

NEW Missions

Dear Friends of New Missions,

January 1, 1998

Celebrating Fifteen Years

It seems like only yesterday, **January 6, 1983**, that we were putting up tents to spend our first night in Haiti. January 6, 1998 is our fifteenth anniversary. They have been good years. Every day we have seen the hand of God work on our behalf. The mission has grown from a small, fragile beginning to a place of maturity. Our mission has strongly impacted our area. And we believe New Missions will impact the nation of Haiti in the days to come. Your prayers and sacrificial giving, along with many wonderful missionaries that God has sent to us, has made all of this possible. Our hearts are full. We are thankful for you. We give God the praise.



Our first mission base consisted of five tents and the signs of God's hand of providence as Haitians learned about Jesus for the first time. We immediately started construction on our first building and in the fall of 1983, 162 children were enrolled in school. Today, thousands have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior, 43 buildings have been built, and 4,500 children are enrolled in school.

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The Doors Are Open

The Masson Church is finished, and it is beautiful. All that remains to be done is to paint the building. So much has been said about "El Nino" that we think it is best to wait another month to paint the building. Our plans are for a dedication of the building to take place the first Sunday in March. Our next construction project will be a dining room for the elementary school in Signeau. Details about this will be explained in our next newsletter.

We thank many of you that financially supported this project. Together we are opening the doors of opportunity for the people of Haiti to hear the saving message of salvation.



The people of Masson express joy as their new church building is complete.

Life Changing Experience



The youth from churches across America and Canada have the opportunity to come to Haiti for a life changing experience each summer at the Caribbean Youth Crusade with New Missions.

Come to Haiti this year. Each month people return from a one week visit to New Missions with great testimonies of how God challenged them.

The seventh annual Caribbean Youth Crusade at New Missions is taking place over four separate weeks in July and August. If you are interested in attending the Caribbean Youth Crusade, please call our office for more information. The New Missions Training Center also hosts teams on the first Saturday of the month for one week. We would like to invite you to come to Haiti and join us as we minister to the Haitian people.

5000 Children In School



The students in the Dominican Republic are glad to hear that more of their friends will soon join them in receiving a sponsor and experiencing new opportunities and hope.

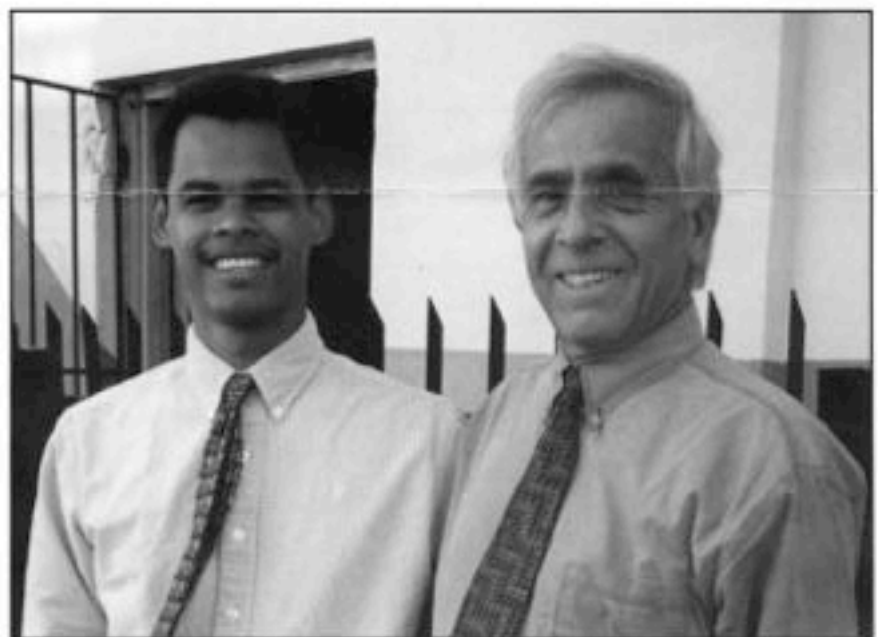
Dominican Republic Update

New Missions is working with two churches in the Dominican Republic and is responsible for the education of 150 children in that country. It is in our heart to help 500 children in the Dominican Republic by the opening of school in the fall of 1998. A trip is planned to the Dominican Republic in February to increase our involvement there.

Vision is seeing into the future and knowing what God wants us to do. As I move forward I always look for firm footing in my steps. Time is spent in prayer and much thought goes into every decision. New Missions has been growing since its inception. Growth is healthy and good when it is in God. Growth for growth's sake may not be the best.

Presently, we have 4,500 students from preschool through high school. For us it is a modest step, but it is also a good step toward 5,000 students. With the natural growth we expect in Haiti and the additional children in the Dominican Republic, we should be well over our goal of 5,000 students for the school year beginning in 1998.

Together we can fulfill the vision of seeing 5000 children attend New Mission's schools. Next month we will enclose information about our Tell 2 Friends network and how you can help us in a vital way. To accomplish this alone would be difficult, yet together we can do wonders on behalf of the children of Haiti. We look forward to rejoicing together as God leads us to helping more needy children in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.



Pastor George DeTellis and Pastor Fidel Lorenzo from the Dominican Republic share the same vision and joys of seeing the Dominican children experience God's saving love and have the opportunity for a Christian education.

Growing In The Knowledge Of God

Buffeted by Satan, Paul prayed for the removal of a "thorn" in his flesh, only to hear the Lord say, "My grace is sufficient for you," 2 Corinthians 12:9.

God calls us to do a work for Him. That work is important and for its accomplishment He gives us His gifts. In the midst of the work, God wants to make Himself known to us. Haiti is a wonderful place to serve God, but it is not heaven. It is not free of its problems. Every day we are called to lay down our lives. Living out of culture is painful. We are in a real life situation. Yet, it is here that we come to know God in ever deepening dimensions. Life is the crucible for God to form our character. God is at work and He uses every situation that we face to show us His love, His strength, and His grace.

In the midst of the work, problems arise; there are irritants and conflicts. We would like to be free of them, but our spiritual

senses tell us that, "that's just life here on planet earth."

We come to know God by the experience of salvation. We come to know Him better through the Scriptures and we continue to know Him as He shows Himself daily by working in our lives. There is much to learn about God. So much that it will take all eternity for us to know Him perfectly.

"Don't forget," I said one time, "school begins again the Monday after Easter." These were my words to the students at the Royal Caribbean Institute. In Haiti, students often do not come to school for several days after a holiday and sometimes up to a full week. I wanted our students to be different. I had dreams of them being truly a "new generation."

That Monday after Easter, seven students showed up in the Business School and none in the Education School, not even the teachers. Maybe it was my pride, but I was devastated. My deep feelings were,

"I've done so much to provide for this school, the teachers, building, books - my whole heart had been put into the school." I was deeply involved with the school. Now disappointment set in. And worst of all, I shared my feelings with the students after they all were in attendance. Where could I turn - but to the Lord. Slowly, healing came! God poured in His love - for me, and for me to love my students. Strength to resume my leadership was given and, of course, God is faithful to provide grace for every occasion.

Whenever we see a good marriage we need to glorify God and see how His grace has worked in the union. When we see a man or woman being steadfast in duty throughout life - we see God at work pouring out His love, strength and grace. Paul, the seasoned soldier said, "I am what I am by the grace of God," 1 Corinthians 15:10.

Some people ask, "Do you ever get weary of the work?" "Yes, of course," I answer. "I am only human." Yet God has been faithful over our years of service here in Haiti and also in the United States to give us new enthusiasm for the work. Passion comes from the Lord. For us, it often finds a different object. At one time it may be concentrated on the churches, other times on the business school, still other times on the construction of a building. God is faithful. It is He who sustains us. We also are thankful for your continued passion to support this work and make it happen. Thank you.

Love,

George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions



P. S. We are praying for you as this New Year begins, may you find closeness with God and His will for your life. Trust in the Lord and He will direct your path; He is our guidance and strength in all situations.

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February 1, 1998

Let The Children Come

We are working towards having 4,700 students in Haiti and 500 in the Dominican Republic bringing our total to 5,200 children in school for the fall of 1998. This will be a growth of approximately 500 children. New Missions is growing. We are excited.

On January 8, our School Administrator began registering four-year old children for our fall preschool classes. He found hundreds of parents pleading for a place for their children in our Masson school. Every Tuesday and Thursday our Administrator will register children until all 350 places are taken in our 10 schools in Haiti.


These little ones will begin a new life. Their mission photo identification cards will give them access to many benefits. When you choose to sponsor one of these children, you will begin an exciting life's journey with your own sponsored child, preparing him or her for new life and new hope.

You have an opportunity to help us fulfill this vision of having 5,000 children in school this year of 1998. Enclosed with this newsletter is information regarding our Tell 2 Friends network. We want to support and encourage you in sharing with friends about child sponsorship. Please become involved in opening the doors for more children to experience God's saving love.

One day in Haiti, while photographing the students for their photo id cards a young girl came and she was smiling during the entire process. Near the end, our son Timothy asked her, "Why are you so happy?" The young girl responded, "Because Jesus loves me."



Greg Slabaugh from Harrisonburg, Virginia, sponsors Marie Roseline Jean-Charles. We thank each child sponsor for their faithful friendship and support towards their child.

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Masson Church Dedication

Sunday, March 1st, we will dedicate the newly constructed church in Masson. This year, there was so much talk about El Nino that we postponed painting the Masson church. Thank God we have had normal weather in Haiti. We have not had excessive rain. Haiti is hurting enough and surely doesn't need any abnormal weather.

Now the building is painted. We will have a full house for dedication. The pastor, Richard Gay, extends his thanks to everyone who sent an offering to make the construction of this building possible.

No Wood, No Fire

Only the Holy Spirit can put a flame in our hearts. The more we allow Him to reign in our lives, the greater will be the glow. It is He, the Holy Spirit, who adds passion to our lives. Enthusiasm can come from the natural man. Natural enthusiasm can run out of steam, especially in the face of adversity, difficulty, or hard work. The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, gives a zest for life that is a passion which turns the most mundane task into joyous excitement.

Too often people think of passion solely in terms of sex and have difficulty talking of passion as strong feelings, enthusiasm, and zest for living.

Passion can go astray. Both the Scriptures and life are replete with examples of casualties -- men and women who had runaway passion. King David is a prime example. Misdirected passion will destroy. This is why we must always be careful about what we fuel our passions with. The wrong fuel will cause strange fire that can only destroy

a life. A controlled fire is productive. An uncontrolled fire is destructive.

Some people seemingly never develop a passion. One well-known college professor said, "I ask my students what they'll do after school and too many respond, "I don't know." Most of us like our drinks either hot or cold, but never tepid. We respect people who are hot or cold but not lukewarm. Mediocrity is never appreciated. If we can't get an "A" for achievement, we can at least get an "A" for effort.

Paul was a man of passion. "Woe is me if I don't preach the Gospel," he said. All of this comes from the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is full of passion - He loves the whole world. Jesus said, "I have come to do your will, O God." The Holy Spirit is the life of the church and is at work in the world making Jesus known to everyone.

Among a recent group that came to work in Haiti was a college student. He asked me what

I read. "The Bible," I said. "Yes, but what else?" he inquired. I had to admit I enjoy reading political science, social science and some economics. But the passion of my life is the work God has given me to do in Haiti, and now in the Dominican Republic. I feel deeply to build a strong spiritual work in the Dominican Republic.

It is possible to have a passion and lose it. Like a natural fire that constantly needs more wood to keep the fire burning, we need to receive from the Holy Spirit on a daily basis. Remain focused, stay close to the Lord and the fire will burn strong all the days of your life. I do not believe we need to go whimpering out of this world at the end of life. Rather, beginning in childhood and lasting through old age, we can be filled with passion for life and Christian service. And then we can go home to be with the Lord like a rocket on its way to Mars. "Where there is no wood the fire goes out," Proverbs 26:20.

There are different seasons that come to our lives. Jeannie and I are as busy as ever in Haiti, but grandchildren have come. We have three with us in Haiti. The three children of Charlie and Rachel - Nathan, Jeremie and Carita. Every day they come to our home. They bring much joy to our lives. And of course when we go to the States for ministry we enjoy visiting our children and grandchildren there. George and Paula have two - Michael and Julianne. Our daughter Mary and her husband Cesar have one - Angelina. Now our son Timothy and Danika are expecting a child April 14. Truly the blessings of the Lord never cease. We are enjoying the Lord and enjoying this new season in our lives.

The second week of January, I was sick with the flu. When you have a fever in Haiti it is easy to panic. "Do I have malaria?" you ask, "or some strange new virus?" As humans we panic. Thank God for renewed health and strength. We are ever learning to trust in the Lord. He wants to show Himself strong on our behalf. Thank you for your love and prayers.



Love,

George and Jeanne

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Founders of New Missions

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March 1, 1998

Scholarship Fund

The opportunities for higher education are available to most people in America. Many have had the privilege of taking advantage of scholarships and government loans.

The poor of Haiti, however, have no chance for a college education unless a relative living outside of Haiti provides money or a mission gives a scholarship. This year, friends of New Missions are helping three women go to a nursing school. Other New Missions high school graduates want to be doctors, lawyers, and engineers.

When we invest in the education of Christian youth of Haiti, we will change this country. It has always been my vision to train the Haitians, in Haiti, so that they remain in their country to bring change. A scholarship fund is being established to help our young people go to college and university.



Our graduates are hoping for greater opportunities to serve the Lord in Haiti.

Remember Bertha in Prayer

"Remember Bertha in prayer," an American visitor said. I inquired and found out that Bertha, one of our students, had a bad leg infection. She was carried on a homemade stretcher to our clinic for our doctor to examine her. The doctor found Bertha anemic and the infection serious. A growth the size of an orange was on her right kneecap.

At the clinic, we asked Bertha about her relationship with God. She was not yet a believer in the Lord. My wife Jeanne asked Bertha if she would like to accept the Lord into her heart. It was beautiful to see her countenance change and her smiling face full of peace after she became a Christian.

The Chief of Staff at St. Croix Hospital examined Bertha and said that the infection had become cancerous and that her entire leg would have to be amputated.

Jeanne has been visiting Bertha, bringing her food and constantly praying for her. Now the doctors have given us an encouraging report. "We are not going to operate at this time. We will work to save the leg," they said. Please pray with us that we will see Bertha's complete recovery and for us to see her walking spiritually and physically to the glory of God.

How To Succeed

The Christian does not measure success in terms of popularity, money, or numbers. Success is being all that God wants us to be.

In my life some things have proven invaluable in realizing my dreams. I would like to share them with you.

First, be convinced. It's hard to sell a product that you have no confidence in. With all my heart I believe that God has shown Himself in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that the work of the Cross is the only means of salvation. Jesus Christ is the bedrock of my life. And the Scriptures have an authority over my life. Paul said, "I know in Whom I have believed," II Timothy 1:12.

Second, we need to know where we are going. We must have a sense of direction. What does God require of me? For me, God always worked the circumstances of life to bring me where He wanted me

to be. As I did the thing at hand with all my heart and mind, God brought me to the next place for my life. "The steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord," Psalm 37:23.

Next, stay focused. It is easy to get side tracked. Most people who are successful sought to do just one thing, and they continued to seek to do it better. Some people feel that they are obligated to do every good thing. I am not responsible for the whole world; I am only responsible to do what God has given me to do. Coca-Cola has one goal - sell more Coke and to sell Coke all over the world. Paul said, "I press toward the mark," Phillipians 3:14.

Fourth, use adversity as a stepping stone. "As sparks fly upward, problems come," Job 5:7. We cannot eliminate conflict, stress, problems or adversity from our lives. For a leader, they come with the job. Some people allow problems to

overwhelm them and discourage them. Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, would be considered a highly successful businessman. Does he have problems? Whew! I'm glad I don't have his problems. Yet, Microsoft, I believe, will continue to grow and experience great achievements. Use your problems as stepping stones to bring you to new heights.

The secret to success is to do what is right. We are not perfect - we are human, yet God's grace enables us to live pleasing to Him. I have seen people who were not Christians and did what was right and got blessed. And I have seen believers who did what was wrong suffer severe consequences.

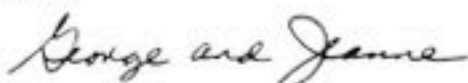
Sanctification is to be set apart. The man whose heart is right is the man who will succeed.

The problems of Haiti seem never to be resolved. The Haitian Parliament is not in session and the country does not have a Prime Minister. Haiti is in a dark tunnel politically and economically. Yet, New Missions is plodding on. Spiritually, Haiti is doing well. People are coming to faith in Jesus Christ and learning to trust Him for their every need.

We have been busy preaching in our churches, calling men and women to faith and encouraging God's people.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Love,



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April 1, 1998

Faithful Servants

God has been faithful to send us workers as we need them.

This is the second time that Kevin Strawn and his wife Marianne have come to work at New Missions. Kevin is an electrician and has come for a week at a time. The first time, he wired up the church in Leogane and on his most recent trip he wired the church in Masson. Kevin and Marianne are from House on the Rock Church in Nazareth, Pennsylvania.



Kevin & Marianne Strawn from Bangor, Pennsylvania, returned to Haiti for their second time and saw encouraging developments and change.



We are blessed. The week of March 7 - 14, we had a group of 44 people come to visit and work at New Missions. In the group were three doctors, two nurses, and two medical students. The medical team went to our school children in the villages of TiRiviere, Leogane, and Bordmer. More than 1000 children were examined. Many of the children received immediate care for numerous infections. The teams that come to New Missions work hard while they are here and are a rich blessing.

Several of the New Missions schools received a personal visit by doctors and nurses for a one on one medical examination.

New Plans For The Royal Caribbean Institute

We have had three programs at our college: Bible, Education and Business Administration. Each of these is a two-year program.

Now, beginning in the fall of 1998, we will combine our three programs into one. Instead of a two-year school, it will be for four years. Our primary emphasis will be Theology and

Bible. All of the students will have some education courses. They will also have typing, accounting, computer and several other administrative courses. This will greatly enhance the academic life of our students.



These six graduating students from our Royal Caribbean Institute are now school teachers at the mission Bordmer school. We are honored to be raising up a new generation of Christian leaders. You can have a vital part in making this possible through the scholarship fund. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

Bertha Operated On February 26

Last month we asked for prayer for Bertha. She is one of our elementary students who lives at Bordmer, LaSalle. Bertha injured her leg getting off a taptap (pickup truck) in Port-au-Prince. Infection developed in the bone of her leg. An American doctor working at St. Croix hospital had to amputate her leg. Bertha is now home and doing well. Two visiting medical interns spent time with her, giving her physical therapy. Soon she will be fitted with an artificial leg.



Bertha is doing well. The medical personnel from our last mission team spent time with her every day.

Samson - Tragedy and Triumph

From before his conception in the womb, Samson was set apart to God by a Nazarite vow. While his mother carried Samson in the womb, she was not to eat anything unclean or to drink wine. The angel of the Lord had instructed Samson's parents that he was never to cut his hair or drink anything that came from grapes. God's plan for Samson was to use him to deliver Israel from the oppression of the Philistines. The Bible records that Samson grew and the Lord blessed Him. "The Spirit of the Lord began to move him..." Judges 13:25.

Samson is a symbol of the Spirit-filled believer. Note something about "Life in the

Spirit." First, the Holy Spirit comes into our life at the New Birth. Jesus said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit," John 3:6. Regeneration takes place by the Holy Spirit. After this, we are to grow in life in the Spirit. This is then a life-long experience.

There is often confusion regarding the Holy Spirit. Some people think of Him as a "force" or the power of God. He can seem to be ethereal. Rather, the Scriptures clearly speak of Him as being a Person. He is as much a Person as the Father or the Son. And He is equal with them. When we receive Jesus as our Savior,

the Person of the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us. "We are the temple of the Holy Spirit," I Corinthians 6:19.

The Holy Spirit who comes into our lives gives us gifts. Paul writes regarding these spiritual gifts in Corinthians the twelfth chapter. There are the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits to others tongues and the interpretation of tongues. The Holy Spirit also gives gifts of ministry - teaching, preaching, organizing. He fills our lives with these gifts so that we may minister effectively for Him in this world, and enjoy His presence in sweet fellowship.

Early in my Christian life

Samson - Tragedy and Triumph - (continued)

the Lord taught me to trust Him for wisdom and knowledge. "Can you cook?" Mrs. Barney, a school administrator asked me. While going to Bible college, I worked ten hours each week for the school to help pay for my tuition. "I guess so," I answered. "Good," she said, "We need you to bake muffins for breakfast tomorrow." Very early the next day, I awoke, got on my knees and prayed, "Lord, give me guidance." I had never made muffins in my life. All the time I was mixing and baking, I was praying, "Lord help me." The cook came to breakfast. To her surprise, we had the biggest and best muffins she had ever seen. This was an early lesson that has carried me through life. Look to the Holy Spirit for help and guidance.

Samson, by the power of the Holy Spirit, provided thirty

changes of garments by killing 30 Philistines. When surrounded by the Philistine army in a town, he awoke in the middle of the night and walked off with the gates of the town. With the jawbone of a donkey, he slew 1000 Philistines.

Delilah asked Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength lies?" Judges 16:6. After much persuasion, Samson told her, "If you cut my hair I will lose my strength and become as an ordinary man." While Samson slept on Delilah's lap, men came and cut his hair.

Was Samson's strength in his hair or in the abstinence of wine? Most assuredly not. Samson's power came by the Holy Spirit upon his life. However, the Holy Spirit only enabled him so long as he kept his Nazarite vow. All of use are committed to a life of sepa-

ration to God. To be used of God, we must be kept by the Holy Spirit. This happens when we submit to God and look to Him for strength.

Samson had his eyes plucked out, and was fettered to a grinding stone. But the Bible says, "his hair began to grow again," Judges 16:22. Samson renewed his vows to God. The end came when the Philistines had a feast and brought Samson to make mockery of him and to show off their captive. Thousands of Philistines were on the roof of the building making merry. Samson placed his hands on the two main pillars of the building and prayed, "Lord do it again." The pillars fell, the building collapsed and thousands of Philistines were killed. Samson died, but he died triumphantly.

There are some things we cannot store up. Like the Israelites in the wilderness who gathered manna daily. Each day we gather new strength from the Lord. "The Lord's... compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness," Lamentations 3:22, 23.

The mission is a busy place. Activities fill our lives. More than ever we need the Lord. Always, we are calling upon Him for wisdom and strength. In the midst of our busy lives, we pray for you.

Love,

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New Missions Of Canada

New Missions of Canada has been officially recognized by the Canadian government. This establishment was necessary to provide tax-deductible receipts to our donors. New Missions has 200 children who are sponsored by Christians in Canada.

The Canadian Board of Directors recently held a director's meeting at New Missions. This gave the board an opportunity to become better acquainted with the work we are doing in Haiti. The Board of Directors consists of men and women from across Canada.



Mal James, Rev. Mervyn Thomas, Rev. David Di Staulo, Rev. George DeTellis, Sr., George DeTellis, Jr., Rev. Thomas Gardner, Liette Wilson, Rev. William Lightburn. The New Missions of Canada board of directors gathered together in Haiti for site inspections and meetings with George & Jeanne DeTellis.

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God's Servant



Barbara Cooper has been a tremendous missionary in Haiti. She loves the children and is effective in delivering the message of God.

For five years, Barbara Cooper faithfully served the Lord in Haiti. She came to New Missions from Praise Assembly in Palm Coast, Florida.

During her five years in Haiti, Barbara served in several capacities. She was responsible for child sponsor letter writing, taught children, youth and adults, worked on the office computer, and taught English at the high school and computer at the Royal Caribbean Institute.

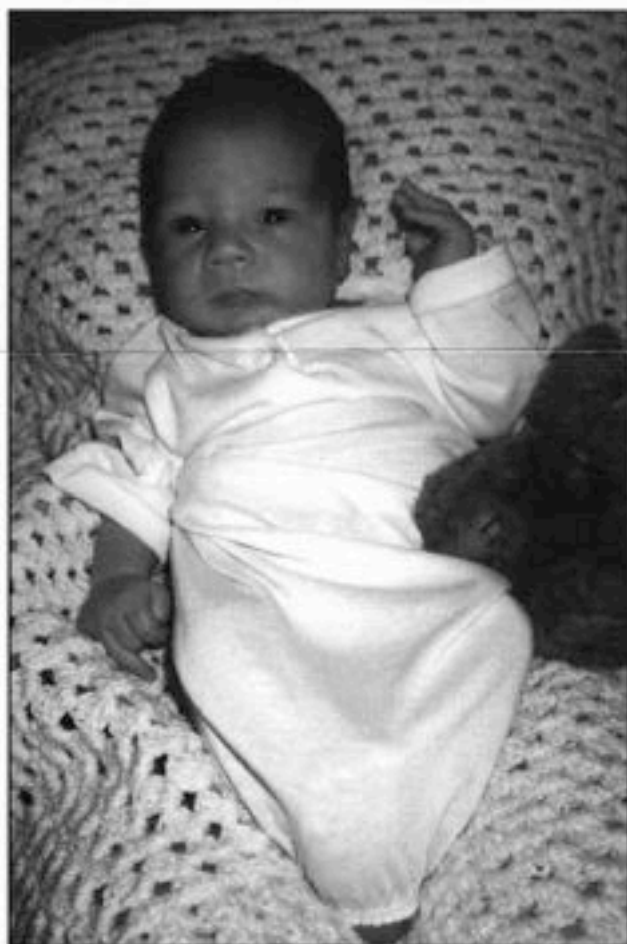
Barbara has become valuable to the mission. She knows Creole and the Haitian culture. She will be missed by the mission team, and especially by the children of Bordmer.

Barbara plans to return to the States in June to work with children and eventually do mission work in Africa. Our love and prayers will be with her.

Good Friday

Timothy DeTellis went to Haiti as a young boy of 12 years old. He was in Haiti with us until he reached his senior year of high school. In 1994, he graduated from Houghton College and married Danika Timura. Now they have their first child, Luc Timothy, who was born April 10th (Good Friday). He weighted 6 pounds 7 ounces. Both mother and baby are doing wonderful. This is our seventh grandchild.

Luc Timothy DeTellis was born to Timothy and Danika DeTellis on April 10th at 4:52 p.m. at Special Beginnings in Orlando, Florida.



Journey Of Hope

A young man stood on the deck at our mission, looked me in the eyes and asked, "Pastor, do you remember me?" The question came so fast, it took me by surprise. I blinked, stared and said, "Oh, yes, you visited our mission two years ago."

David Van de Fleur and his wife Ingrid had spent a week working at our mission in December, 1996. While he was at the mission, he spoke to me of the dream he had of a boat ministry in Haiti. He wanted to have short term missionaries come to do ministry, visiting the many ports along the Bay of LaGonave. "Would it work?" he asked. We talked and prayed and I gave him encouragement.

David and Ingrid went back to British Columbia where they had come from. They bought a 70-foot boat and refurbished it. Then they set sail the full length of the west shore of the United States, past Mexico through the Panama Canal over to Jamaica and to the shores of our mission. The trip took them eight months. Along the coast of California, they were in a hurricane with 110 miles an hour winds and 30-foot waves. Only God and the desire to fulfill His call have brought them through and to the shores of our mission.

David and Ingrid are using our mission as a base. Every week they are out sharing the good news of Jesus along the shores of Haiti.



David and Ingrid Van de Fleur from British Columbia arrived in Haiti on their 70-foot boat to begin an evangelism ministry in Haiti.

Royal Caribbean Institute Update

We have decided to purchase an additional twelve computers for the Royal Caribbean Institute. These will be Pentium Toshiba laptops. The reason for the laptops is that they are easy to carry into Haiti. This project will cost approximately \$15,000. This includes computers, some printers and accessories.

It is exciting to have our students become proficient on the computer. Even in Haiti today, if you want a good job you need to be experienced on the computer. Some of you, perhaps a church or an individual, would like to help us with this advancement.

The Promises Of God

"Will you give me a teaching job next school year?" one of our graduates asked. "If I can I will," I responded. "No, I want you to promise me," he said. "Promise I cannot" I said. The student looked bewildered. He didn't understand. I tried to explain that I do not know the circumstances of tomorrow and therefore cannot make a promise.

How different with God. His promises are yea and amen. He knows the future and He speaks with certainty.

God made promises to Abraham - Genesis 12, the promise that His children would become a great nation. He also promised to bless him.

Years went by and Abraham saw no children. Finally, when he was ninety-nine years old three angels visited him and told him he would have a son. His wife, listening inside the tent, laughed. "Hah, now that we are old and I'm beyond child-bearing age, shall we have pleasure?" It seems that God waited until it was seemingly impossible for Abraham and Sarah to have children. God wanted to show them that "nothing is too hard for the Lord," Genesis 18:14.

God's promises to us are many. Here are a few - for me, they are some of the most important.

He promises eternal life. The

Scriptures tell us that whosoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. This is speaking of eternal life, a life that we will have with God forever and ever. Death is not the end. It is only the end of this body as we know it. There is a new, richer, higher life waiting for those who have put their trust in Jesus. The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Another precious promise is His presence. At the end of Matthew's gospel, Jesus gave the commission to go to the ends of the earth with the Gospel. There He said, "I will be with you till the end of the age."

God's presence makes us feel good. He comforts us. He gives us joy, love and peace. However, He is with us to help us in this present life. He keeps us from sinning. The Holy Spirit is our strength, our guide, our wisdom. He gives us courage. He leads us into Christian service. The Holy Spirit is our constant companion through life.

As God blessed Abraham, He has promised to bless us. Third John, verse 2 says that He wants us to prosper and be in health even as our soul prospers.

My attitude has always been, "Lord, bless my brother, but don't forget me." I rejoice whenever I see

someone else getting blessed. It does my heart good. But I too want to know God's blessing. God told Abraham that He would be blessed and would be a blessing. That is my desire in Haiti.

Some people have taken this verse and pushed it to the extreme. Not every Christian will become rich, and as it were, drive a Cadillac. God's blessings encompass many things. It is good health, a good marriage and family life. It is to have enough to meet your needs and some left over to bless others.

When I see the poor of Haiti my heart breaks. Poverty is not of God. It is a curse of the enemy. When I see strong young men sitting by the side of the road unable to find employment, my spirit grieves. Every person should have the dignity of employment, the ability to earn a living and have self-respect. Hunger, disease, poverty, ignorance and spiritual impoverishment comes from the devil. We need to do spiritual warfare, defeat the enemy and bring liberty to the captives.

One of the great promises of God is that He will return in bodily form to this earth. He is coming - we do not know when. Every day I pray, "Come quickly Lord Jesus."

Jeanne and I have been in Haiti for fifteen years, praying, preaching and working. Our first purpose in being here is to bring people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Then as Jesus fed the multitudes and healed the sick, we too are meeting the needs of the people around us. Education has become an important part of our mission. It is the equipping of Haitians to earn a living. Jeanne and I rejoice in all that God has done - but our sights are on the future. We have much more to do. We are not in Haiti for a week, but rather a lifetime.

Thank you for your support. We are laborers together.

Love,

George and Jeanne

George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions



NEW Missions

Dear Friends of New Missions,

June 1, 1998

Modern Day Miracle

Concrab is a small village about one mile from our main mission complex. When the mission first started the village was poor and filled with illiterate people. There was no church or school in Concrab. By all natural measurements, it was a pathetic situation.

In 1987 businessman Dave Fox, from Columbus, Ohio, sponsored Jean Claude from this village. His heart was touched with the need of the community to have a church and school building. In a few weeks, Dave Fox raised the funds to build the school and church and was back in Haiti to oversee the construction.

New Missions started the church and school in this village the third year we were in Haiti. The turnaround in the conditions of Concrab are truly amazing. Now everyone is in school. The church is full and thriving. Many of the young people have finished high school and some have graduated from our college.

The pastor of the church, Innocent Louimat, is a graduate of our business school and will enroll in our School of Theology in September. His wife Lala teaches in the school. The village of Concrab is a modern day miracle of God's love and power.



*The church ministry in the village of Concrab is growing.
We thank you for your continued prayers on behalf of the Christians in Haiti.*

Another Catch Of Fish

More than ever, we are doing evangelism in Haiti. Groups of visiting missionaries went to Birey and Aubrey in early May and returned with wonderful stories of Haitians giving their lives to Jesus Christ. On Wednesday afternoon, the group took the Birey road walking towards LaSalle. The people were receptive and eager to listen. Seventeen accepted Christ.

The Scriptures are true. They convey to us the truth and love of God. We need to ever pray for an anointing of the Holy Spirit to make the Word come alive, so that when we proclaim it, men and women are convinced and believe on Jesus for salvation. The New Missions Team rejoices to be working together in Haiti and reaching as many with the saving gospel of Jesus.

*The New Missions missionary team:
Dan Hitchcock, Rev. George DeTellis,
John and Elaine Schaefer, Floralba Arbelo,
Misty and Allison Hitchcock, Jeanne DeTellis,
Charles, Carita and Rachel DeTellis, Barbara Cooper,
Danika Hitchcock, Nathan and Jermie DeTellis.*



God Works In Us And Through Us

God gives men work to do. Since the very beginning when God placed Adam and Eve in the garden and told them to take care of it, men have enjoyed working. Inexplicably, man finds satisfaction and fulfillment in work.

It is hard, almost impossible, to separate the sacred from the secular. One does not have to be a preacher, a pastor, or evangelist to be doing God's work. All good work is God's work. In whatever way we earn an honest living - that is honorable work. The older trades, such as carpentry, animal herding, fishing, even motherhood were considered sacred work.

God gives gifts to every person to fulfill his life's work. Intelligence, creativity, imagination, and perception are all gifts from God. The salesman, the engineer, and the artist are all gifted by God. The preacher has special gifts of communication; he is anointed so that his words take on special force. The presence of God is communicated by his every word. Each of us is to come to know God's will for our lives and the good work that He has for us. *"May the God of peace...make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well*

pleasing in His sight," Hebrews 13: 20, 21.

God is not only working through us, He is working in us. He is working in us what is pleasing in His sight.

The first work the Holy Spirit does in our lives is to regenerate us. When He comes into our lives we are 'born again.' The second work of the Spirit is to change us. We all have a human nature that has inclinations for the things of this world. From our spiritual inception the Holy Spirit begins to control our lives; making us into a person who is pleasing to His sight. This is a supernatural work. The Holy Spirit lives within us and He controls our actions and thereby changes us into the image of God's son.

The work that Jesus did was vital. He preached, taught, healed the sick and did miracles. Finally, His greatest work was on the cross where He died for us, making the way for all men to be saved. But, the person of Jesus was just as important. He was tempted in all points yet He was without sin. His sinless life was essential for our salvation. He is Jesus the man, He is also the Christ, the eternal Son of God. The importance of His person

cannot be separated from His work.

I give our leaders great credit in the way they have led our economy. Our economy is strong - a great work. For me, it is also important that a leader's life match the good work he or she may have done. We need leaders who are capable as executives as well as being models to the nation. When our leaders fall morally, the nation hurts.

I have a dear friend who after college hitchhiked around the country, not knowing what to do in life. While picking pears in Oregon, a man gave him a book to read, "The Late Great Planet Earth." In his own privacy he read the book and gave his life to Jesus. His life was changed. He is Ernie White, a great evangelist and pastor in Massachusetts.

It is a great joy to be used by God in this world. It is a greater joy to feel Him at work in you, making you into the person He wants you to be.

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven," Matthew 5:16.

This month, I especially want to pray for your health. Several people have written to us and asked for prayer for serious physical needs. God wants you to prosper and be in health. *Father, I pray in the Name of Jesus that you will touch and bring healing to your people. Amen.*

God bless.

Love,

George and Jeanne

George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions



P. S. Please consider sharing about the blessing of child sponsorship with your church on Miracle Sunday, November 1, 1998. See the enclosed insert for details.

NEW Missions

Dear Friends of New Missions,

July 1, 1998

Royal Caribbean Institute Graduation 1998

The second graduation of the Royal Caribbean Institute took place June 21st. On Saturday, the 20th, a full course dinner of chicken and fish was enjoyed by the graduates and their guests following the rehearsal.

Here is a picture of some of our graduates trying on their caps and gowns.

*Julene Yseme, in blue,
with a fellow graduate.*



Pastor Guy Fontaine and His Son Johnny



Johnny with his father Pastor Guy Fontaine.

"What do you want to be when you finish school?" "I want to be a civil engineer," Johnny answered.

Johnny Fontaine has been a delight to have as one of our students at New Missions. Johnny is blessed. He has been the top student all through high school. Next year he will do philo (the 7th year of high school) and then go on to the university. His father Guy Fontaine is one of our pastors and is the assistant to the president of the mission.

I asked Johnny when he became a Christian. He answered, "I grew up in the faith." Many of you who have been to the mission know him as the Creole teacher for the short-term missionaries. Johnny is a pleasant young man who is sponsored by Lyle and Donna Castellaw of Mission Viejo, California. Our prayers are with him as he continues his education.

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Repairing Boats

New Missions is located on the Bay of LaGonave. It is a large bay (approximately 150 miles long). Men from the local village of Bordmer fish these waters. There are not a lot of fish, yet enough for a poor family to sustain themselves. We at the mission are fortunate. We are able to buy fresh fish from the fishermen almost anytime we want.

There are over 20 wooden boats owned by these men. The boats line the shore near our mission during the day. The men fish at night. For some time we've talked about helping with the repair of their boats. We would like to take one boat at a time and work with the fisherman to repair and paint his boat. Some of these men are Christians and faithfully attend our church. What a testimony it would be to a hard-working fisherman to have a group of visiting missionaries work on his boat, fix and paint it. It is a witness to the love of God. I believe this could open the hearts of other fishermen to receive Jesus as Saviour.

Building Relationships



The Reluctant Missionary

The Word of the Lord came to Jonah. He was to go to Ninevah and call the city to repentance. Jonah was a prophet in Israel.

Ninevah was the capital of the Assyrian Empire. The Assyrians repeatedly invaded Israel - the northern ten tribes of Israel. Time and again the best men and women in Israel were marched off to slavery in Assyria. Great animosity existed between Israel and Assyria. Jonah, no doubt, did not want the Assyrians to hear the Word of God. Therefore he fled to Joppa and boarded a ship to Tarshish. He was a prophet running away from God.

A severe storm arose and it was determined that Jonah was the cause. The men threw him into the sea where God had prepared a great fish to swallow him. What a place for a man of God - in the belly of a great fish.

There are three things that I want you to learn from the story of Jonah. *First*, God deals with his prophet. We as humans often write off people who have failed. That is not God's nature. In the belly of the fish Jonah prayed. God heard his prayers, restored him and the fish vomited Jonah up on the shore. The Bible says, "And the Word of the

Lord came to Jonah again." What a lesson of God's love for His people. Rest assured that God has forgiveness for you, regardless of your disobedience. God will restore you and fill your life again with His love, joy and peace.

The second thing I want to talk about is judgment. Severe, physical judgment had come in the Old Testament - the flood of Noah, fire and brimstone on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. The Scriptures tell us of terrible days that will come upon the earth in the last days. Judgment will also come to every person when we stand before God to give an account of what we have done in this life. However, judgment can come today. When Adam sinned he was separated from God. We often want to make light of our sins. Remember, Adam only sinned once and it separated him from God.

In this life, it is intended that we be filled with the Holy Spirit to the degree that He overflows our lives. This is a life of bliss. When we keep our hearts right we have fellowship with God and good things fill our lives. When we are disobedient we allow Satan to rob us of our joy. That for me is the worst form of judgment. To have less than all of God's fullness

in our lives is an immediate and heart-rending judgment.

The last thing I want to speak about is the goodness of God. Jonah preached and Ninevah repented, then God changed His mind regarding sending judgment to the city. Jonah was not pleased. He wanted judgment to fall. He was angry. "This is why I didn't want to preach in Ninevah; for I know that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in loving kindness" (4:2).

Jonah went to a high hill to sulk. The sun was hot and the heat caused exhaustion. God made a plant to grow to cover Jonah's head. Then a worm ate at the root of the plant and a hot east wind blew upon it and the plant died. Jonah felt sorry for the plant.

God spoke to Jonah. "You had pity on the plant, should I not pity Ninevah where more than 120 thousand innocent people lived?" Here we see a picture of the heart of God. Without a doubt, He has a heart for Israel, but He also has a heart for all the others of the world. Jesus died on the cross for the sins of all people. God is no respecter of persons. He so loved the world.

The days are warm in Haiti; schools are letting out. Our summer will be filled with praying, planning, teaching and preaching. As we labor here our thoughts and prayers are with you. Thank you for your love and support.

God bless.

Love,

George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions

P. S. There are four groups of young people coming to New Missions during the months of July and August. The total number of young people will be 230. These young people will be involved in evangelism and work projects. Most of these young people have never been on the mission field. Pray with us that the week they spend in Haiti will have a lifetime impact upon them.



George & Jeanne at
graduation ceremonies.

NEW *Missions*

Dear Friends of New Missions,

August 1, 1998

New Missions Visits Great Britain

"I had the time of my life." These were the words of Pastor Michael Ricci who accompanied George DeTellis, Jr. to England and Scotland for ten days of preaching in June. Mike Ricci has been a life-long friend of George DeTellis, Sr. They met at Bible College in 1955.

George Jr. and Mike were the keynote speakers at the Word of Life Church and Bible College in England. The activities of the church seemed endless. George Jr. called it, "The church that never sleeps." The ministry is led by Pastor Jim Addison. George Jr. reported that the churches of both England and Scotland are alive and growing.

While in England, George and Mike stayed at the home of David and Lisbeth Lee. "They were kind and generous. They opened their home to us as brothers in the Lord. Our time together was precious," George Jr. said.

Ninety-four children were sponsored. Believers in England are planning to get a group together to come to Haiti to see the work here and have an opportunity to share God's goodness with the Haitian people.



*George DeTellis, Jr. with
Rev. Michael Ricci.*



George with the Lee Family.



*Julienne Morvil sponsored
by Emma Lee of Knoll Farm Christian
Church in Wimborne, England.*

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Graduate Gets Top Job



Milot Francois at graduation.

"Pastor, thank you, thank you!" exclaimed Milot, one of the graduates of our Business School.

I was visiting our school in Leogane and on the way home stopped to get a cold drink. This was at a store where they also sell ice. The ice is sold in large blocks. Early in the morning trucks come, fill up with ice and go out on their route selling ice to stores and establishments. We need to remember that much of Haiti is primitive and few people have refrigerators. Therefore, ice to them is a precious commodity.

When I stopped to buy the drink, Milot Francois ran to me, hugged me, and kept saying, "Thank you." After he calmed down from his excitement, he explained that the ice factory had given him a job as an accountant. "It's all because you made it possible for me to go to the Royal Caribbean Institute that today I have a good-paying job." Milot said repeatedly.



Milot Francois at his church in Brache.

Atlanta Georgia Comes To Haiti

The first week of June a missions group came to Haiti. We had a great time ministering together. In the group were four Christians that come from the Hopewell Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

One of the work projects for the week was putting in concrete walkways to the entrance of our church in Signeau.



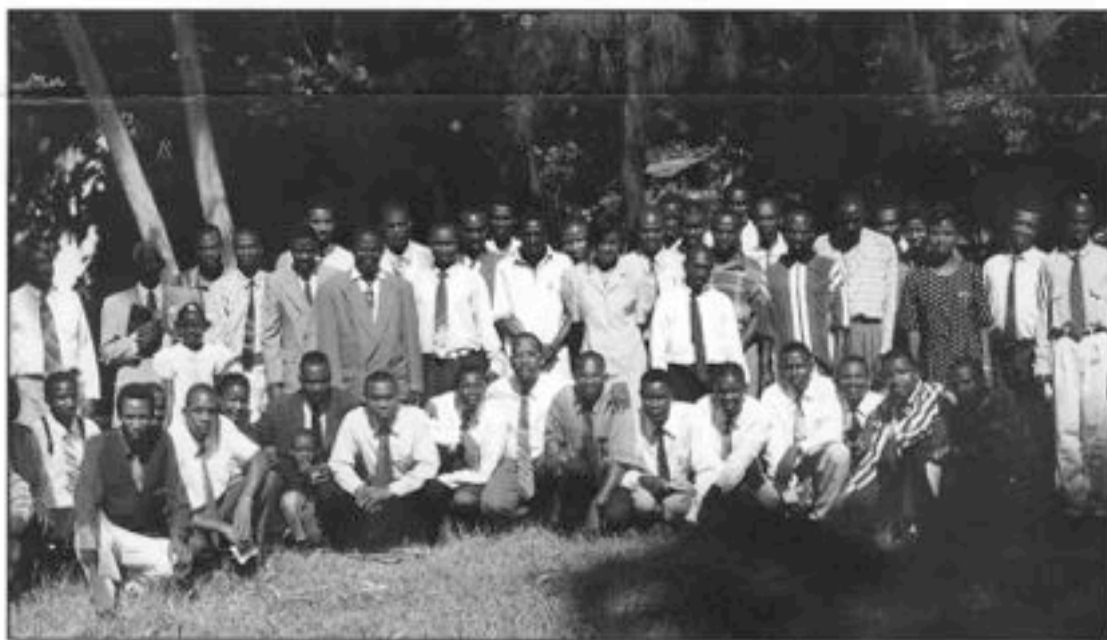
Walkway to Signeau Church.

The fellowship that week was rich and sweet. We worshipped, preached, prayed, and of course, ate some good food together.



Gloria Jones, Arnold Davis, George DeTellis, Rev. Edward Palmer and James Paul.

Pastors And Preachers At New Missions



Pastors and Preachers at New Missions.

In Haiti the churches typically have two or three preachers who work with the pastor in ministering to the congregation. New Missions has ten churches. Often we come together for praise reports and to share a meal together. This is a picture of the pastors along with the preachers who assist them.

Trophies For God

Athletes are often given trophies - a statue, cup or medals for their outstanding achievements. Actors are given Oscars as awards; businessmen are typically honored with plaques. Some people have collected so many awards that they have a trophy room.

God too collects trophies. However, they are not gold medals or physical objects. Rather, the trophies of God are His people. Job certainly was a trophy of God. "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in all the world" (Job 1:8).

The believer, while in this world, is not perfect. At the new birth we receive a new nature, "Old things have passed away, behold all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We have a new nature, yet we retain our old nature. The believer is a composite. We are capable of serving God and doing good. And we are capable of carnal activities.

God has a plan for us in eternity. He also has a plan for us in

this world. The natural bent of man is to sin. God's plan is to work in us causing us to live for Him. This is a supernatural work. By His love and grace God works in our lives so that the things we used to do, we don't do anymore.

God changes our lives and holds us up as His trophies showing that He is alive and at work in this world. "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation" (Romans 1:17). We are saved by the work of the cross and yet salvation will not be complete until our bodies are raised from the grave, changed and united with our spirits. I am saved, yet I am being saved. God is at work in me and He saves me everyday. Constantly, I need Him in my life. He keeps me, helps and changes me. As such, the believer is the trophy of God showing His power in the life of the believer.

God's grace is sufficient for all things. There is nothing too hard for the Lord. When conduct is changed for the better, bad habits are broken or a marriage relation continues to

grow - it is God. He is at work.

When you face a trial, whether it be financial, relational, physical or emotional, and you work your way through it - that is God. His grace is sufficient. As Paul said, "Where sin abounds - grace does much more abound" (Romans 5:20).

When someone walks faithfully with God for a lifetime it is not because of his innate goodness or ability to endure. No! It is because of God. At the end of our lives, after much trial, persecution, hardship and labor - God receives the glory. He works in us making us what He wants us to be.

We are God's trophies in this world. And in the world to come we will be a spectacle all through eternity showing the love and power of God and His grace that has come to us through Jesus Christ. We will shine brighter than the stars and forever say, "I am what I am by the grace of God" (1 Corinthians 15:10).

One day last week I worked outdoors. The sun was hot. I struggled for hours to complete the work. I walked into the house, lay on the floor. I was dirty, hot and exhausted. After plenty of fluid and lying on the floor for 15 minutes, I felt restored in my body.

Likewise our inner man can become tired. We need the refreshing that only the Lord can give. For me, time in prayer renews my spirit. Time in God's Word builds my faith.

If we are wise, we will not wait for exhaustion to overtake us. Rather, throughout the day, call upon the Lord for His strength. Our strength can be renewed not only each day - but moment by moment. Many of you have written requesting prayer - we are praying for you.

Love,
George and Jeanne
George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions



P. S. Our thoughts are with you as you prepare to send your children back to school and off to college. Many of you are also helping to send children in Haiti to school. This year we are planning for 5200 children. God bless you.

NEW Missions

Dear Friends of New Missions,

September 1, 1998

Cliff Geesaman - A True Friend Home With The Lord July 29, 1998

Cliff Geesaman was a true friend of New Missions and of Haiti. He loved sharing Christ and the need of Haiti with churches and his friends in Pennsylvania. He has been on five mission trips to Haiti and was responsible, through the Volunteer Network, for over 200 children being sponsored by Christians in the States. His works have truly made an eternal difference, but it is his love and heart for the Lord that will always be remembered. His warm smile and willing heart to do whatever he could for the Lord were an inspiration to those who knew Cliff, and he was loved dearly by all of us at New Missions and by all who knew him.

Cliff was 40 years old when he had an electrical accident while working in construction. He and his wife, Tammy, were married for 20 years. They have one son, Rian, who is 18 years old. The Geesaman family sponsors Pascal Mathurin in Masson, Haiti, and attends Newport Assembly of God Church in Newport, Pennsylvania. Please remember Cliff's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.



Cliff and Tammy Geesaman with Pascal

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Building A Team Of Volunteers

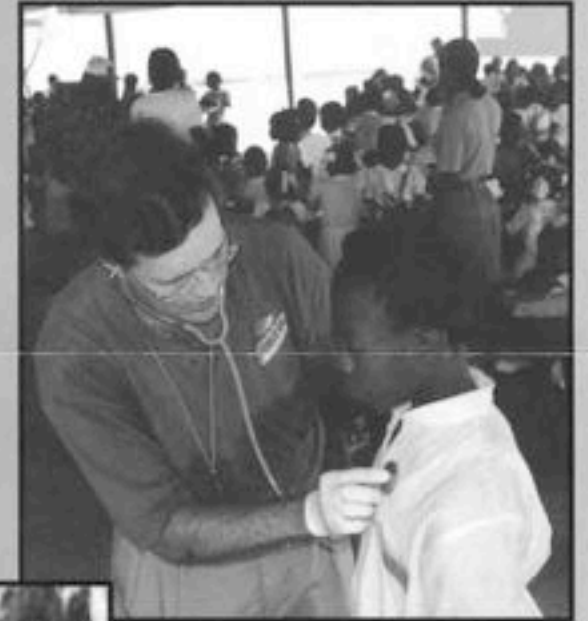
New Missions is a team of volunteers working together to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the country of Haiti. Here at the mission, there are missionaries who volunteer their time and resources on a full-time basis.

Every month a team of short-term missionaries comes to Haiti. Since the mission began in 1983, they have been coming--carpenters, masons, computer engineers, electricians, doctors, nurses, dentists, teachers; the list is endless. They come, they preach, they heal and they work. When we started the mission, in my mind's eye, I saw waves of workers coming like waves of Marines hitting the beach. If you have been on a mission trip to Haiti, again we want to say "Thank-you"--and please come again.

At home in the states, New Missions also has a volunteer network. These are representatives of the mission who give time and effort to see the work in Haiti progress. Presently there are 141 volunteers in 43 states and in three countries. Members of the volunteer network are actively involved in their church and community by sharing about Haiti and the opportunity to be a part of this ministry through child sponsorship. These volunteers are a necessary part of New Missions, and we appreciate all of their work and efforts.

We are not all pastors, evangelists or missionaries, yet we are all ministers. Those in leadership are called to train the believer to do the work of the ministry. To know the Lord is to love Him, and to love Him is to serve Him.

Join the team! Call our office and discover how you can volunteer.



Where Are We Going?

Often, I am asked where New Missions is going; what I am really being asked about is my vision for New Missions. First of all, vision originates with God. How could I begin to propose what is best for Haiti and for the Leogane area of the ministry of New Missions? It is God who has a plan--for the whole world, for Haiti, and for New Missions. Ultimately, the redeemed will be with the Lord both rejoicing and working in His eternal kingdom. For New Missions, God reveals His plan slowly, one step at a time.

When we arrived in Haiti fifteen years ago, very few children were attending school. Now, in our area, virtually all the children are in school. This year we will have a total enrollment of 5200 students; of that, 700 are in high school.

Enormous change is taking place. When we started working in the Leogane area, extremely few people had a college education. Today, the Saint Croix hospital,

which operates in Leogane, transports technical and clerical people from the capitol city of Port-au-Prince to work at the hospital.

Now Leogane has a college, the Royal Caribbean Institute. This school will play a vital role in the years to come, providing pastors, teachers, administrators and businessmen for the area. We have the potential of changing the entire area spiritually, economically, and perhaps even politically.

When I was a child, God had His hand on me and worked my childhood experiences to prepare me for my life's work in Haiti. As a youth of eighteen, God came in my life. In my own bedroom I had a burning bush experience. God invaded my life! He told me who I was to be, where I was to go and what I was to do. He never asked me; He still doesn't. God moved in and took over. Paul said he was apprehended. He was a chosen vessel to the Jews and then to the Gentiles. Like Paul, I am His to obey, and God sent me to Haiti.

For the past few years, we have been bringing New Missions to a greater level of maturity. Yes, we have been growing, by about 500 students a year, but our concentration was primarily on training leaders. We were also in great need of buildings. Recently, though, several churches and school buildings have been built, helping us to prepare for more serious growth. Evangelistic efforts will be enlarged and much prayer will take place for new churches to be planted. A strong base has been built in Haiti from which to expand. Considering what has been accomplished in the past fifteen years, starting with nothing, who but knows what God will do in the years ahead. In Haiti, we too have our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the world.

God gives vision, then He shows how the vision will come about, and lastly, He tells when the vision will be fulfilled.

Anyone who has worked in the heat of the day knows the exhaustion that comes from hard work. Yet, I remember as a boy going camping as a "ranger" and finding rest from my hard work by swimming in the cool ponds and streams in Westwood, Massachusetts. Still today God gives His people rest. He leads us beside the still waters. He restores our soul.

Jeanne and I are refreshed. We are ready to labor more in the heat of the day. God is good. We love and pray for you.

Sincerely,

George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions



New Missions

Dear Friends of New Missions,

October 1, 1998

Martha Joseph

When New Missions began in 1983, Martha Joseph was an eleven-year old girl. Her thin-framed body leaned against the opening of her mud hut in the village of Nepty when a missionary took her picture to register her in our school. For fifteen years she was faithfully sponsored by John and Melody Olsen. This year Martha graduated from the Royal Caribbean Institute with a degree in business administration. Martha is the best typing student we have ever had, and now she is assisting my wife Jeanne teaching typing. We are preparing her to be the typing teacher for our college.



TOUT TI MOUN KONTAN (All The Children Are Happy)

It was the month of August. My husband and I were taking an evening walk when we came across a group of our school children. They started to sing for us. I was surprised to hear them sing a Christmas song in August. Their faces were excited as they anticipated their sponsors remembering them again this Christmas. As they sang, they began to dance. In the dark of night their faces lit up. They sang, "On Christmas Day, we'll go to church, and when we leave church, they will already have roasted a pig...and we'll eat rice and meat on Christmas Day. Tout ti moun kontan. Tout ti moun kontan." ("All the children are happy.")

This Christmas, George and I will work to make the holiday a happy time for our school children. Throughout the holiday, our churches will have special services, programs and food for their people. Thank you for making Christmas a time to celebrate the coming of Jesus to this world.



Christmas - -Children Without Sponsors

There are about 800 children attending our schools who are not sponsored. These children, like the sponsored children, are in school and receive meals, books, uniforms and medical care. We are working hard to find a sponsor for them. At Christmas we want to bless all the children—those who have sponsors as well as those who do not. When you send a gift for your sponsored child, please consider including something extra for our unsponsored children.

Thank you.

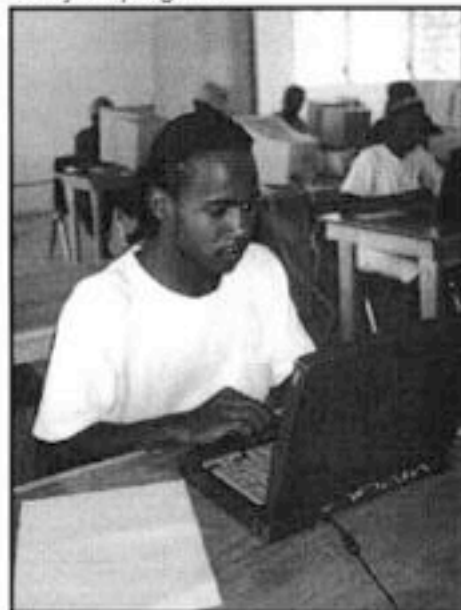


The Royal Carribean School of Theology

The Royal Caribbean Institute, for me, is clearly the will of God. The courses, the teachers and the students all came together with minimal effort.

The college began as a two-year school, offering business administration, education and Bible. The two-year college expanded this June after the students graduated, and a new four-year school started August 3rd. This new school, the Royal Caribbean Institute, is the only college in the Leogane area. In the past, students wanting a higher education were forced to go to the capital city of Port-au-Prince, something few could afford to do.

From among the many applicants, forty were selected for our freshman class. Eventually we will have between 160 and 200 students in the four-year program.



The students who were accepted come from throughout the Leogane area, and many of them are pastors of denominational churches. Although the school's emphasis is on theology and Bible, we also offer courses in business and education. All of the students will learn to type and have two years of computer. Each year during the semester break, intensive courses will be offered in business or education to enable students to accumulate sufficient credits to earn an associates degree in business or education, as well as a bachelors degree in theology. The education and training our students receive in administration and education will help them find jobs in these areas, a great benefit since most Haitian pastors are not supported by their churches.

Our New Missions' pastors have always been required to attend our Bible school, but most of the pastors from other churches have had minimal training. Now all of them can come to school. Soon the level of training of these men will rise, strengthening the work of the Lord. The Royal Caribbean School of Theology is an instrument in the hand of God and the answer to many prayers. Who knows what God will do with it in the years ahead.



The Man With The Plan

We often fail because we forget that the work of ministry is God's work. God is on a mission. He invites us to share in the work. "We are laborers together with God." God calls us. He sends us. And when we go, HE SHOWS US WHAT WE ARE TO DO. We are only responsible for what He gives us to do. How liberating!

Noah was told to build an ark, Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, Joshua to take the city of Jericho, Paul the Apostle to preach to the Gentile nations. Today, Apostles are sent to plant churches. Others are sent to the nations of the earth.

It so happened that Jeanne and I were sent to Haiti. In Haiti we were given specific instructions. We were sent to the Leogane Plain. This is a coastal plain about six

miles wide and twelve miles long, twenty miles from the city of Port-au-Prince.

The next town down the highway from where we are located is the town of Grand Goave. God has not sent me there—at least not yet. I know that if I went there to start a church, the Lord would say, "George, what are you doing? I have not sent you to Grand Goave." Also, the finances that He provides to run our mission would be spent in the new work, and soon the mission would be hurting. I do not have to do anything—except what God asks me to do.

After telling us what to do, God tells us how to proceed. He gives us perception. He tells us how to accomplish the work He has sent us to do. Noah was given the dimensions of the ark, the design, the type of wood. God didn't only tell Joshua to take Jericho—he also told him how to take the city. In silence, all the people marched around the city once each day for six days. On the seventh day, they marched around seven times, turned, faced the walls of the city and began to shout. Hebrews 11:30 says that "by faith the walls of Jericho fell."

In the natural, these were foolish instructions, but can you see Joshua at the end of the day marveling at the great work God had done! God is the One with the plan; we need to wait until we receive instructions from Him.

Thirdly, God has perfect timing. HE WILL TELL YOU WHEN TO DO THE WORK. God often speaks to his servants regarding things that are to be accomplished months, even years, from now. Patience is necessary for working in the Kingdom. Be anxious for nothing. In the natural we want to accomplish everything today. God has a time schedule, as in the coming of Jesus to earth; it was in the fullness of time—and God has a time set when Jesus will come again.

For us to get out of step is often to miss God's best. Remember, God can accomplish more in a day than we could do in a lifetime.

Never fear that God won't speak to you. He is looking for people to send into the harvest. Wait upon the Lord. He will show you what to do, how, and when to do it.

Jeanne and I love the work here in Haiti. However, we often fail to take time off. Recently I have felt exhaustion coming in. Any worker can be overworked. We need one or two more missionaries working with us. Please pray for us to be sensible, realizing the limitations of the human body, for us to set a few days aside to be renewed, and then for additional laborers to help carry the load. More than ever we need your love, your prayers and your support.



Love,

George and Jeanne

George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions

P.S. Hurricane George has devastated Haiti. Our mission has been flooded. Our home, the office, workshops, and the Bordmer church and school are full of water. When the water recedes, mud will be left behind. We have not yet been able to assess the extent of damage or move equipment and furnishings. Thank God the high school and college are high and dry and all of our missionaries are safe.

We are most concerned about our Haitian friends. In the dark of night, the storm hit. Only God knows the horror they went through as water filled their thatch huts. At the writing of this newsletter, Haitians are living where they can, including in our buildings. We will send you a special, more detailed report as soon as possible. Please pray.



Dear Friends of New Missions,

November, 1998

Hurricane Georges

"I've never seen it like this." These were the words of Innocent Fatal, one of our workers. Innocent is a man with grandchildren who has lived on the Leogane Plain all of his life. "In my lifetime, I've experienced four floods, but this is the worst," he said.

New Missions has mountains both behind it and across the bay from it. Though we are protected from wind, there is great danger from water flowing from the mountains. The Momase River that flows a short distance from our mission broke its banks, creating another river that flowed down our road carrying rocks and mud straight to our mission.



Mission flooded in front of clinic building

At the main mission, twelve buildings were flooded: the office, church, workshop, clinic, food warehouse, school kitchen and classrooms, and some of the missionary's houses. Depending upon the location, our buildings had two to three feet of water, which left behind a foot of mud when the water receded. The mission looks like a blizzard hit the area, but instead of snow, we are covered with mud. The difference is that snow melts, but mud remains. For weeks we have been cleaning up, and the work continues. A wonderful group of short-term missionaries came on October 3rd, and they were a great help in the clean-up process.

Our Haitian friends told us of a night of horror. Mothers in the dark of night piled their children onto the one bed in their mud huts, but then the water reached higher than the beds. Water filled all the homes at Bordmer and many of the homes in Neply, and many Haitians in our village had to be rescued by fishing boats. Some went to a nearby village, while others found refuge in our Mission Training Center buildings that are on higher land.

The second day after the hurricane, our son Charlie, who had evacuated his family and another missionary to the higher grounds of the high school office in Signeau, left to find out how the village people were. The water, though, reached his chest and was life-threatening, preventing him from returning to his family. Thankfully, Charlie was able to find an abandoned Haitian house, where he waited until dawn before walking back to the high school.

Our school and church in Masson were also flooded. On the side that got the impact of the flowing water, the chain-link fence surrounding the property was knocked

down. Pastor Richard Gay and his congregation, though, worked hard and cleaned up the property.

Most importantly, our spirits are high. No one in our area has died. All of our schools, churches and clinic are fully functioning. We know that God will replace what was lost, and the mission will go on triumphantly.



In front of the clinic



Bordmer School



Road leading to New Missions



Charlie & Rachel's home

Chosen

Divine selection has always fascinated me. I often ask, "God why did you choose me?" First, I've been chosen to receive eternal life, and then, God put me in the ministry. Why?

I am convinced that Israel was chosen arbitrarily. God is God and He can do whatever He wants. Can the clay say to the potter, "Why have you made me this way?" I don't believe the Jewish people were more spiritual, intelligent or submissive. On the contrary, they were obstinate and often rebellious. But according to Divine selection they were chosen.

Then, I am convinced that in Jesus Christ, the whole world is elected to salvation. God doesn't want anyone to be lost. He loves the whole world. His desire is that everyone will hear of His Son and decide to receive eternal life. God has chosen the whole world — elected them to salvation — but we are free; we have a will and can reject God's call upon our lives.

The Apostles were called to service: "You have not chosen me but I have chosen you" (John 15:16).

Here I am a missionary in Haiti. How did I get here? I was born in Boston, the son of immigrant Italians. The Italian young men of Boston didn't typically go the the mission field. They went to the universities, and then into businesses. What happened to me? The call of God came to my life — "Follow me!" Jesus said. I was not a special pedigree. The only thing right I did was to say, "Yes."

I love the story of Jacob in Genesis. Jacob and Esau were twins, but Esau was born first, and as the elder son was to become the head of the family. Esau was a hunter. One day after returning from the woods, he was hungry and felt he would die. Jacob had made a succulent meal of lentils, and Esau asked for some. "Give me your birthright and you can eat all you want." Esau replied, "If I don't eat, I'll die, and then of what use will the birth right be to me?" Therefore, he sold his birthright for a bowl of lentils. Later, when he realized what he had done, he hated his brother.

When Issac was old and could not see, he knew death was near. Issac wanted to bless his older son, Esau, and told him to prepare a meal of venison for him. Rachel, Jacob's mother, overheard the conversation and prepared a meal for Jacob to give to his father so he could receive the blessing in the place of Esau. While Esau was in

the field hunting, Jacob put on hairy clothes and pretended to be Esau. When he appeared before his father with the meal, Issac asked, "Who are you?" "I am Esau," he answered. "Tell me," Issac asked, "are you really Esau?" "Yes," he said. Issac then proceeded to bless Jacob, bestowing upon him the family riches and making him the head of the family above his brother.

Jacob was a scoundrel and a liar, as his name implies, and yet in Romans 9:13, it says of God, "Jacob have I loved and Esau have I hated." Why? How could God love a deceiver and a liar? The difference was that Jacob loved the things of God. Jacob was forever saying "Yes" to God. Esau, however, disregarded the things of God.

Why has God chosen me? There is nothing special about me. I am not a genius. I am not some holy holy person. The only thing I can think of is that I keep saying, "Yes! Yes! Yes, God."

Even as God blessed Jacob, He pours His blessings into my life. I know that what God has done for me, He will do for you. Begin saying "yes," and keep saying "yes" to Him everyday.



Bordmer school yard



Office



The cleanup begins...



October 3rd, short term mission team. Worked reorganizing the office and repairing equipment.



Some of the cleanup crew



School kitchen area

Living and working in Haiti can push you to the limit. Just when I think I've experienced it all, God stretches and pushes me a little more. Recently, we were in the States for three weeks of speaking engagements and had a wonderful time. Upon returning to Haiti, we were faced with the results of hurricane Georges. Our mission was in shambles. We then encountered problems in some of our schools between teachers and some of our school directors. I can assure you that the mission field is real life. In this world, we're never exempt from problems. In the midst of life, though, we prove God. He is our helper and the solution to every situation. Lately, I've been saying, "Only God can run this mission." And that's the way God wants it. I feel weak, but in my weakness, I call out for help and He gives me His strength.



Praise God for victory, Our mission is getting cleaned up and the problems with the directors have been resolved. It's a fight, but we beat the devil every time. Please continue to pray.

Love, *George and Jeanne*
George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions

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Dear Friends of New Missions,

December 1998

Walking Again

Bertha Nerat was fitted for an artificial leg at a hospital in Port-au-Prince last month. Bertha is one of our primary students in the village of LaSalle who had an accident on the highway last year. Her leg became infected to the point that it had to be amputated this past February. With her new artificial leg, though, Bertha is now able to walk again. We thank Bertha's friends and sponsor, Kelly Smilie Jacob, who helped make this possible.



Bertha Nerat



A Courageous Attempt

On September 1st, a small sailboat about 22 feet long left the shore near our mission to head for Miami. Personally, I wouldn't have sailed two miles in it, but fifty-three Haitians filled with courage and determination crowded into the boat for this journey. The waters became rough along the coast of Cuba, but amazingly, they managed to make it to shore despite this — quite an accomplishment! However, they were detained by Cuban authorities for a month and were not allowed to make any telephone calls during this time. We in Haiti waited for news from many of our dearest Haitian friends who were on the boat, including our head mason, carpenter, church drum player, fishermen, and others. Finally, on October 5th, the Cuban government flew them back to Haiti. When they returned, they had a sense of disappointment that they had not made it to America. We missionaries, though, rejoiced to see our friends again, and with great joy received them home.

Hurricane Cleanup

We are still digging out mud at our Bordmer school compound. We expect it will take a few more months before our mission is pretty again, but our hearts are blessed to receive your response to help us in this cleanup. The cleanup has created a means of employment for the local people, who have, among other things, begun to replant shrubs for the mission. They will also help when we repaint the clinic this week. We thank you for your support, and ask that you please continue to pray for Haiti.

Missionary News

- Floralba Arbello from Brooklyn, New York, finishes her term of missionary service on December 5th. Alba has been teaching English and helping administrate the Royal Caribbean Institute. After returning home, Alba plans to attend graduate school, where she will study non-profit organization management.
- Dan and Misty Hitchcock and their daughters, Danika and Alison, leave for a 5-month furlough on December 5th. They are expecting a baby boy in March.
- Dick and Illys Reeves from Oregon finish their term of service on December 12th. Dick has been a handyman and Illys has been working in our mission office.

Gwenda Iffrig



Gwenda Iffrig, who is from Florida, arrived in Haiti on October 3rd to serve as our grandson Nathan's special ed teacher. She recently graduated from the University of West Florida in Pensacola, FL with a BA degree in special education and a minor in music. Gwenda says that she originally went to college to obtain a music education degree, but, despite her love for music and singing, soon changed it to special education "after about a year of praying, knowing only that God wanted me to."

Through a series of circumstances, Gwenda felt God calling her to Haiti ("Like I'd really come up with that on my own!" she quips), and signed up to be on the New Missions mailing list at the Urbana 96 Missions Conference. In December 1997, she received a newsletter with an article stating our need for a special education teacher for Nathan. She felt God calling her to go, and after spending a week in Haiti in June, she decided to return for a longer period of time as Nathan's teacher.

We are excited that Gwenda is working with us, and we appreciate all of those working with New Missions and the fine work they are doing!



Gwenda & Nathan at school

Victory in Spiritual Warfare

Storms often suddenly and unexpectedly come: tornadoes, earthquakes, hurricanes or even eruptions.

Recently, two calamities struck our mission. Hurricane Georges flooded our mission, leaving mounds of mud everywhere. Then in November, one of our school children drowned at the shore of our mission. Jesus told us that the Father "makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). Here, sunshine speaks of good things that come. They come to everyone. The rain is paralled to evil that likewise afflicts us all. Being in Christ does not isolate us from the evil that is in the world -- nor does being outside of Christ exempt people from experiencing good things.

Evil can show itself in many forms -- war, famine, disease, drugs, strife, murder, theft. The list goes on, and it is long.

Personally, I am an idealist and a perpetual optimist. I believe that God is at work in the world, and that we are His instruments to bring salvation and change to the world. Along with my optimism,

though, there is a good dose of realism. I know that we live in a fallen world and that evil will persist until Jesus returns. All previous attempts to build a utopia in this world have failed.

In the New Testament, evil is personified in the person of the devil. Jesus was tempted by the devil for forty days in the wilderness.

As believers, we must realize that we are in a spiritual battle. Personally, I encounter spiritual warfare every day. The fiery darts of the enemy come. We need to be wise to the working of the devil, and we must put on our spiritual armor. I've often said, "I've not come to Haiti carrying a gun. Our weapons are not carnal; they are spiritual and mighty, through God defeating the enemy. Our weapons are truth, righteousness, faith, the Holy Spirit and the Word of God."

The danger is not the evil which is without that attacks us. The danger is the evil lurking in our hearts. Even as Job had, believers today also have a hedge of protection around us, and Satan cannot touch us. No harm can come

to the believer from the enemy. Satan required special permission to touch Job. God granted it -- because Job was to be a world example, for all time, of God's protection and goodness. That took place only once in history. God, my Father, is not about to give Satan liberty to touch me or any other believer. "The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them" (Psalm 34:7).

The danger is when the believer lets down his guard and enters into unrepented willful sin. Then there is a breach in the hedge for the enemy to come in. Willful sin is like grabbing hold of the tail of a scorpion.

The believer grieves over both general and personal evil. We long to be free. We want God's Kingdom to come. But victory has already been won at the cross. The devil is defeated and salvation has come. Still, patience is needed. God is working out His will. Opportunity is still available for others to be saved. When that number is complete, He will return and all evil will be removed.

If we could, most of us would choose life to be all gain. None of us like the negative. However, in this life we all go through different experiences. The writer of Ecclesiastes said that different seasons come to a life: "A time to be born and a time to die. And a time to laugh and a time to mourn."

Recently, some Haitians from our area paid good money -- \$3,000 -- for passage on a wooden boat to go to Florida, but they returned. Their financial loss was severe. Hurricane Georges devastated the area, and a young girl recently drowned. These events were hard on New Missions and on the Haitian people. Yet, God is working them for good. These events have bonded the Haitian people to us like nothing I've ever seen. Sorrow often bonds people in a special way. The joy of the Lord fills our hearts, causing us to rejoice and giving us greater determination to live for Jesus. Thank you for your prayers.

Love,

George and Jeanne DeTellis
Founders of New Missions

P.S. It is not too late to remember our school children with a Christmas gift.

