices. Jesus delights in working with people who are weak and broken. "But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." 2 Corinthians 12:9

Sincerely,

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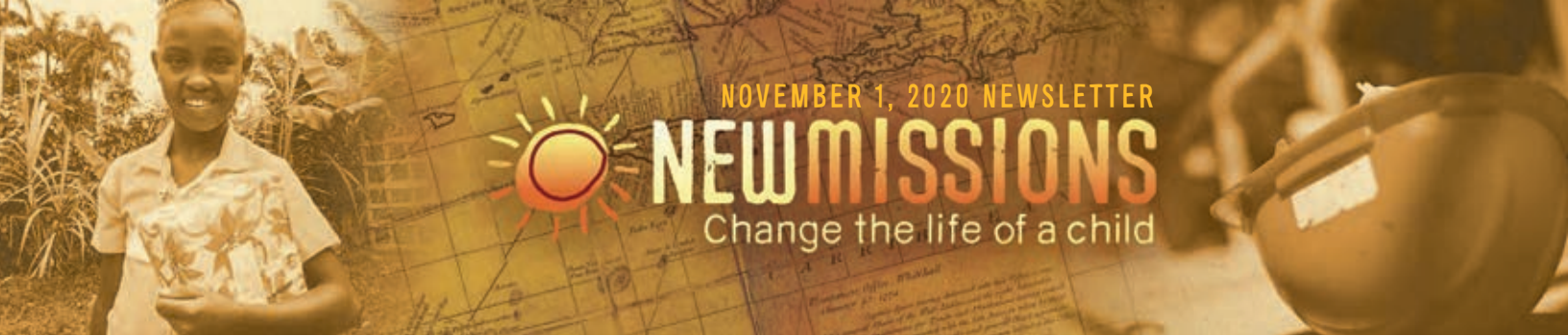
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P. S. Our faith and hope is in an eternal kingdom in which the light of Christ will shine upon us.



Rachel and Charlie DeTellis in Haiti.





12 YEARS OF SHOEBOX GIFTS

How many times can we say thank you? How about 170,670 times? We are thrilled to report that over the past 12 years, children across Haiti and the Dominican Republic have received 170,670 shoebox gifts. This strongly represents your love, generosity, and faithfulness.

Our Shoebox Drive began when child sponsors began calling our office asking if they could send a gift to their child for Christmas. We quickly expanded the gift giving by asking others to provide gifts for students without a sponsor. Now, we've extended shoebox gifts for our pastors, teachers, nurses, and infants.

Each shoebox gift is bigger than a box because of what's inside. In every box that's purchased and sent, the Gospel message is included in their native language. I have stepped inside the classroom to see a child open a shoebox and then quickly close it telling me, "I want to bring it home to open with my family." It's like they snuck a peek and then couldn't wait to share the joy of opening their gifts at home.

Here are three ways you can participate in our Shoebox Drive: (1) You can pack a shoebox and send it to our office. (2) You can host a packing party and invite others to join the fun by showing your love and generosity. (3) You can order a shoebox packed on your behalf by simply visiting newmissions.org/gift. ~Tim DeTellis



Thank you for your generosity of packing and sending shoeboxes for our students.



Middle: We appreciate volunteers hosting our Shoebox Drive at churches like Clements Baptist Church in Athens, Alabama.

Bottom left: The logistics of delivering shoebox gifts from our warehouse to each school provides local employment.

Bottom right: Together, we are blessing children, teachers, nurses, pastors, and infants with shoebox gifts.

A SHELTER FROM THE STORM

For many years, the big tent in Playa Chiquita has been a landmark in Sosua. We have had weekly church services there along with special concerts and events. However, with the windy tropical climate in the Dominican Republic, these tents do not last very long. The tent suffered a lot of damage and finally came down for good during a recent tropical storm. We are excited to be able to replace the tent with a permanent metal structure that will last much longer. This new structure will be open and safe to use during the pandemic.

Pastor Waldis Cordero started working with the mission almost 20 years ago, and has been the pastor of the church in Playa Chiquita for 10 years. He has witnessed God working in remarkable ways during the pandemic, and rejoices in the love and empathy the people of his church have shown to others. The church continues to meet in outdoor classrooms while the new structure is under construction. Please pray God will continue to use the people in this church to minister in their communities, and that the new structure will be used to bring glory to God.

~Heather Williams Katz



The tent was a landmark in Sosua for many years but suffered repeated damage from tropical storms .



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The new classroom building, which is nearing completion, will serve over 200 students who attend the B re school.



The church in Bire was constructed in 2013, and is used for school chapel, church services, classes, and events.

THE BIRE CAMPUS

This November, it will be 32 years since Pastor George DeTellis purchased land in Bire, Haiti, and established a church and school on the property. The original church and school were damaged in the 2010 earthquake. This campus now has a new church, a school classroom building that is almost finished, and the New Missions Clinic. There is a well with an electric pump for the clinic, and also a hand pumped well that is open for the entire community to use. Future development will include the construction of a school kitchen, modification of one of the old, damaged buildings for a dining hall, and the completion of a boundary wall to protect the property and create a safe play area for the children.

Hundreds of students have passed through the school and have been blessed with an education they would not have otherwise received. Many lives have been forever changed by the presence and outreach of the church. This Thanksgiving, we are grateful to God for all that He has done, and for all who have worked, prayed, and given to these ministries.

~Rachel DeTellis



CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES

In Haiti, sometimes half of the work is getting the necessary supplies. The construction supply companies in Haiti are grateful for our business—as New Missions does not stop working. We try to keep plenty of supplies in stock so construction is not delayed. One warehouse is designated specifically for construction supplies, and our second warehouse is for our school food and Christmas shoeboxes. We are always struggling for space in both warehouses.

In all of our construction projects, we use the best quality products. We use premium pressure treated lumber, pressurized concrete blocks, and baked white enamel metal roofing. Most of the supplies still come from Port-au-Prince, but we obtain our sand, concrete, and metal rebar locally. Recently, we have been experiencing delays in purchasing the white roofing and concrete blocks. When this happens, we focus on other aspects that don't need these particular supplies.

There are challenges with logistics in Haiti. The highway is very limited and the traffic is terrible on a regular basis. I know my God is greater than any challenge. I know our construction crews are anxious to put on another roof. I know the school children and school directors are waiting for six buildings to be completed. We cannot move on to new projects until we finish the existing ones.~Charlie DeTellis

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Top: With two warehouse buildings, we are ready for construction projects and food deliveries.

Bottom left: Lumber deliveries arrive for our carpenters to build trusses for our schools and churches.

Bottom middle: Iron doors are made in Haiti and are welded by a graduate of New Missions, Luc Bertrand.

Bottom right: The building progress is still happening at the Masson church and school campus.

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CHRIST HAS CALLED US TO SET THE CAPTIVE FREE

On Sunday, October 29, 2006, I had the privilege to preach for Pastor Alex Gillies at Victory Christian Center in Glasgow, Scotland. During my time with Pastor Alex, he said something to me I will never forget: "All a man needs is a vision." Those words spoke to the core of who I am as Christian. We are followers of Christ and our hearts are open to hear His word for our lives. I want to share a story with you about a woman who had a vision from God that changed the course of history in America.

Harriet Beecher Stowe was living in a rented house in Brunswick, Maine, with her seven children. Her husband was a minister and college professor who worked at the nearby Bowdoin College. Her father, husband, and six brothers were all Congregational ministers. Harriet said, "I will preach on paper just as the men preach in pulpits." It was not until August 18, 1920, that the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave women the right to vote in America. One night in November 1850, at their rented house located at 63 Federal Street, she provided refuge to a runaway slave, John Andrew Jackson, who was on his way to Canada. Harriet fed him, clothed him, and cared for his back that was covered with scars from whippings by his slave owner. In the morning she sent him on his way with five dollars and food for the journey.

Harriet was part of a group of Christians working to abolish slavery in America. She would frequently write articles for publication in *The National Era*, an abolitionist newspaper. That winter, in February of 1851, during a Sunday morning communion service

at church, God gave her a vision for a novel. The sermon was about the suffering Christ endured being whipped before he was nailed to a cross. The memory of John Andrews' back, scarred from the whipping he endured, flooded her imagination. She envisioned a story about a slave named Tom being whipped in the same manner that our Lord Jesus Christ was whipped and crucified. After the church service she went running home in tears. She began to write on scraps of paper the vision God gave her that would be the tragic ending to the novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. In 1852, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was published by John P. Jewett & Co. in Boston, Massachusetts.

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It was to become the best selling book of the 19th century—second only to the Bible in the number of copies sold. Eleven years later, in 1862, after the

Civil War began, she travelled to Washington, D.C., to meet President Abraham Lincoln at the White house. President Lincoln greeted her by saying, "So you are the little woman who wrote the book that started this great war!" Just like Harriet, all you need is a vision from God.

Do you want to be used of God to change the world? In our work serving the poorest of the poor in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, we see the scars from the abuse people have suffered in their poverty. Christ came to liberate people from sin and suffering. As Christians, our calling is to liberate people. Our legacy is not the accumulation of things, but the life and liberty we give to people through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. ~George DeTellis, Jr.

Christ has called us to set the captive free. All we need is a vision of who we are in Christ. *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the captive free."* Luke 4:18

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P.S. Your greatest vision is who you are in Christ. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
~Ephesians 2:10





EQUIPPED TO SERVE BETTER

On October 25, 2020, our Bible college, *The Royal Caribbean Institute*, had its graduation several months late because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the 13 graduates, two are former New Missions students—Sheguer Marc and Jackson Saint Lot.

Sheguer started school at our Brache Millot campus in second grade and graduated in 2016. His life was transformed when a friend invited him to a revival meeting. He believes God has called him to full-time ministry. He has been working with the high school students through the prayer group that meets at the school. About three years ago, he began pioneering a church that has approximately 55 people attending. His vision is to continue to grow and develop the church.

Jackson says the biggest miracle he has seen in his own life is when God spared him after accidentally ingesting poison. He knows his purpose in life is to make Jesus known. He entered our Signeau school at the age of three, and graduated high school in 2011. Since then, he has been working as a mason. He is involved in evangelism and teaching the Bible to illiterate Haitians from the mountain regions. He enjoys assisting in his church.

This Christmas season, we rejoice with these graduates who are now better equipped to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to serve God in their own unique ways.

~Rachel DeTellis



Congratulations to the class of 2020 and each graduate from our Bible college, the Royal Caribbean Institute.



Middle: Sheguer Marc (shown with wife, Nagela) pastors a church in Croix des Peres, Haiti. His Bible college scholarship was provided by Jim and Kathy Law. **Bottom left:** Jackson Saint Lot and Sheguer Marc both grew up attending New Missions and now graduated from our Bible college together. **Bottom right:** Our Bible college graduation was celebrated at our Signeau campus on October 25, 2020.

A GRADUATION CELEBRATION

No doubt everyone reading this article has had to cancel or change plans this year due to the pandemic. Our students here in the DR are no exception; classes moved online in March and will continue online at least until January. All of our school events had to be cancelled, including our graduations. The students in our senior class were a very diverse group, but they had one similar desire: they wanted to have a graduation ceremony! Every month, the students and their parents called the school to talk to the director about their desire for a proper graduation.

Thankfully, coronavirus cases in the DR have been declining and a few weeks ago, we were able to have a small graduation for our senior class! This graduating class was our largest yet with 21 students. Out of those students, 19 of them came to New Missions in preschool and continued with us all the way through twelfth grade! Please pray that the students who graduated will seek God's will for their lives as they plan their next steps. We look forward to seeing how God will use these students in the future to further His kingdom. ~Heather Williams Katz



Happy seniors ready to celebrate their graduation with friends and classmates.



Please pray that our graduates will seek God's will for their lives and next steps during these challenging times.



Worship is central at all of our churches and welcomes leaders to rise up within the local church.



From drums to electric guitars, the music in our churches is passionate, and participants of all ages play in the bands.

THE POWER OF WORSHIP

The history of the Haitian people is one of slavery and bondage due to Voodooism. God led my parents to start a mission in a very dark location where Voodoo was all around us. The majority of the churches in our area started with our school children. In school they were taught a Bible lesson each day and were encouraged to attend church. Today, I am amazed at the growth of Christian churches in our area. It is truly a revival! There is great preaching and amazing worship in all of our churches.

Haitians absolutely love getting dressed up for church. I sweat a bit too much, but sometimes I'll put on a suit jacket for a little while...though it usually doesn't stay on for very long. The Haitians love strong preaching and powerful worship. They are also excellent drummers. As a drummer myself, I have given away several drum sets in Haiti. However, it is totally up to each church and the pastor what style of worship they desire in their church. That said, they are expressing their freedom and celebration in Christ. Thank you Lord; You set me free!

~Charlie DeTellis



THE JOY OF COOKING

We commonly pray, “Give us this day our daily bread.” Around the world, there is a great need for food as people struggle to survive. On January 6, 1983, our first meal in Haiti consisted of a loaf of homemade bread carried in a suitcase by missionary, Diane Vrooman. Later on, after I tired from long days of cooking for our team, I decided to give each missionary a day in the kitchen. They were wiser than I. The first week of their assignment they found a Haitian woman, Felicia, to do the cooking. Felicia had the joy of cooking, and fed us a multitude of tasty, local food.

As more Haitian women came to work for us, we taught them more and more American recipes—including varieties of bread: white, oatmeal, whole wheat, and sweet pecan buns. They also made trays of pizza for our visiting teams. The most successful cooks began as illiterate Haitian women who memorized the recipes. The best outcome of all of their cooking is that some women now have their own restaurants. I write this as I have the joy of preparing a wedding reception for my grandson, Luc DeTellis. There is joy in cooking... cooking good food, and saying to the recipient, “bon appétit.” Celebrate life with God’s daily bread. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

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Top: Cookies are a specialty of Jeanne DeTellis, and she taught the Haitian women how to bake using her recipes.

Bottom left: Across our 30 school campuses women enjoy cooking, including Xavier Mode from our Santo campus.

Bottom middle: Homemade loaves of bread, made by Haitian cooks at our Missions Training Center, are always a favorite.

Bottom right: Jeanne DeTellis enjoys being in the kitchen. This photo from 1980 shows her joy of cooking.

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YOUR FAITHFULNESS IS GREATER

Reflecting back on 2020 is like looking into a hall of mirrors. There's so much to reflect upon, yet so much you cannot overlook. Personally, 2020 will go down as the year of greater faithfulness. First is God's faithfulness to us, and then our faithfulness to Him. From the COVID-19 virus, to racial tensions, to a polarizing election, and even the seemingly endless formation of hurricanes and tropical storms...we've had quite a year! Our emotions and well-being were stretched beyond normal levels. Where we put our faith and trust truly became the test of 2020.

March 12, 2020, was a day I won't forget. A pastor from Orlando invited me to meet for lunch at the Red Lobster near our office. Following lunch, news began to arrive about stay-at-home orders and the immediate need to take steps to go virtual at our New Missions office. I gathered our small team together in Orlando and shared with them what I felt God had placed on my heart: *"Please, be proactive and protective personally. Together, we will make our physical health and spiritual health our priorities."* Our team was already a praying group of people, but starting the next week, daily prayer calls began to come into the office. God was drawing us closer to Him in the midst of a storm, and we had no idea how long it would last. Maybe for you, too, this past year was a season of God grabbing your attention at a greater level.

As a mission, our calling to preach the Gospel and care for children through our Christian schools was still paramount even in the midst of an ever-changing season. Domestically, events were being

cancelled and churches were forced to go exclusively online. Overseas, our campuses began to practice social distancing and we made it an urgent priority to feed families by sending food home with our school children. However, from a clarity and communications standpoint, I did not want to derail the message of our mission which is: Hope in God. Across both Haiti and the Dominican Republic, construction continued in the midst of a crisis—even when it was harder to source construction supplies—we persisted. Schools became flexible with schedules and we celebrated graduations this fall instead of in the spring. From a funding standpoint, we saw donors step up and role model generosity. I remember our office manger, Holly Manna, telling me about a lady who signed up online to sponsor five children for Christmas on behalf of her five nieces and nephews. I asked, "How did she hear about us?" Holly stated the woman


told her how she did a Google search and found New Missions. God provides and His faithfulness is greater!

Together, we can keep going—not because we have strength—but because when we are weak He is strong. *"But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."* 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

This Christmas may be different for many as loved ones are no longer here. Some have lost employment or started new jobs. And too many struggled through illness and still face uncertainty. Today, may you stand firm in God's faithfulness. ~Tim DeTellis

**"THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS."
(LAMENTATIONS 3:23)**

Together, we pray, trust, and rely upon God's faithfulness. What's greatest in this season is the glorious gift of grace found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I pray you accept His eternal gift of salvation—available to you when you call upon His name. Jesus came into a hurting world and brought peace and healing. *"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."* (Luke 2:14) Dear Lord, may Your favor rest upon us, protect us, guide us, and show us your great faithfulness.


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I pray you have a peaceful Christmas and a joyful New Year.



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