

# Missions

P.O. Box 1126, Worcester, Ma. 01613

## Haiti

February 2, 1982

Dear Friends of New England and World Missions:

Last November, I was part of a 25-member team that visited the nation of Haiti under the leadership of Rev. George and Jeanne DeTellis of New England and World Missions (NEWM).

While there, some of us visited a small, almost-forgotten island called Zetoit. After presenting its inhabitants with a variety of goods and supplies, we listened intently to the words of the island's pastor as he was interpreted:

"Over here," he said, "we don't have anything to give you, but we will be praying for you. We thank the Lord for a great love, because he put that kind of love in the American peoples' hearts that can feel exactly the need of the Haitian people on this island. We never had a school years ago. By the grace of God, by the help of the American people, some of the children can come to school now. Thank you for the clothes, for everything you bring for us today -- for the food, we so happy about -- our teacher get paid, we so happy about -- some of the people help us to get house over here, we so happy about. We bless the Name of the Lord for a great love. We don't have a good bed over here, but never discouraged, but never discouraged. And, I will continue to pray for you, me and my church, and God can continue to bless you and bless your family, your home. Never discouraged, and I hope I will see you (again) one day. May the Lord bless you!"

That was just one experience gained through that unforgettable and emotional trip to Haiti. There were many others.

Our team consisted of men and women of all ages and from many walks of life, most of them from Worcester and Worcester County, and included nine Haitian people from the Boston area.

We experienced love, hospitality and great faith emanating from the Haitian Christians. I left their country wondering just how well I really knew God, and with a desire and commitment to ease some of the poverty and sickness there.

NEWM, based in Worcester, Massachusetts, has felt the tug of the Holy Spirit to minister in Haiti. They plan to purchase five acres of oceanfront land in a village called Leogane, located near Port-au-Prince, the nation's capital city. They want to drive a well on the property, build a church and clinic, and establish housing. They hope to purchase a boat to carry supplies to and from the village, and to bring much-needed materials, food, and medical help to out-of-the-way places and islands.

Pastor George and his wife, Jeanne, will offer housing on the mission in Loegane for interested Christians who may want to spend time at the mission station during a combination vacation/ministry visit. The housing would also be available to those who are called there for more extensive missionary service.

You could call their concept an interdenominational Christian Peace Corp.

All of these purposed plans will be costly, and I realize that some of you reading this letter are already committed to many worthwhile projects. You may feel that, at this time, you cannot be involved in another on any long-term commitment basis.

That is why I believe the Lord has shown me that a \$100-a-plate dinner will be an effective way to sponsor the ministry of NEWM to the Haitian people. There will be no offering taken at the dinner, and there will be no pledge cards to be signed. You will receive the very best meal that can be provided by the restaurant where the dinner will be held. You will hear interesting guest speakers and view slides of the people and country of Haiti.

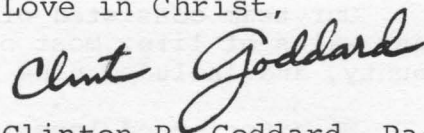
I, originally, had no desire to go to Haiti, but was asked to pray about it. I did, and the Lord clearly directed me to go! I will never regret being obedient to His voice.

Please pray and ask the Lord if you should attend this dinner. If the answer is "yes," then come join us for a joyful time in Him at the HAITI LOVE BANQUET, schedule for Friday evening, April 30, 1982, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheraton-Lincoln Inn, 500 Lincoln St., Worcester, Massachusetts.

For reservations, you may send your check or money order for \$100 (per person) to: N.E.W. Missions, P. O. Box 1126, Worcester, MA 01613.

Or, if preferred, you may send \$10 a week for ten weeks to that same address. (If that is your choice, please indicate your intentions when you send your first ten dollars.)

Love in Christ,



Clinton P. Goddard, Pastor  
Evangelical Congregational Church  
Hubbardston, Massachusetts

P.S. God's Spirit is truly moving all over the world! On that tiny island we visited off the mainland coast of Haiti, a Christian girl sang this song, which was later interpreted by a medical missionary: "THERE'S NO LIMIT TO YOUR PRAYERS, THERE'S NO LIMIT TO YOUR PRAYERS. ONLY HAVE FAITH WHEN YOU PRAY! AND YOU WILL FIND THE ANSWER. JESUS IS ALIVE! LORD, SEND YOUR WORD!"

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February 8, 1982

Dear Christian Friends,

It has now been several weeks since we returned from Haiti. The experience of the trip has had time to settle in our minds and for us to have much time for prayer and reflection. Twenty-five of us went to Haiti, and our lives will never be the same.

Haiti is one of the neediest countries in the world. There are spiritual needs. Much of the country is still under the crippling influence of Voodoo. There are material needs. Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world. It would break your heart to see children with bloated bellies and bleached-out hair and wonder what influence the malnutrition is having on their minds. There are physical needs - needs for wells for fresh water - nets to fish with and seeds to plant. Needs - tremendous needs.

Haiti has won our hearts. We love the country and the people. We are now about to become even more directly involved with this country. The Lord is leading us to purchase 5 acres of land in Leogane where we will start a mission station. Here, there will be a church, school, and clinic, and from this base we hope to preach the message of God's redemption through Jesus Christ in this entire area.

For this, we need the help of our brothers and sisters in Christ. The land will cost us \$7,600 and lawyer's fees \$500. Much more will be needed to put in a well, erect a building and equip the station.

This is a glorious time to live for the Lord and to give ourselves to His service. I hope you will become involved in this ministry!

Sincerely in Christ,

George J. DeTellis  
President

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Jean DeTellis Director

July 19, 1982

Dear Friends,

We would like to keep you posted on our progress in establishing a mission station in Haiti.

We have set a date on our departure. On Tuesday, January the 4th, we will leave to begin this work. Along with the 5 full-time missionaries, about 10 other people will be going to help put up buildings and work with the people.

The missionary team is meeting on a weekly basis to learn the Creole language. A constitution for the mission has been written and will be submitted to the government of Haiti for us to be officially recognized. We have begun to gather supplies - cooking pots, beds, blankets, tools, etc.

Much, much prayer has gone up - the burden is great. "Our hope is in God." We have learned that we must ever keep the vision of the Lord before us. What we see in faith God will bring to pass.

Presently 8 children have been adopted. This is a sponsorship for a daily feeding program and an educational program.

We have been in touch with some of the Haitian Pastors - they are also waiting for our arrival.

Please be in prayer for us. We are still working to raise the support of our missionaries.

Sincerely in Christ,

*George J. DeTellis*  
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p.s. I will be conducting a three-day workshop on Haiti, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 28, 29, and 30, at Camp Woodhaven, at 10:00 a.m.

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P.O. Box 1126, Worcester, Ma. 01613

Jean DeTellis Director

August 8, 1982

Dear Friends,

Greetings in Jesus!

January 4, 1983, a team of five missionaries will leave for Haiti. Five acres of land have been purchased in Leogane. There we will begin a church, school, and clinic.

The property is on the water and a boat will be purchased to provide fish for the local people. Also, a vocational school will be started to train the people to obtain employment.

For several years we prayed about this matter and after six trips to Haiti, the Lord spoke to us and said, "GO WITH IT!" Upon that Word we are going to the country of Haiti.

N.E.W. Missions is a missionary organization based here in New England. We would like the churches of the Northeast to make this their mission station.

Enclosed is a brochure to further acquaint you with us. If you would like more information, please call (617) 753-5817, 757-2593. We would be glad to visit your church and share our burden with you.

Sincerely in Christ,

George and Jeanne DeTellis

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P.O. Box 1126, Worcester, Ma. 01613

Jean DeTellis Director

December 20, 1982

Dear Haiti Friends,

For unto us a child is born . . . this same Jesus is seeking to touch the lives of the Haitian people. We promised the people in the Village of Birey in Haiti we would come right after Christmas. They are waiting for us.

It is now just days ahead when we will touchdown in another land. We will arrive in Haiti in the afternoon. The men will pitch the tents. The women have a banner to raise and secure between the trees. It reads in Creole,

"HAITI - HOPE IN GOD." (Aiti - Espérance en Dieu) There, under the banner, we will begin praising the Lord and preaching the Gospel to the Haitian people. We will continue having services every day to plant a firm foundation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please pray.

Let the Spirit lead you. The need is great. We have four excellent men who are builders who are coming on January 24th to Haiti to begin construction on our first building to house the community of missionaries, church, clinic, and school. We are looking to Jesus to speak to those who will make this mission come into being.

We will send you pictures and reports from Haiti soon. God bless and reward you for your faith to do God's work.

Sincerely in Christ,

*George & Jeanne DeTellis*  
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*Continue to send all mission offerings to N.E.W. Missions P.O. Box 1126 Worcester, MA 01613 We have an automatic transfer of funds to Haiti on a weekly basis. Thank you.*