

# NEW Missions

Dear Friends of New Missions,

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## New Direction For New Missions

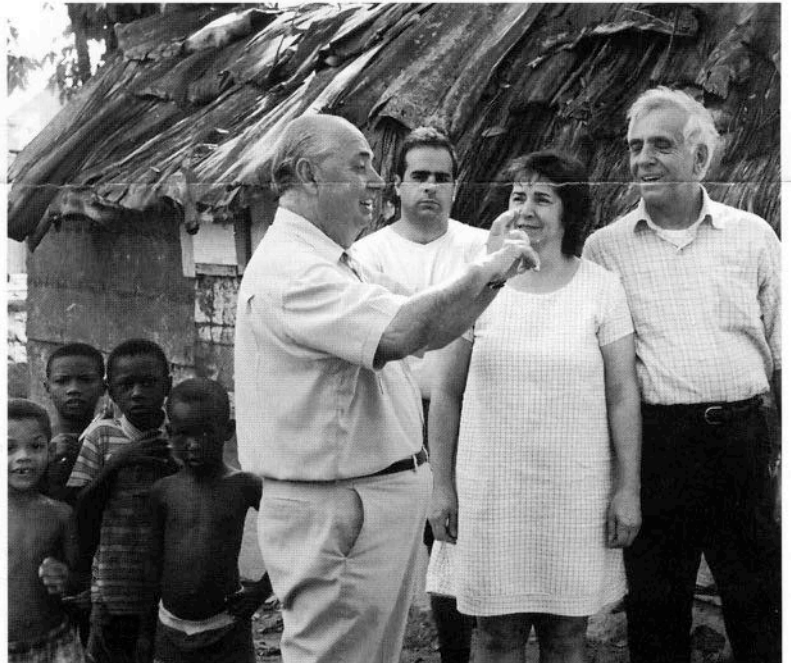
For the last four years we have been working with Dominican pastors who have schools in the capital city of Santo Domingo. Presently we are responsible to provide schooling for 300 Dominican children. For well over a year we have been praying for further direction. We wanted to get out of the capital city, into the rural areas where there is great need. This past June we visited the area of Barahona, but did not feel led to get involved there.

Through a member of our Canadian Board of Directors, Pastor David DiStaulo, we came to know Elio Madonia. Elio is an Italian who migrated to Canada. In Canada Elio became a successful business man and then went into early retirement. On a time-share he went to Puerto Plata for a week's vacation. While there he saw the poverty and was impressed of God to begin to build homes for the poor Christians there. Over the years, he has been responsible for raising the funds and building over 200 homes. These are given as gifts to the poor people. Elio emphatically says that he is not a philanthropist. I am a Christian, he says, and part of my service to God is to work with the poor. Elio has built 6 churches and a clinic. He has helped hundreds of people who were in severe need, such as people who were sick or in need of surgery. Elio is a remarkable man. He has been praying that a group would come and help him. Immediately upon meeting him a marriage took place. We have a love for this man and want to work with him.

December 9th we visited the Puerto Plata area and feel strongly that we are to begin schools and work with Elio and the pastors of the area. New Missions will begin several schools in the Puerto Plata area in September of this year. The first school is in a Haitian Batey.

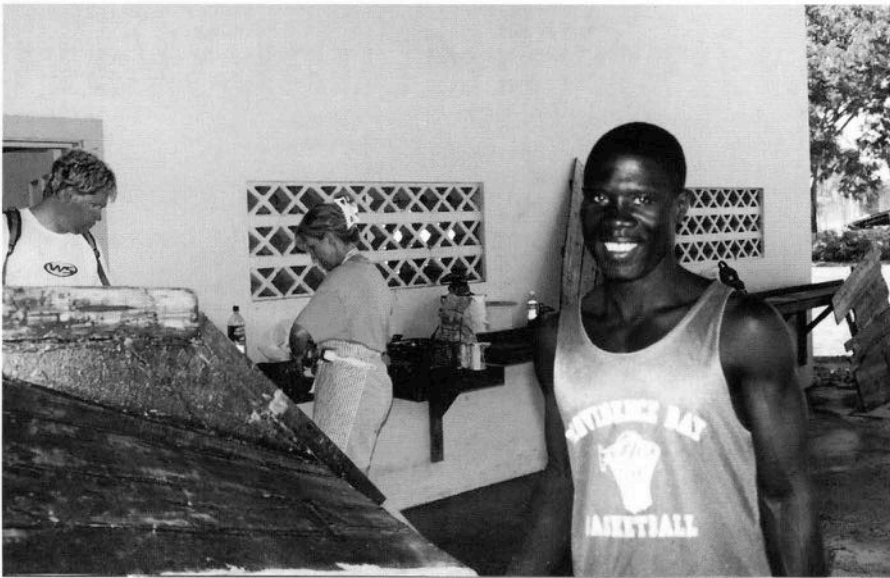
Haitians have gone to the Dominican Republic to cut sugarcane. They are required to live in an area designated by the sugarcane company. A large group of Haitians came to Elio one day and said, "The land where we live is being sold and we must leave. Can you help?" Elio eventually bought the land. The Haitians were living in shacks and one by one, as he is able, Elio builds a new house for the family and tears down the old shack.

In the spring of 1999 we will lead a group of short-term missionaries to the Dominican Republic. We will register children, pass out uniform material and finalize plans for two or three schools. If you would like to be with Jeanne and George DeTellis on this new venture with God, please contact our office.



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Prosper - we helped buy his boat, bought him a mast, bamboo poles for his boom and fishing supplies. He often expresses deep feelings of affection and gratitude toward the missionaries.



#### Launching of the fleet

As more and more of these boats are painted the same color, they will become known all over the Bay of La Gonaive.



Life long friendships were formed and the love of Christ was shown in a tangible way.

# Sharing by Word And Deed

"It's happening!" exclaimed Prosper. Months ago we talked with the men who have boats and fish the waters just off from our mission. I took the names of 18 fishermen and the number and name of their boats and said, "Lord willing, we plan to repair and paint your boats." I can assure you that after that, whenever I saw one of the fishermen, he would ask, "Pastor, when?"

On November 21st, a group from Saddleback Community Church in California, led by Pastor Ty Rose, came to Haiti for a short-term missions trip. While they were with us we started our boat project. Three boats were caulked, a new keel was put on two of the boats, they were painted and outfitted with a new set of sails. John Walters and his wife Janet who were part of the team headed up the project.

Throughout the day, every day, scores of Haitians came by to see and stare in wonderment at what was happening. This was a joint effort, as the Haitian fishermen worked along side the Americans. While we worked, we sang, prayed and shared the love of Jesus with all who came by. It was not planned but to my amazement the color of the boats was red, white and green — the colors of the Italian flag. Teasingly, we called it "The Italian Fleet." That goes along with my amazement of what God has done. He sent the son of an Italian immigrant from Boston to Haiti.

When other groups come to Haiti we plan to have them continue with the project until all the boats are repaired and painted.

The Gospel must be articulated, but Jesus showed compassion when He healed the sick and fed the multitudes. Few words were spoken by Jesus when He was on the cross. Often actions speak louder than words. By word and deed we are to share the message of God's love.



**Outfitting the boats with new sails**



**Saddleback team painting the boats**



**John and Janet Walters making metal parts for the rudders of the boats**



# Victory in Spiritual Warfare

Which way is the wind blowing? Wind from the south often speaks of fair weather and wind from the north harsh weather. Spiritually speaking, we Christians do not regulate our lives by the weather. The circumstances of life are often contrary and would discourage us. "He who observes the wind will not sow." Ecclesiastes 11:4

"I would go to the mission field, but I don't have the finances," is a common response. I have counseled many people to trust God. If God has called you to do a work for Him, then rest assured He will provide. "I don't have the proper training to serve God." We should prepare ourselves for a life of service but formal training isn't everything. I remember one seminary professor saying to me, "Peter didn't have much education, but I'd sure love to have him as my pastor." Age should never hinder us in the work of God. We have had a good number of older people, well in their 70's come to Haiti. They worked hard, kept up with the young and provided a great service for the Lord.

Some say, before we go to another country we should finish preaching the Gospel to everyone where we are. If we wait for everyone in America to hear the Gospel before we go - it will never happen. I believe we need to go to our Jerusalem, Judah, Samaria and the ends of the earth all at the same time. If we wait until all our problems are solved or we're fully sanctified, we'll never go. Don't worry. God will work on your sanctification wherever you are.

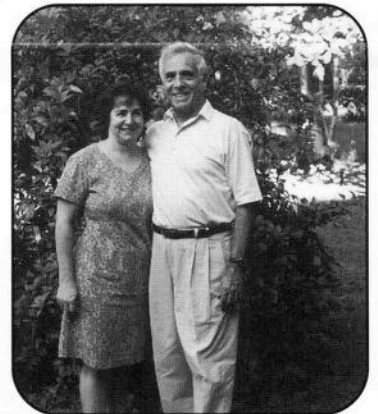
Difficulties will always be with us. There are always contrary winds. We are always fighting the good fight of faith. These are opportunities to prove God. People who look to the wind are never prepared to sow. Those who let the wind of the Spirit blow on their lives are always busy planting and rejoicing in the good harvest that the Lord gives.

Next year at this time we will be ushering in a new millennium. My heart races as I think of the future. I'm excited about the return of our Lord. Many are concerned about the potential for computer failures that could shut down much of the world. I'm sure that the new millennium will bring its problems. It will also provide the greatest opportunities ever to serve the Lord. It's great to be alive! It's great to be living for Jesus.

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February 1999

## Dining Room For Elementary School

It is the goal of New Missions to enlarge what we are doing and what we are doing — to do it better.

Several of our schools do not have a dining room. The children eat their meals in the classroom. At the Signeau school this brought about some confusion. The school runs double sessions. The afternoon students arrive at 11:00 a.m. to eat before the afternoon session begins. The children had no place to sit but on the ground, for the morning students were still in session. Every time I visited the school I would say, "This has to change."

Now a beautiful dining room has been built. When you come to Haiti and see it, I think you'll agree; it's one of the best buildings we've ever put up. As the Lord enables us additional dining rooms will be built. However, our next construction project will be additional classrooms for the high school and a computer room for the Royal Caribbean Institute School of Theology.

Dan Hitchcock and John Schaefer working at the Signeau school dining room



New Missions 44th building in Haiti



## Tony Dorval

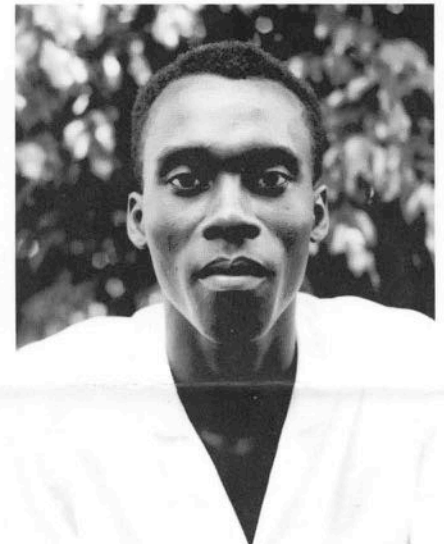


Tony Dorval and his wife Lynn

Tony Dorval came to Haiti in 1988 and served as a missionary for 16 months. At the time he was attending Latter Rain Christian Fellowship in Ashland, Massachusetts. Upon returning to the States he worked at the New Missions office in Worcester, Massachusetts. When New Missions moved their office to Orlando in 1993, Tony moved to Orlando, where he later met his wife Lynn. For the past several years he organized groups going to Haiti and scheduled speaking engagements. Now, Tony is going to work for a prominent brokerage house. We will miss Tony and pray God's best for his life.

## Jude Prospere - Another Member Of The New Generation

Jude Prospere was 10 years old when New Missions came to Haiti. He was living with his aunt. His father left home, and his mother moved to the island of LaGonave. Jude's aunt laughed when Jude mentioned the possibility of going to the mission school. At 10 years of age, Jude came to the mission and asked the school director if he could come to school. "Bring your parents," the school director replied. Jude answered pointing to himself, "This is Jude and this is Jude's parents." Jude went through elementary, high school and attended our business school. He is now the Assistant Director of our clinic, and one of the bright promises of change coming to Haiti.



**Jude Prospere**  
sponsored from 1983-1998  
by Nancy Tuccero Lorusso.

## Missionary News

Cory Schut from Corsica, South Dakota is coming to Haiti February 3rd for a 3-month term of service. Paul Myette from Burlington, Vermont is coming to Haiti February 3rd for a 1-month term of service. Lucy Ann Vanderhoof from Sturbridge, Massachusetts is coming to Haiti February 20th for 6 weeks of service. New Missions is taking applications for missionaries interested in 3 months to 3 years of service. Our need is for people with administrative skills to further train our Haitian staff.

# First Mission Team To The Dominican Republic

## April 17th - 24th

George and Jeanne have always been pioneers, starting churches, women's ministries, summer camps and evangelism. Now, as George says, the leading of the Lord is so strong, he feels that God is pushing him to start a work in the Dominican Republic. You can be part of the first team. It promises to be a momentous spiritual experience.

We will go to the Puerto Plata area. It is in the north. American, Canadian and European tourists visit this area continuously.

We will stay at Casa Marina Beach Club Hotel. It is first class. We will receive three meals a day. The hotel is on the ocean and has two swimming pools. Our days will be filled with ministering to both Haitians, who are working in the country, and Dominicans. We will be registering children and organizing a school to open in September. Time will be worked in the schedule for recreation, shopping, Bible study and fellowship. The cost of the hotel, all meals and in-country travel will be \$690.



Charles DeTellis with George and Jeanne DeTellis during a recent trip to the Dominican Republic.



# Our Purpose For Living

The world is fraught with tensions. The Middle East remains volatile. Iraq resists UN inspections. The United States is caught up in one of the greatest moral crises in the history of the Union. Y2K will soon be here. Some are predicting world calamity. The potential for economic problems for America looms great. A slowing economy, rising inflation and unemployment could bring a demise to the present boom in America. For me, problems have always plagued the world. True, in times past, they were often local. Now they could quickly engulf the world. As Christians we are stalwart. 1999 will bring problems. It will, also, I believe, bring the greatest opportunity to share Jesus. We are ready to serve. We have received the power of the Holy Spirit, Acts 1:8. To the ends of the earth witnesses will go to bring the message of saving grace through Jesus Christ. It is not time to retreat, but to sound the alarm, to press the battle for the Lord.

Some people are content to simply exist. Punch the clock and make it through. They go through the routine of life and with that they are content. Others strive to succeed. The fulfillment of the American dream for them is everything. Promotions, bigger houses and better cars are the marks of progress. This world for them is a playground of opportunity. Others, I believe, are looking to fulfill their purpose for being here on earth.

As a boy, I grew up as a Roman Catholic and went to catechism. I appreciate those early formative, basic teachings that I received in the church. I was taught that the purpose of man was to know God, serve Him and enjoy Him forever. That is a wonderful overriding truth. But the purpose of man also becomes specific. I was born to do what I am doing. I enjoy God now and I will enjoy Him forever. I believe that I was born to serve God in Haiti and now also in the Dominican Republic. God has a specific purpose for every believer. When we are ready to receive it, God will reveal it. "We are created for good works" (Ephesians 2:10).

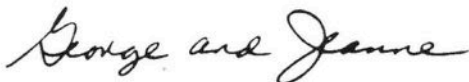
When we begin to fulfill our purpose, life becomes full of passion. We are excited with the prospect of what each new day will bring. We are ever peering over the horizon to catch a glimpse of what new thing God will bring into our lives. His purpose becomes larger than who we are, and fills our lives with zest and meaning. This becomes contagious. Others around sense the God presence, and draw close to enter in, be a part, and to follow.

God is always disclosing Himself and His desires for our lives. Yet, we are not passive. Our place is to say, "Yes" and to enter into God's purpose for our lives.

We sense that further turbulent times will come about in Haiti. There has not been a Prime Minister in the country for the past year. And now the parliament has been disbanded. Candidates will begin to run for the presidency in the year 2000 elections.

In the midst of unprecedented turmoil in the past, New Missions has always forged ahead and continued to grow. More than ever the Haitian people look to us for help. For such a time as this, God has placed us in Haiti. Much work is yet to be done. Please continue to pray for us.

Love,



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Dear Friends of New Missions,

March 1999

Marie Evelyn Ducassee, better known to us as Ti Cham, is a miracle of God. No one that I know of could have come from a more humble background. Many of you have been to Haiti and know the small village next to our mission at Bord Mer. This is a cluster of thatch huts. The men fish the waters along the shore of the Bay of Lagonave. They literally eke out an existence. Ti Cham lives there. She was always a promising person. Ti Cham is an excellent teacher and definitely a leader.

Ti Cham's opportunities for change could have come to an abrupt end. When she was in the first year of high school, she became pregnant and dropped out of school. I spoke with Ti Cham. She said, "I want to be an example to the people of my village showing them God's forgiveness and His ability to bring change."

At the time, no one from her village had ever gone to high school. Ti Cham was determined. She returned to high school and graduated with honors. Now she is working at the mission office learning the many tasks to supervise our schools and the office of the mission. God not only prepares us for eternity, but in this world He lifts us up — high.



Marie Evelyn Ducassee with her son

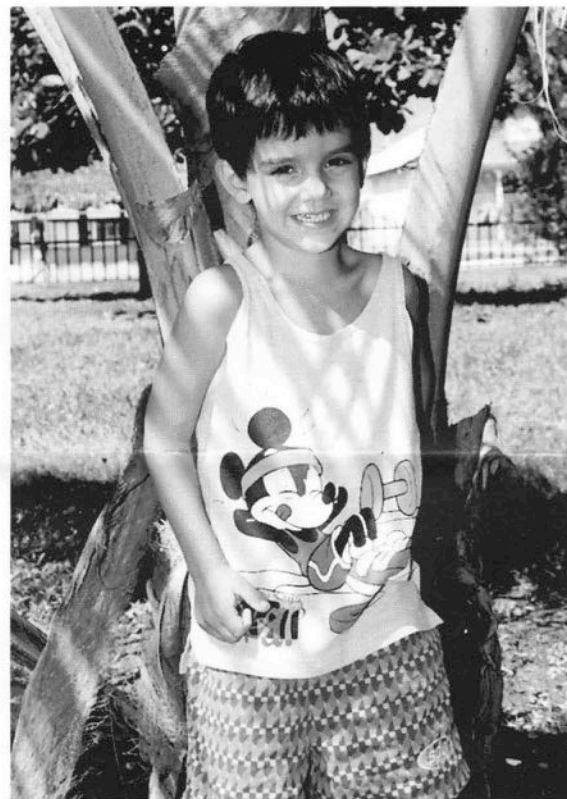
# God Knows What “Immediately” Means

By Rachel DeTellis

My second son, Jeremie, is four years old. He loves to talk and enjoys learning new words. His vocabulary is expanding rapidly. I have sometimes asked him to go and complete a task “immediately.” He added immediately to his vocabulary. Now he asks me to make him chocolate milk — immediately.

A few weeks ago, I was standing at the stove cooking while Jeremie was sitting at the kitchen table. I couldn't locate a potholder, so I grabbed a paper napkin to hold the hot spoon. The napkin caught on fire, and I got burned on one finger. It was a small burn, but I expected it to hurt for a couple of days. However, Jeremie asked to pray for my burn. He prayed, “Dear Jesus, please heal my Mom's burn immediately.” To my amazement, the stinging stopped. When I told Jeremie, he said, “See, God knows what immediately means.”

What a profound truth that slipped out of my son's mouth. God does know what immediately means. When we are faced with life's problems, we can be confident that God can answer our prayers immediately.



Jeremie DeTellis

## Responsible Gift Giving

We feel that it is necessary, even if only temporarily, to make a change in the financial gift giving to our students. On January 27, Guy Fontaine, my Haitian assistant, went to the bank to take out money for gift giving. In daylight, in the middle of the city, a truck full of men with guns stopped him, forced his wife and another woman out of the vehicle, and had them lie face down on the ground. At gunpoint, Guy was robbed of \$10,000 Haitian, equivalent to \$3,000 U.S. This was a traumatic experience. Presently there is little police security in the country. There are 6,500 police for eight million people.

At our mission, we hand out money to students everyday. Everyone knows that. We are the only mission in Haiti, that I know of, that is handing money out the front door. Many Haitians have become desperate, and before someone gets hurts, something must be done. Therefore, all gifts sent to the mission will be used for your children and all the Haitian families. Your gift will provide additional scholarships for college, food, clothing and community projects.

Many of you come to Haiti as short-term missionaries. When you come, please feel free to bring whatever gifts you desire to be given directly to your child.

## New Photographs for Sponsors

Paul Myette and Cory Schut are photographing all 5,000 of our students for our new photo I.D. cards. This is a lot of work. We appreciate their efforts and willingness to come and work at New Missions. Our sponsors will receive a new picture of their child in the next few months.



# It's a Boy!

My wife Jeanne and I rejoice at the birth of our eighth grandchild. Our daughter Mary is married to Cesar Garcia. They live in Pembroke Pines, Florida. This is their second child. The first is Angelina. She is 2 1/2 years old. Their second child was born February 10th. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 6 oz. They named him Cesar Jacob.



Cesar Jacob Garcia



Angelina Garcia

# Beyond Significance

“What will you do next with your life?” I am often asked. “Will you always be in Haiti?” Jeanne and I have been in Haiti for sixteen years. And as far into the future as I can see, we will be giving leadership to the work here. However, I have learned that the path of life is winding. I can see ahead—but only so far as the next bend in the road. Also the curvature of the earth is such that a person, unless elevated, can only see five miles ahead before the earth’s curvature obstructs his view. What is coming over the horizon? What is around the bend? Isn’t it wonderful that, from above, God has a bird’s eye view? He sees the end as well as the beginning. Ours is not always to know, but to trust.

Many people have sought the path of success for themselves. Success is a driving force. The good life is often equated with achievement—academic, financial, performance, status and attainment in one’s field of involvement. Some of this is healthy, normal and good. The danger is when it is pursued to the exclusion or neglect of spiritual, family or personal development. Most people who make success life’s goal end up disappointed. How sad when at the later part of life we realize that the energies we spent on self only robbed us of any worthy achievement. Success, of itself, in the end is disappointing. Jesus illustrated this with the man whose barn was full, and repeatedly built bigger barns to fill (Luke 12:18-21). The man said to himself, “Take life easy, eat drink and be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded of you. This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”

Some people come to the realization that life is short and want to move on to do something significant while here on earth. New goals are set. Now, the determination is to live for others rather than self. The new motto is, “The key to fulfillment is to do something that has significance.” Now, time, which is life, is used along with energies and money to work with children or youth-mentoring, the aged, the imprisoned or homeless. The list is endless. Former President Jimmy Carter is involved with Habitat for Humanity. Their slogan is “No more shacks.” Money has been given enormously for schools, hospitals and civic improvement. John D. Rockefeller, a man of strong Christian conviction, gave fortunes to medical research.

Jesus told a story in Matthew 25 of a man who had great possessions and went on a long journey. The man entrusted his goods to servants. His goods were likened to talents. At the time of Jesus, a talent was a measure of money, approximately \$1,000. Clearly, the man who went on the journey represents Jesus and we are His servants to whom He has entrusted His goods. Some servants were given five talents, some two, but all were given at least one. The people with the five and two talents doubled theirs. The person with one talent hid his in the ground. Those who invested their talents and doubled them were rewarded: “Well done good and faithful servant.... Come and enjoy your master’s happiness.” The one who hid his talents was reprimanded, “You wicked servant,” and was cast out. Some people waste their lives living only to succeed; others want to invest it in something significant.

All of us have a responsibility to use the gifts with which God has endowed us for the benefit of others and the extension of His kingdom.

Invest for the Master—move on beyond success to significance, and then move on beyond significance to --- Next month we will disclose what is beyond significance.

These are days of uncertainty in Haiti. The government is in limbo. The most productive sector in the country is the work of the missionaries. They are active—bringing groups into the country, building churches, schools and clinics, repairing roads, digging wells and engaging in agriculture. Missions contributes 25% to Haiti’s gross national product. New Missions continues to grow. The Gospel is being preached and people are coming to Christ. Please continue to pray for us.

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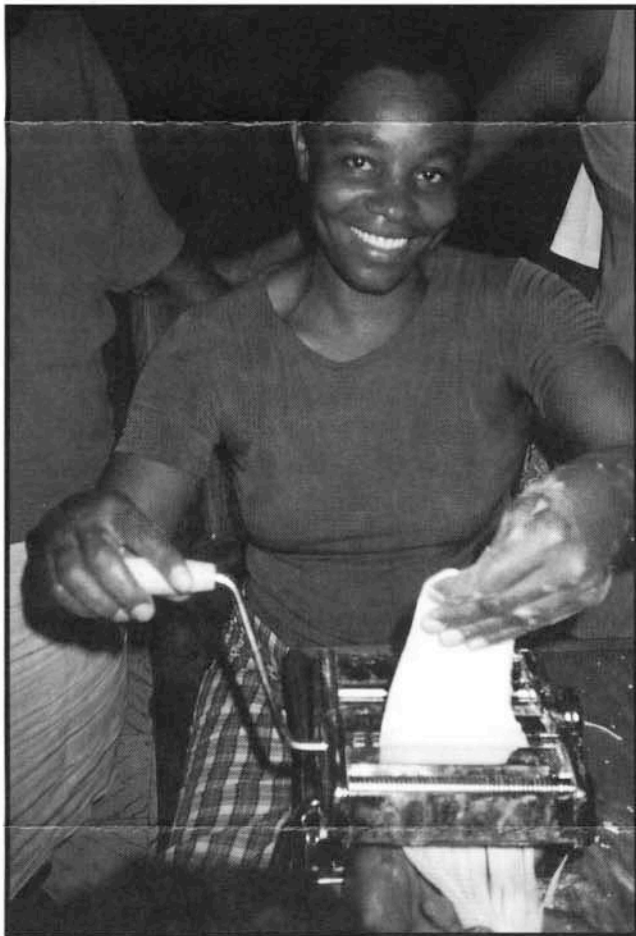
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## A Macaroni Miracle



The women who make macaroni meet together regularly to discuss recipes and marketing techniques. Stories of encouragement are shared. Flour is provided at a subsidized cost to encourage the project. This is just one more way that New Missions is working to help the Haitian people.

Can you believe it, Haitian women making pasta in Haiti? Truly, we have brought Italian flavor to Haiti. The people of Haiti love rice and beans and would eat it three times a day if they could. They also like spaghetti, but can't always afford it.

Now the women in our churches are making macaroni in their homes. My wife Jeanne first brought one machine into the country and began teaching the women to make macaroni for their families and to sell. Now, to date, she has brought 43 machines into the country and given to women in the churches. The machines are purchased in the United States for \$45 each. They don't require electricity. Pasta is an excellent food source. It is great for young children during the critical weaning stage and for the elderly who often lack "tooth power."



*Making macaroni by hand.*



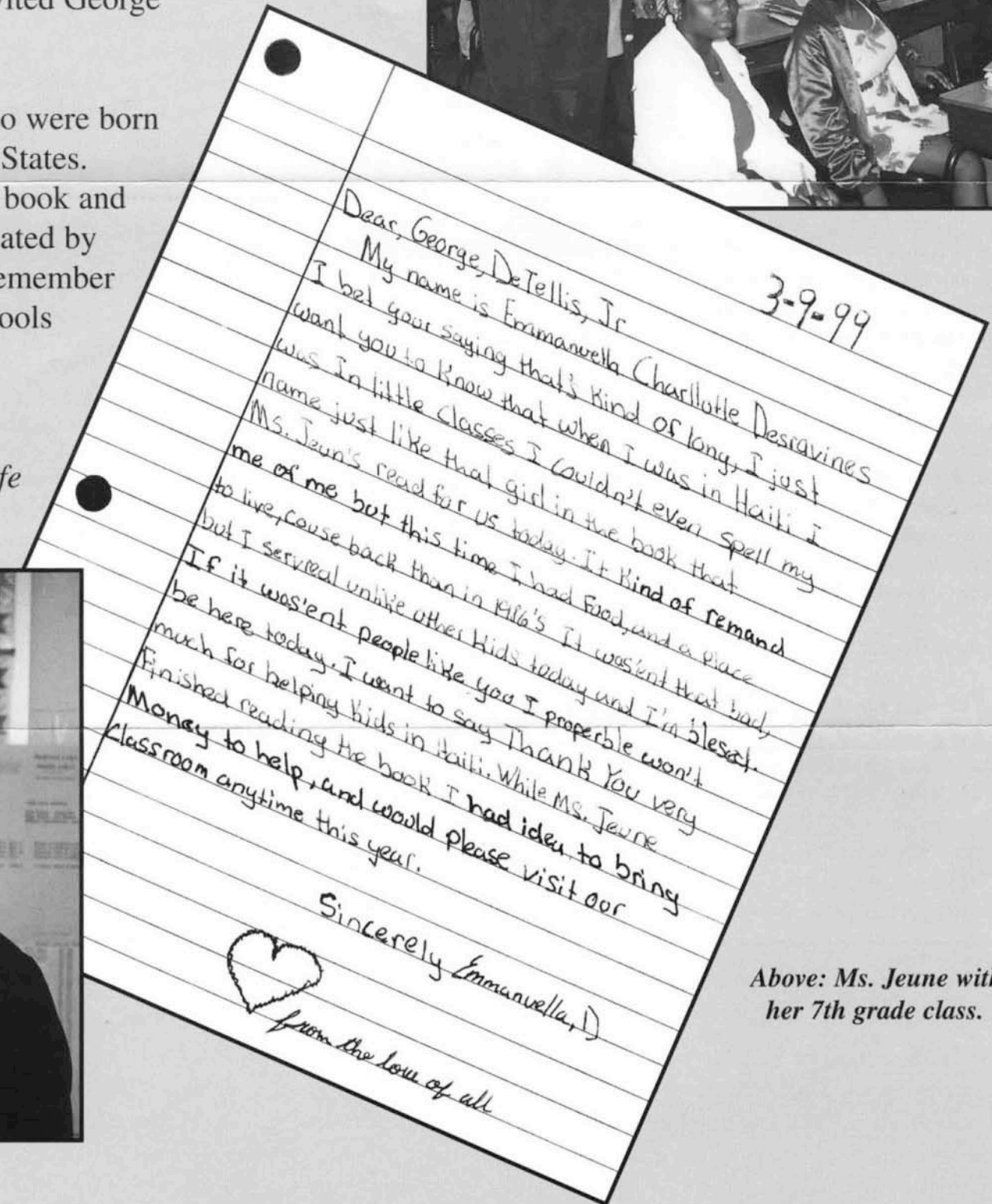
# LAVI TI MOUN: *Life of a Child*

Emmanuela Jeune is a Haitian-American school teacher at Piedmont Lakes Middle School in Apopka, Florida. She works as a bilingual teacher with Haitian children who have recently immigrated to the United States. She invited George DeTellis Jr. to come and share with her class the book *Lavi ti Moun: Life of a Child*.

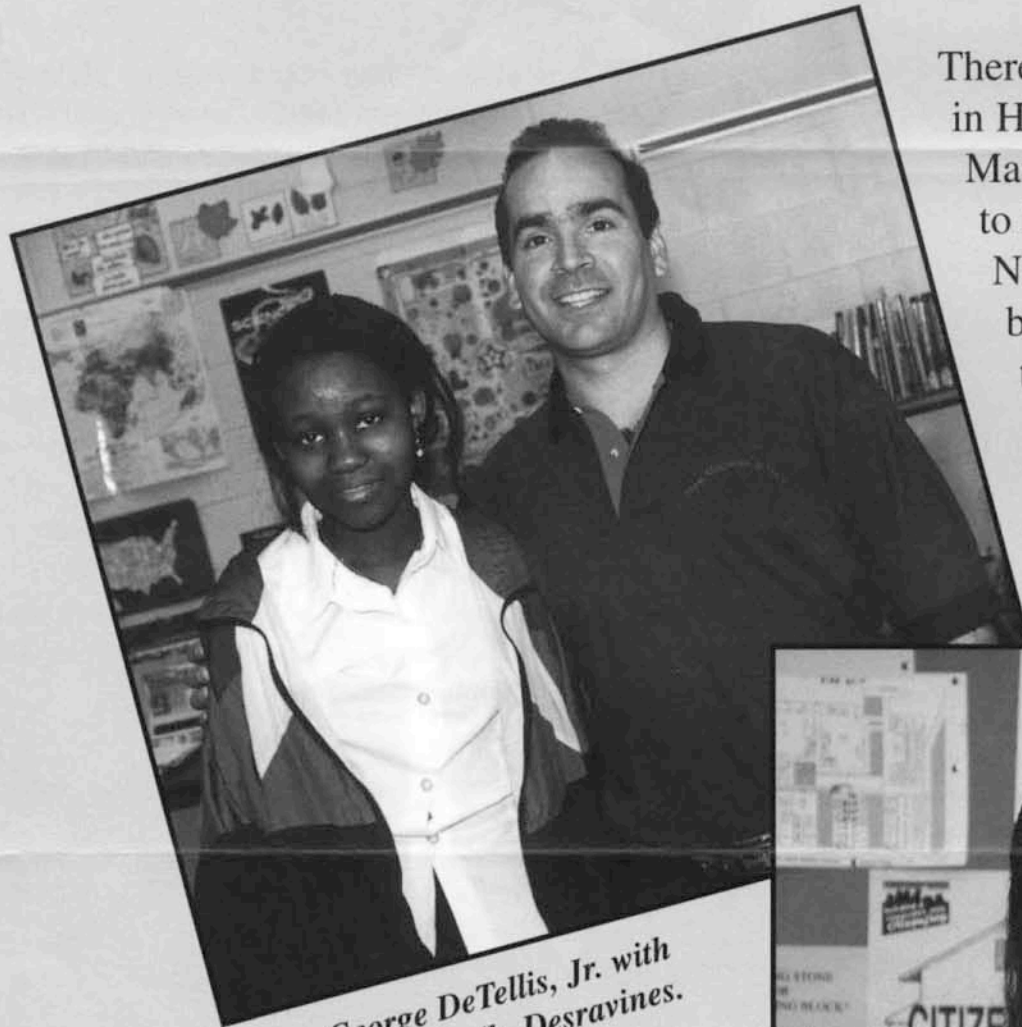


There were over 30 students in her class who were born in Haiti but have immigrated to the United States. Many of the children were touched by the book and to hear about children being fed and educated by New Missions. Many of these students remember being hungry and attending mission schools themselves.

Here is one of the letters written in response to reading *Lavi Moun: Life of a Child*.



Above: Ms. Jeune with her 7th grade class.



George DeTellis, Jr. with Emmanuela Desravines.



Emmanuela with her teacher, Ms. Jeune.



# Beyond Significance

Last month we talked about some people who live to exist, others who live to succeed and still others who want to do something significant with their lives, but what is beyond significance?

Life is short at best. Some people realize that and begin to ask, "Why I am here?" Is it only to accumulate and consume? Or is there more? Some people begin to look for something significant to do. This is done in hopes of finding fulfillment, a purpose, a reason for living. Some people begin to use their abilities, time and resources to help others. It may be in the form of working with the elderly, giving money to a worthy cause, feeding the hungry or building homes for the homeless.

Let me say that in and of itself success is not an evil. We all want to do well in our area of endeavor. We wish our children well. Hard work and the desire for success has brought development to the world. We are not as the Buddhists striving to rid ourselves of all desire.

The thing that can go awry with success is when that is what we live for. If all we want out of life is to accumulate all we can and enjoy all we have, then we have hit a brick wall. The same is true with doing something significant. Yes, there are virtues in helping those who are less fortunate than us. But again, we are not humanitarians. Significance should not

be the driving, compelling force of our lives. And we do not live this life looking for fulfillment. That is a vain attempt.

What then do we live for? Why are we here? Beyond significance there is submission. I have not gone to Haiti and spent the last 16 years of my life there preaching, building and educating to find fulfillment. I went to Haiti because God sent me there. From the day I came to faith in Jesus Christ I knew that I was going to the missions field. However, God never asked me where I wanted to go. If He did, I probably would have chosen the town in Italy where my parents came from. Surely, the good food of Italy would have allured me. Rather, God did not ask me. He sent me. From the day I came to know God, He told me who I was to be, where I was to go, and what I was to do. God invaded my life and took over.

There are many examples of this in Scripture. I think it is humorous when people today want to be an Apostle. Do you know what they do with Apostles? They beat them, lock them in jail, cut off their heads, boil them in oil and crucify them upside down. God chooses His apostles. Paul was one of them. He was apprehended on the Damascus road. He was a chosen vessel. At the end of his life he said he was "obedient to the heavenly vision" (Acts 26:19).

Abraham was told to leave home and country. When he was 99 years of age, finally, a message was given to him that "Sarah shall have a son..." (Genesis 18:10). What a blessing Isaac was -- the child of promise. Then, when the child had grown, God tested Abraham and told him to "take your son Isaac whom you love and offer him as a burnt offering" (Genesis 22:2). Abraham went with the wood and fire to the appointed mountain, built an altar, bound his son, drew the knife, and when he was about to cut the throat of his son, an angel said, "Stay your hand now I know you fear me" (Genesis 22:12). Was Abraham looking for success or to do something significant? No! He was in submission to God.

The greatest example is Jesus. "Lo in the volume of the book I have come to do your will O God" (Hebrews 10:7). In the garden of Gethsemane, He cried, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless not my will but yours be done." Paul wrote of Jesus, "He was obedient, unto death, even the death of the cross."

The writer of Ecclesiastes said it all: "The whole duty of man is to fear God and keep His commandments" (12:7). Beyond significance there is submission.

## Day of Prayer

Good Friday, April 2nd, all of our pastors and church members will gather at the Bordmer Church. Beginning early in the morning, we will spend the day in prayer and fasting. On that day, if you are able, set time aside and pray for us in Haiti. Pray for the spiritual life of our churches and our people. We are seeking God for a greater awareness of His presence and ingathering of believers. Also, pray for the economic and political development of Haiti. The country is as poor as ever and the politics are in confusion.



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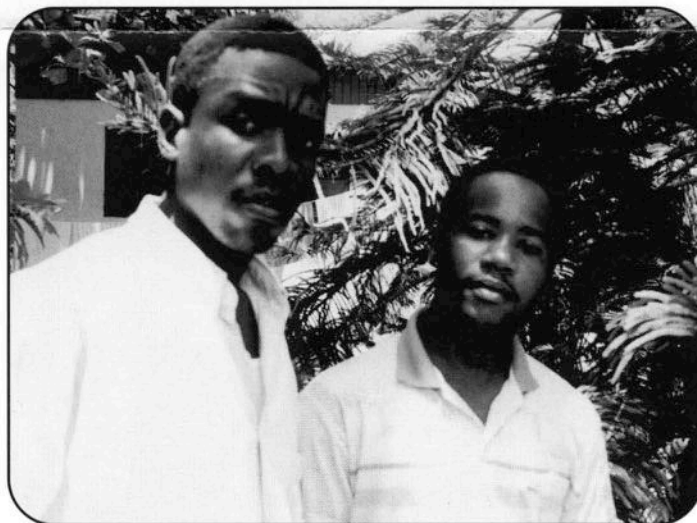
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## Computer Teachers For Royal Caribbean School Of Theology

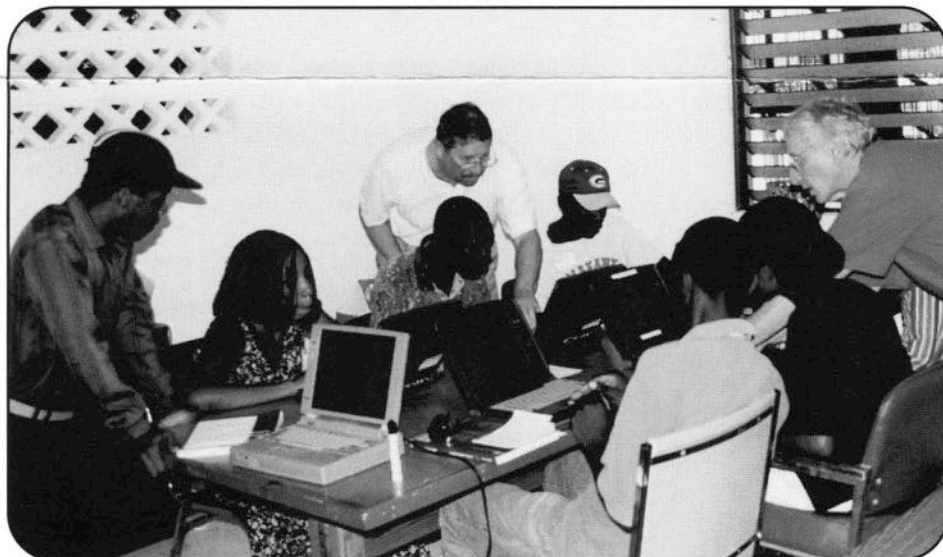
One area that we have struggled with at our college is our computer teacher. In the past we have had some excellent American missionaries come and teach for us. The problem was that they had other commitments and had to return to the States.

We turned to hiring Haitian teachers from Port-au-Prince, and that didn't work out too well. In the middle of the year, one teacher went to the United States. Another teacher left because of an over-extension of his commitments. Of course our students suffered.

This year again I was planning to go to the capital and look for teachers. One evening late in the night my wife and I were talking about our need for a computer teacher. Now we have another plan. Two of the graduates from our two-year business school are being prepared to teach in September. Rodriques Estinphort and Markendy Pierre Celestin had two years of computer at our school.



*New computer teachers Rodriques and Markendy*



*Computer seminar taught by Ed Wilbur, of Williston, VT and Russ Leach, of Raleigh, NC*

They have also been taking special seminars taught by short-term American missionaries. Also, New Missions will send them to a computer school in Port-au-Prince this summer. Rodriques will teach computer on Tuesdays and Markendy on Saturday mornings. A special thank you to the sponsors who supported these two men when they were boys attending our elementary schools. Rodriques was sponsored by Robert and Karen Legrow of Peabody, MA, and Markendy was sponsored by Robert Shekell of Long Beach, CA. Thank you for your faithfulness.



# Raising the Bar

On Saturday, April 10th ninety-two of our elementary teachers came together for a one-day seminar. The teaching was on "Raising the bar."

There are athletes who keep striving to scale a bar that is put at ever higher heights. Even so the bar of education expectations for our teachers is being raised. Many of our teachers have a two-year associate degree. Now we are encouraging them to return to school, even if it's part-time, to complete their four-year college degree.

During the first two weeks of May, two-week intensive courses are made available for all of our teachers and administrators.

In the photograph of these teachers, all of them were once children in our mission schools. Most of them are going on to the next level of higher education.



*All of these men and women are graduates of New Missions schools. They are now teachers and administrators.*

There is a maturing taking place at New Missions. When New Missions first started in 1983, our first converts were children and for several years all we had were elementary schools. In 1989, our high school opened, and our children, were growing up. Yes, all along, adults were coming to faith in Jesus, but our schools were growing by over 500 students each year. New students came in through our kindergartens; now, they come in through preschool. New Missions is 16 years old and the children who started with us are now young adults 25 - 30 years old. Many have graduated from our college and are working for the mission.

These young adults have not only grown in years and in size, but also spiritually. They have become the leaders in our churches. This maturity will continue. Our prayer is that New Missions will begin to impact the entire country of Haiti.

## 40th Anniversary in the Ministry

George DeTellis will celebrate his 40th anniversary in the ministry. He began pastoring Hillside Evangelical Church in Medford, Massachusetts on April 12, 1959. "These have been good years," he says.

# Help Is Needed

The high school and School of Theology (Royal Caribbean Institute) here at New Missions are located on the same campus. Three years ago a building was put up especially for the RCI. The building housed a room for typing and another for computers. Now the high school, because of growth, occupies most of the building. Another building needs to be put up for the opening of school in September.

Already the site for the building has been prepared. Construction will begin the first part of May. The building will have general classrooms and a computer room. Some of you, I hope, will come and help with the construction. All of you, at some time, I trust will come and visit the school.



*Preparing the site for College expansion.*



*Pastor Joel Zaborowski and Bob Lautanen from Bethel Bible Church, Jefferson, Ohio*

# And Yet There Is More

Have you ever received a trophy or an award recognizing your achievements? Oscars are given yearly in the film industry for best films, acting, music, writers and producers. Athletes are awarded gold, silver and bronze medals, trophies and awards. Business men are often recognized with plaques.

What about the believer? Is the faithful Christian ever recognized? The reward of the servant of God is the fruits of His labor. Here in Haiti the thing that gives me my greatest joy is when someone comes to faith in Christ and then goes on to grow in the Lord. These are all the trophies I need in this world.

And yet there is more. When General Dwight D. Eisenhower returned to the United States after destroying the German army in Europe, he was given a hero's

welcome. When his plane arrived, signs saying "Welcome Home Ike" greeted him. A ticket tape parade in New York City gave him a grand reception. At the same time that General Eisenhower came home, a missionary returned from Africa. He had spent many years there. His wife died and was buried in Africa. Now, because of broken health, the missionary society would not send him back to Africa.

"Boy," he said to a friend, feeling a little sorry for himself, "when I came from Africa no one greeted me." Then his friend turned and said, "Yes, but you're not home yet!" The reward of God's servants in this world are the fruit of their labors. Yet, there is more.

To us will be given the crown of eternal life. Paul, thinking of the Grecian races said, "We do not labor for a crown that will perish - but for an incorruptable one"

(I Corinthians 9:25). Jesus, in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25) spoke of those who labored: "Well done good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in a little, I will make you ruler over much, enter into the joy of your Lord."

Paul, saying farewell to Timothy, said, "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness" (2 Timothy 4:7,8).

The pure pleasure of seeing God's face will be beyond description.

For me there is nothing more meaningful than the assurance that I have eternal life. It is hard to imagine that we will be with God forever. In this world we are richly rewarded, and yet there is more.

Jeanne and I are in the midst of planning a trip to the Dominican Republic. Fifteen people will be going with us on April 17th for one week.

Jeanne and I love to pioneer. Breaking new ground, starting a new work, has always been special to us. I think the reason is because of the unknown. We wait to see what God will do and how the work will take shape. It will also be exciting to see the new believers who will come to Christ in the Dominican Republic.

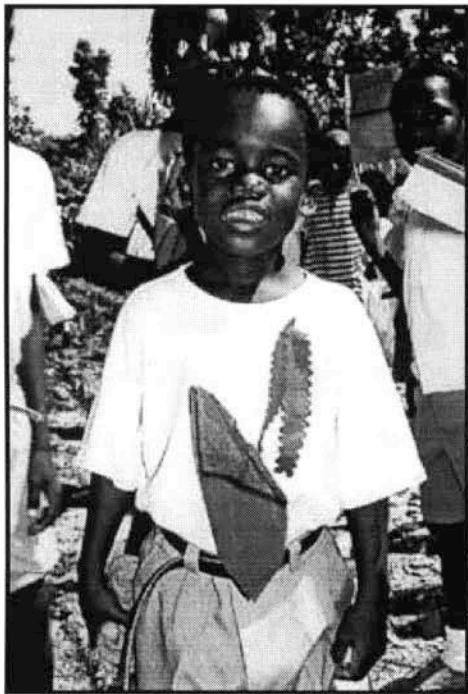
When we serve the Lord, God has new adventures for us every day. God is full of surprises. Like Abraham who left Mesopotamia to follow God -- he didn't know where he was going, but in the end it was highly rewarding. We are going to the Dominican Republic to organize some new schools. Please pray for us.

Love,

*George and Jeanne*

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## Flag Day in Haiti

May 18th is a national holiday in Haiti.

All the businesses and schools close to honor the Haitian flag.

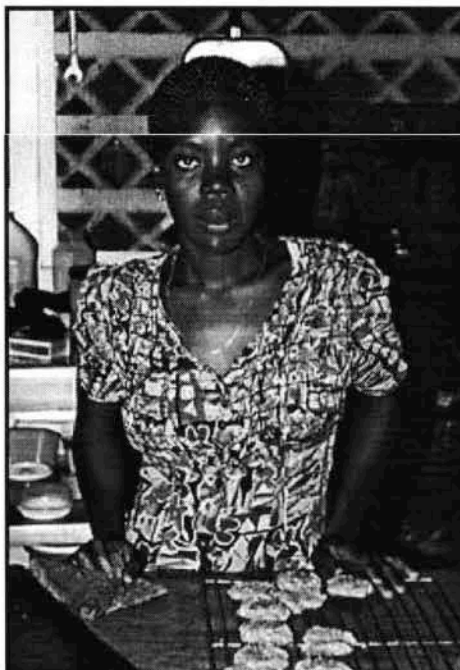
Throughout the country, schools in Haiti have special programs. This year, some of our mission team visited our school in Masson.

These pictures will give you a sense of how well our school children are doing. They are growing in faith in Jesus, developing a sense of pride about themselves and finding hope for a better life in the future. Your faithful sponsor support makes this possible.



## Another Graduate Of The New Generation In Haiti

We love telling success stories. This is Louise Marjorie Yseme. She is a quiet young woman. She has finished high school and is in the second year of our college. Marjorie is responsible for the kitchen at our missions training center. She gives direction to the other cooks who prepare food for our visitors each month. She says, "I have learned more working for the mission than friends I know who have gone to the city to attend cooking school. My dream is to someday have my own restaurant."



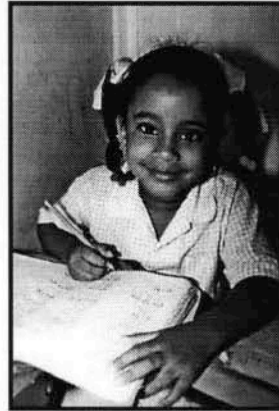
In elementary and high school, Marjorie was sponsored by Tim and Susan Rodden of Faith Fellowship Ministries in Winchester, Massachusetts.



week, we ministered in two Dominican churches and one Haitian church. Outdoor meetings with puppets were held for the children. Our mission team also had very precious times of spiritual fellowship in the mornings and evenings at the hotel oceanfront.



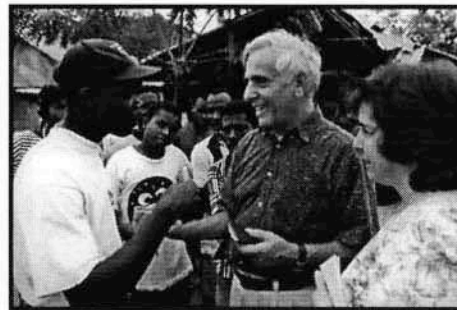
*The team ministering in a Dominican Church*



*We need sponsors for our Dominican children*



*Children from the Village of Redemption*



*Pastor George sharing the Gospel*

A fine Christian man was hired as the School Director. New Missions provided funds for the remodeling of a building next to the church for school classrooms. Plans were made to purchase school desks, books and uniforms. Most importantly, 120 children were registered for the opening of school in September.

This school is in a Haitian Batey. Change will begin. These children will learn of Jesus, and their minds will be developed. God's investment is in people. Jesus died for "whosoever." New Missions is pleased to be working in the Dominican Republic.

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## **Is Globalization A Sign of the Time?**

Globalization is a fact of life. It involves world trade, the availability of information and the electronic transfer of funds. Trade has become vital to all the nations of the world. Information on almost everything is available on the Worldwide Web, and many people are experiencing the transfer of funds electronically. Social security does not send checks to private homes, so if you collect social security, you must have a bank account where they send your funds.

Part of the process of globalization is the consolidation of monies. An amazing thing has taken place in Europe. Eleven countries have come together to form one currency -- the Euro dollar. Not

too far in the past, nationalism would have prevented such a move. This union will soon continue beyond the finances and will reach into the politics. Some people dream of a United Europe.

Now in America, talk is strong about having one currency that would include all the countries from Canada in the north to Argentina at the southern end of South America. Impossible, some would say. That was said of Europe. Strong forces are now at work to bring it about.

At the same time, there is talk of the need for one currency in Asia, which would include countries such as Japan, Korea, Malasia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Economic ties through world trade agreements and financial loans are taking place everywhere. Even so, just as there are mergers of companies taking place in Europe on a regular basis, everyday we hear of another merger. Through satellites, global communication has become instantaneous. The world is changing and it will never be the same again.

I am reminded of the teaching I received back in Bible School. We were taught that financial transactions would one day require a mark of identity on either the hand or forehead. I was taught that Europe would come together again as a revival of the Roman Empire. Is what is happening today a sign that the coming of the Lord is soon?

Many scholars have said that the world was prepared for the first coming of Jesus. Without the Roman Empire in place, the Scriptures would not have been fulfilled. The means of controlling the masses of people that Rome conquered was by nailing people to a cross. The cross was Rome's means of capital punishment. Therefore, when Jesus was arrested and tried by the Roman governor, he was sentenced to crucifixion. Also, Rome brought peace to the earth. The power of the empire brought "Paix de Roman." This made travel safe and the spread of the Gospel possible.

What is our reaction to all of this? Do we run to the hills to hide? Do we live in fear? Never. We are to be faithful, even until death. Jesus said, "Labor, for the night will come when no one can work" (John 9:4). Is the world now quickly being prepared for the second coming of Jesus?

In the light of what is happening in the world, we Christians need to put aside our differences. Why do we let doctrines and denominations separate us? Let us come together. We are one in Christ. Let us become strong in the Spirit, quicken the pace of our labors, and bring the message of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus to the whole world in our generation.

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Jeanne and I feel like children in a playground. Yes, we are busy and we sometimes become tired, but the blessings of God so fill us that we are overjoyed. The work of God excites us. We rejoice in what has been accomplished, but we do not rest on our laurels. We are moving on. We are reaching into the future. A new millennium will soon be upon us. We feel that we are on the crest of the wave of what God is doing.

Together, with you, we will press the darkness and scatter the light. Thank you for your love and prayers.

Love,

*George and Jeanne*

George and Jeanne DeTellis  
Founders of New Missions



# NEW Missions

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Dear Friends of New Missions,

July 1999

## 1999 Caribbean Youth Crusades

During the months of July and August, 232 young people will come to New Missions for the 8th annual Caribbean Youth Crusade. These young people will share Christ with other Haitian youth. They will receive intense missions training and have work projects. We hope to push them to the limit of their endurance. We want to make sure that when they go home they say, "I had the time of my life."

Jeanne and I love working with youth. We will spend time personally with them, working into their lives the things we have learned in the 40 years that we have been in the ministry. They will come, they will work and we'll send them home to help their churches and share Christ where they live.

Who can be a missionary? All of us are called. The fields are white unto harvest. I see myself as a stick in the hand of God. Just an ugly old stick. Can you dig up potatoes? Then you're qualified. "Come," Jesus says.

### Caribbean Youth Crusade

**Y**ou are invited to the 8th annual Caribbean Youth Crusade taking place over the summer of 1999. There will be four Caribbean Youth Crusades to Haiti:

Team 1  
July 3 to July 10

Team 2  
July 17 to July 24

Team 3  
July 31 to August 7

Team 4  
August 14 to August 21

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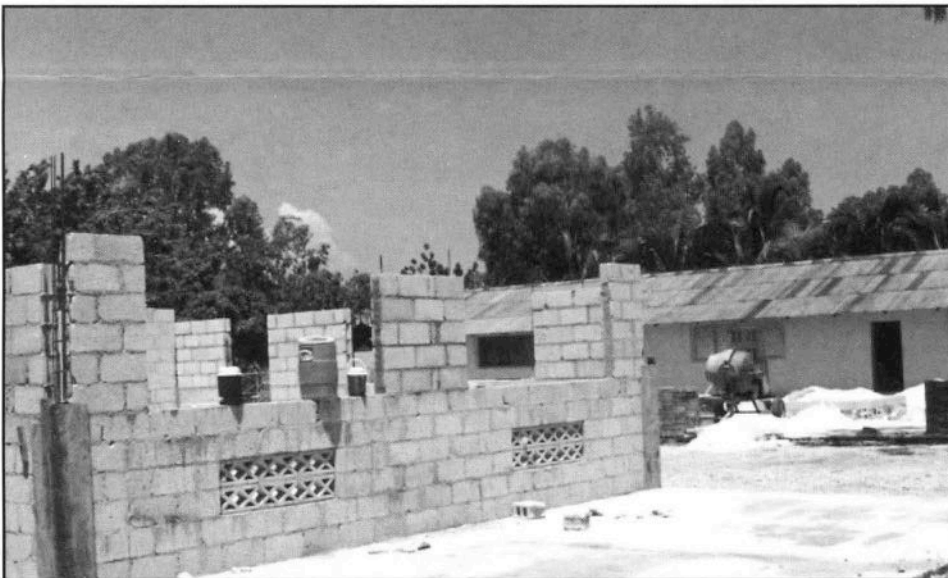
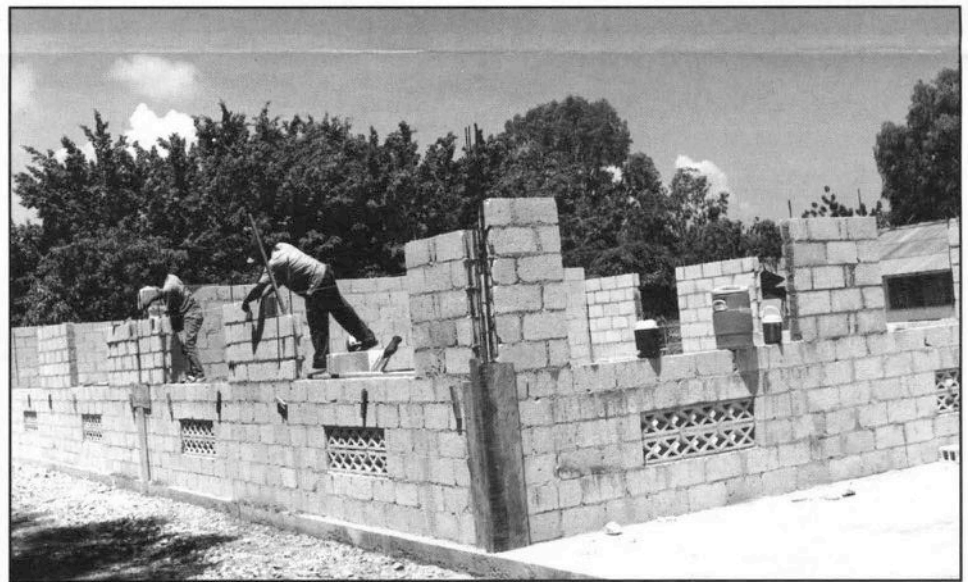
Join with youth groups from across America for a week of evangelism, construction projects, food and clothing distribution, and ministry. There will be special worship music and teaching each morning. Lodging and food will be provided at the New Missions oceanfront Missions Training Center.

The cost of the trip is \$350 per person for food and lodging in Haiti, a \$27 airport exit tax to leave Haiti, and round trip airfare.

# Royal Caribbean Institute Building Update

The Royal Caribbean Institute needs additional facilities to house the growing program. A new wing is well under way. All the blocks have been laid, and by the time you receive this newsletter, the roof will be on the building. Before September 6th, the opening of school, the building will be completed.

The students at the RCI pay \$60 each year to attend, and anyone unable to pay is given a scholarship. I am sure you realize that \$60 cannot pay teachers' salaries and the cost for construction and equipment for the school. This school, though, is a mighty tool in God's hand to change a nation. Your support for it is greatly needed.



Up until now, the school functioned as an afternoon college. The courses offered ran from 2-5 p.m. This year, the school will function in the morning as well as the afternoon. The same courses will be offered each session. This will enable us to take in additional students and make the school available to those who could not come in the afternoon.

The RCI is a school of theology and offers courses to train pastors. Along with the Bible and theology classes, education and business courses are also offered.

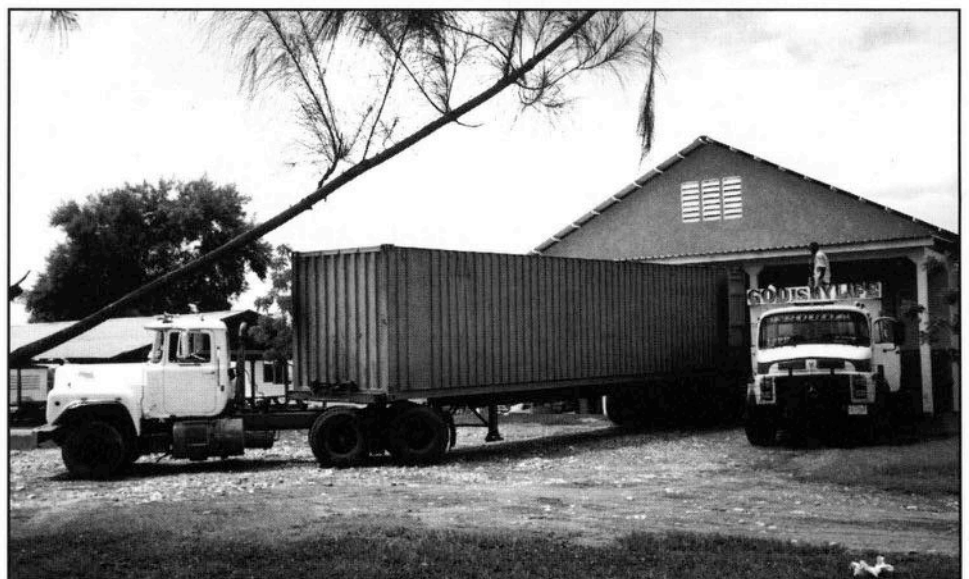


# Our Food Warehouse

Our food warehouse is an excellent building. It is used for the storage of food for our school children. We receive trailer-load shipments of food three times a year. Over 300 tons of food are cooked or given away uncooked to our children every year. Bulgar, a whole wheat grain, is cooked several days of the week. It is fortified with soy and is highly nutritious. The children love it with beans and vegetables; served with these it is much like a rice pilaf. In the United States it is sold in health food stores. Rice and beans is a favorite with Haitians. They also love the vegetables that are prepared for them. Coconut milk in their rice makes their day. Often when I am talking to children informally after school or on the weekend, they come and say, "Thank you. Because of the mission we eat every day."

All of our school food is cooked on 14 gas burners that hold 10-gallon cooking pots. There is a team of 30 people who cook, serve and deliver food to our children by truck, boat and wheelbarrows. Over 3000 pounds of propane are delivered to our cooking facility each month.

We receive food from the United States Agency for International Development. We also receive food from a Belgium agency at a minimum fee. Vegetables are purchased from local farmers and the markets in Leogane and Port-au-Prince.



# The Essence of Christianity

A young man in the prime of his life died at approximately 30 years of age. He died a cruel death.

It was at the time of the Roman Empire. Rome would not tolerate rebellion on the part of the cities and the nations it conquered. Those who opposed were nailed naked to a tree and left exposed to the elements. It was a message to every one -- don't mess with Rome.

A young man named Jesus was tried by a Roman governor. His accusers asked for him to be hung on a tree -- crucified. The young man said that his life was not being taken from him, but rather he was giving it -- as the means of salvation for the whole world. His life was being offered as a sacrifice for sin.

The natural man would recoil. "What a waste," they would say. At the prime of life he was crucified. For the natural man, the cross was an enigma -- a contradiction, a foolish thing. The Bible clearly says, "The preaching of the cross to them who perish is foolishness, but to us who are saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18).

The cross is the very heart of Christianity. Without the cross and the resurrection, Christianity would be reduced to every other religion in the world. The

essence of Christianity is sacrifice. Jesus gave his life, and we are called to give ours.

America has always been able to call upon its young people to defend the nation and be willing to die for the principles we stand for -- life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If America ever gets so caught up in the pursuit of self and pleasure -- forgets the principles upon which our nation has been built -- and becomes unwilling to fight and die for them, then we will begin to decline as a nation.

The Roman Empire declined because the people lost faith in Greek and Roman mythology. When their faith was gone, they began to live for self. The empire had become wealthy. They hired other nations to fight their battles. The rest is history.

Christianity calls for its disciples to give their lives for the cause of spreading the news of Jesus Christ. The threat to the church is the prosperity of America. Secularism is a creeping force invading every home. Pleasure-seeking numbs the spirit and dilutes the soul. Success in and of itself is not an evil. God wants us to succeed -- but when it becomes the all inclusive reason for living, it brings dry rot to spiritual bones. "If you saw my

beautiful home, you'd know why I can't become a missionary," one woman said to me. Elisha killed the oxen and burned his plow when the prophetic mantle fell on him.

The secret to the abundant life is death to self. Jesus said, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone: but if it dies it produces much grain....He who loves his life will lose it and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life" (John 12:24,25).

Sacrifice is the key to vitality in the church. Believers in Jesus must be willing to give their all to follow him. The youth of America need to hear again the words of Jesus: "Come. Follow Me," and then go to the poor, the oppressed of the world and bring Jesus. Service to God has always entailed sacrifice. You may be sent somewhere and be out of touch with the rest of the world because of the lack of communication. The living conditions may be primitive and facilities poor or almost non-existent. But GO we must! Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the theologian and author of "The Cost of Discipleship," said, "When Christ calls a man He bids him come and die."

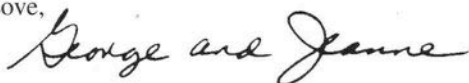
Jeanne and I are busy interviewing students for the RCI, and each year I sit and evaluate every teacher in our school and determine their salary for their upcoming year. We love the work and arise each day with new zest.

Jeanne is especially busy training a Haitian staff to have all of our children write letters to their sponsors. The Haitian children are beautiful and they appreciate their sponsors. They are not the best letter writers. Remember, their parents most likely have never written a letter, or are even illiterate. The children want to share their lives and their love. Many of them are shy. Writing a letter for most of them is a monumental task. We ask you for your patience. We want you to hear from your child.

A Haitian proverb says, "Behind every mountain there is another mountain." For Jeanne and me, we're always climbing another mountain. We are determined by God's grace to expend our lives for Jesus. Nothing satisfies like doing the work of God. Sometimes I complain to God, "I'm overworked!" The more I complain, the more He gives us to do. I better keep my mouth shut, thank Him for His presence and get on with the work.

When we are in Haiti our thoughts are with you. I love preaching in the American churches, being with our friends, laughing together, and telling stories of the goodness of God. Some day there will be no separation. Thank you for your support.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis  
Founders of New Missions



# NEW Missions

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Dear Friends of New Missions,

August 1999

## From Out Of The Hills They Come

One day we were visited by a missionary working at the Bon Samaritan Hospital in Limbe, Haiti. "I would like to come to work at New Missions," she announced. We were surprised and at first taken back. Many questions arose...who, where, what, why, when? They were all legitimate questions. My wife Jeanne, who can have good discernment, said, "Take her in. We need her."

Now Helen Hussey is Director of Child-Sponsor Relations in Haiti. She is working (hard). She is endearing herself to us. Thank you, Lord, for sending another laborer into the field. Helen is sent to us from the Christian Missionary and Alliance Church in California. Helen is teaching both Jeremie and Nathan, children of Rachel and Charles DeTellis.



*Helen Hussey*

## Missionary News



*Gwenda Iffrig with Nathan DeTellis and friends*

GWENDA IFFRIG, Panama City, FL - When Charles and Rachel DeTellis needed a teacher for their son Nathan who needs special education, Gwenda responded. She came and taught Nathan for his first school year. Now she is returning to Florida to fulfill a career commitment with the state. Our prayers are with her.

HITCHCOCK FAMILY - We're happy to have Dan and Misty with their three children, Danika, Allison and Micah back in Haiti with us. Dan comes from Maine and Misty from California and they met in Haiti. Dan is busy putting up another building.

JENNIFER LUMPKINS - Texas church sends her to us doing short-term missionary work June and July assisting with childrens' ministries and athletic activities.

AMANDA MOTZ - Vancouver church sends her to us from May 1st to September, assisting with groups and childrens' ministries.

HEATHER MCCARTY - Pennsylvania church sends her to us to assist with medical work, teaching professors sign language and deaf children to sign.



# A Mountain Church

## *Ti Boukan, Haiti*



*New construction will replace this old church building*

The goats who graze on the Haitian mountains have great dexterity. They love climbing on rocky crags. Even so is a young pastor in our Bible College. He is tenacious for the Lord. Joseph Elifete Eliane has a small church and school on the top of a mountain. "Come visit my church and school," he said excitedly every time I saw him at our Bible College.

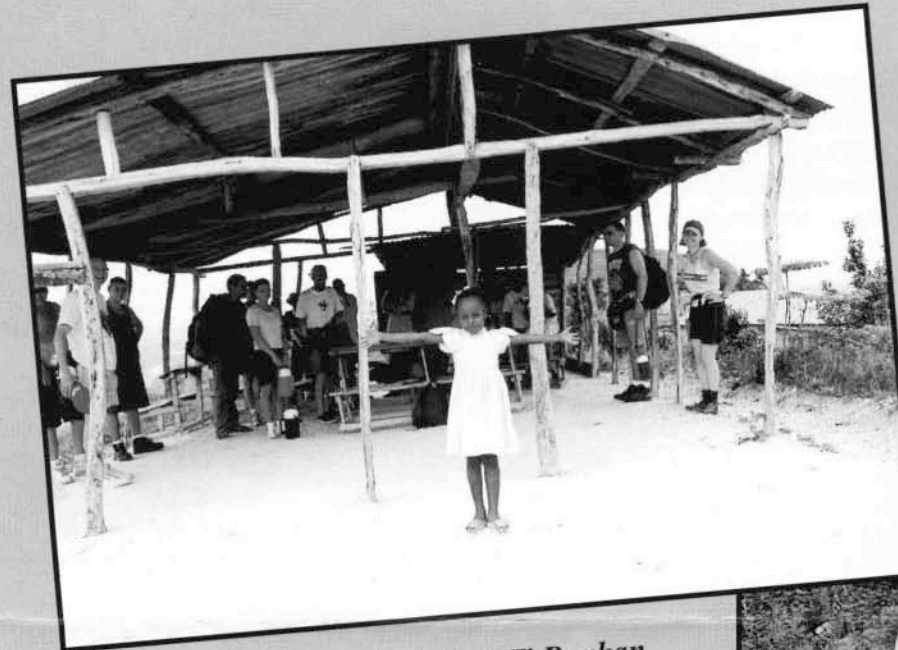
One day I went. He told me we could drive. Up up up the mountain we went. The higher we went, the rougher the rutted path became and the sharper the stones were. I kept asking, "Are you sure we can make it to the top?" The angle of the mountain became so steep that I sometimes had doubts. I had to stop and put the Toyota pickup in four-wheel drive and do the last part of the trip in low gear.

Finally, up on a clearing, we could see the church. We parked the truck and walked the last 500 feet. Sure enough, on top of the mountain he had a church. The area is called Ti Boukan.

I have often said, "Over every nook, valley and mountain of Haiti, the Gospel will be preached." The church consists of a dirt floor and wooden poles that hold up a tin roof. We have given the pastor money to close in the building. Pastor Eliane will enter his second year of school in September.



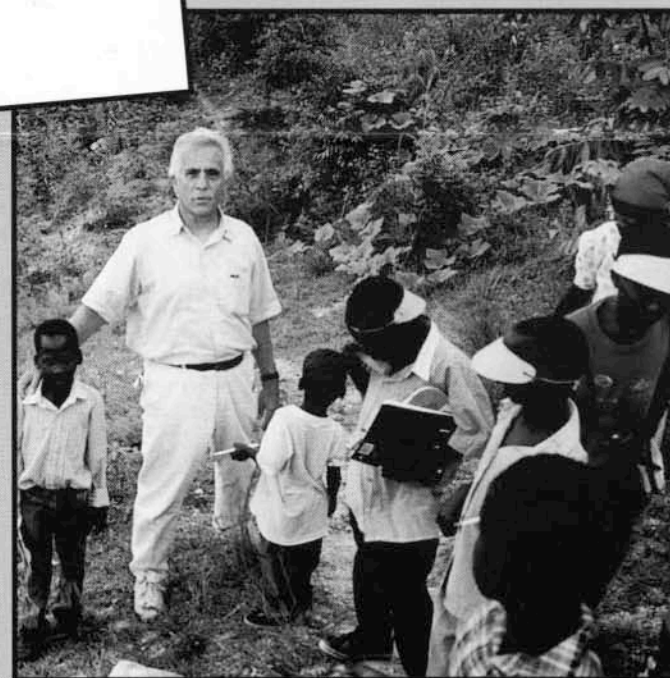
*Pastor Joseph Elifete Eliane*



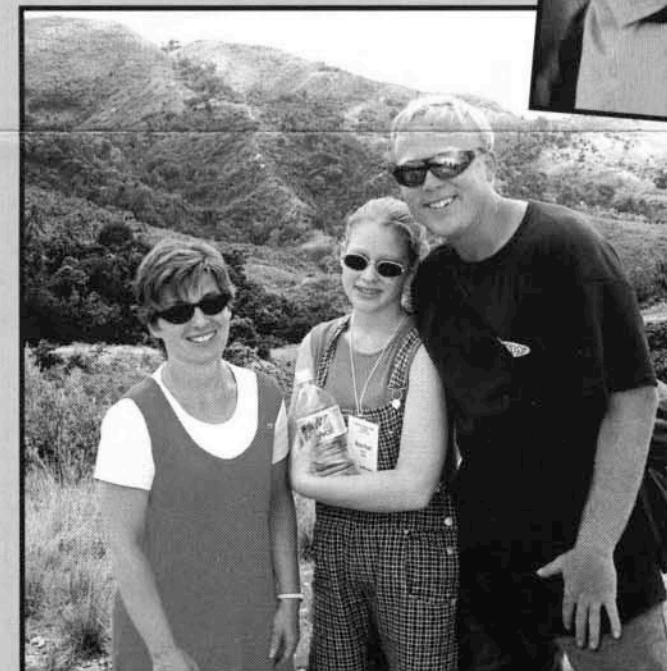
*The school and church at Ti Boukan*



*Short-term missionaries visiting Ti Boukan*



*George DeTellis, Sr. with children*



*John and Tammy Ogden with their daughter Rachel from Ohio*

*How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.  
Romans 10:15*



# Just Stand Still

Over the years I have not said much about spiritual warfare, nor have I written about it. But, I have been engaged in Spiritual warfare. Heavy. I have fought and won.

After Moses died, Joshua was chosen to lead the nation of Israel. His task was to lead the Israelites into the promise land. Joshua was a warrior. Many battles lay before him. The greatest was his first. The city of Jericho lay directly in his path. It had to be taken to begin to secure the land.

God had given clear instruction on how to take the city. March about it in silence once a day for six days. Then on the seventh with the priests leading carrying the ark of the covenant, they were to march around Jericho seven times, face the walls, blow the trumpets and shout. Hebrews 11:30 says "By faith the walls fell down."

At Ai, the next town to be taken, the Israelites suffered defeat. "Why, Lord?" Joshua asked. There had been disobedience. Gold, silver, precious items were stolen at Jericho. One man's sin caused defeat in battle.

Our task is not to beat the devil.

Our task is to obey God. The Lord fights our battles. In fact, the battle was won at the cross, where Jesus died for us. He arose from the dead, victor over sin, death and the devil. His victory is our victory. We simply appropriate the finished work of the cross.

When Moses fled Egypt, the Egyptian army was in hot pursuit of him and the nation of run-away slaves. The situation appeared perilous. The Red Sea was before them and a furious Pharaoh behind. The people of God began to languish, "It would have been better for us to remain in Egypt. Moses...let us alone," they said. "Do not be afraid, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. God will fight for you," Moses replied. Exodus 14:12-14. With His mighty hand God opened the Red Sea and brought the people to the other side. There they stood and watched the Egyptian army perish as the sea crashed down upon them.

Some people think that spiritual warfare is done by shouting at the devil, or by speaking loudly to God.

All our denouncing or invoking will accomplish nothing if we are not living in obedience to God.

The secret to victory, which may include longevity, good health, prosperity and success in life or in ministry, is doing what God expects and asks of us.

"If you dance, you have to pay." This is a saying that I heard many years ago. It is the image of a fiddler playing a tune. If a person dances to the fiddler's music, naturally, the dancer should reward the musician. The devil, too, fiddles and wants people to dance to his music. The problem is, if you dance to his music, he will demand payment. And pay you will. The devil does not ask for payment--he extracts payment. I don't dance nor do I flirt with the devil.

Rather, we are to dance to the music of the Lord. He is the Lord of the dance. His music brings wholeness and strength to our lives. It is refreshing and sweet. By the presence of the Holy Spirit we are able to submit to God and live in victory.

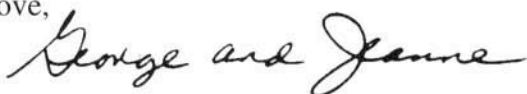
I think that some people who come to spend time with us in Haiti are surprised to see that Jeanne and I are human like everyone else. Wrinkles, freckles, blemishes and fatigue come with age.

There is nothing glamorous about being a missionary. It is hard work. Discipling a people and leading a mission takes wisdom, strength, and the grace of God. The thing that we are convinced of more and more is, "We need the Lord."

We often gripe and complain. Oh well, confession is good for the soul. I pray, it seems incessantly, "help me Lord." One good thing, the work goes on.

We are thankful for you.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis  
Founders of New Missions



# NEW Missions

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Dear Friends of New Missions,

September 1999

## Miracles Come In Many Forms

Kathleen Sullivan has sponsored Shella Joseph for the past 6 years. Her dream was that one day she would meet her child. Kathleen came to Haiti on August 14th with a group from her church, Holden Chapel, in Massachusetts. While in Haiti she went to the New Missions church in Leogane where Shella Joseph attends. The two of them met in church. They embraced and then sat and worshipped the Lord together. Later that week, Shella came to the mission where they enjoyed a meal together. Kathleen said, "I met my child -- it's a miracle."



*Tobin Curtis, Heidi Berube, and Kathleen Sullivan (sitting)*

Tobin Curtis preached a message, "Where to Find Love." Several adults and children accepted the Lord that Sunday.

Doctor Heidi Berube was part of the group from Holden Chapel. She took care of the needs of the youth crusaders. She also led a medical team to examine Haitian children and adults in Leogane, Bordmer and on the mountain at Ti Boucan.



*Pastor Steve McQueen and his wife Ramona*

Pastor Steve McQueen and his wife Ramona came to Haiti to minister. They are from the Deliverance Evangelistic Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Pastor McQueen preached in Haitian churches and ministered to the youth of the crusade. His wife, Ramona, spoke at a women's village ministry and led us in worship. Their messages and presence ministered greatly to us all.

# They Work Hard

Mixing concrete by hand is hard work. At the mission, we have a mixer that mixes one sack of concrete at a time. The concrete, sand and stone are placed in the hopper and water is added. When the mix is finished, the young people pour it into wheelbarrows and then push it to where the concrete is being poured. Over the summer, two long classroom floors were poured. The youth have always had a good attitude, anxious to work and serve the Lord.

While the cement was being poured, some of the women cooked a Haitian meal of rice and beans with a vegetable sauce. The meal was cooked over an open fire on three stones, the way Haitians cook their food every day.



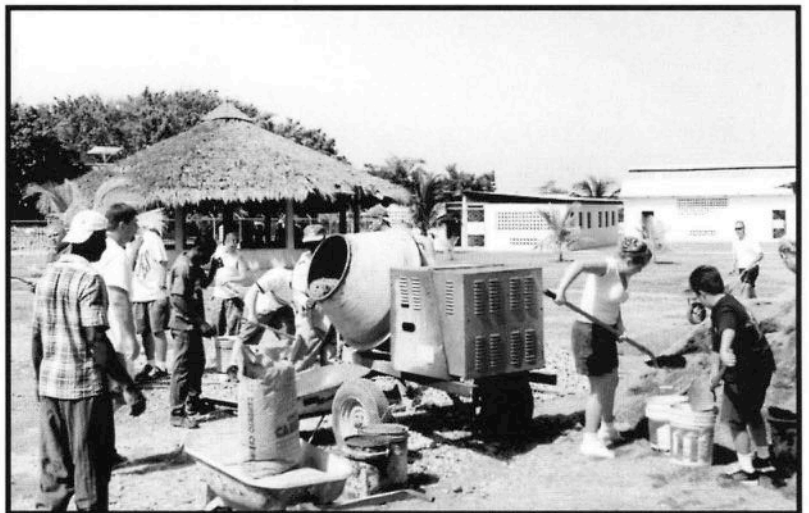
*Youth Crusaders mixing cement*



*'Preparing a Haitian meal'  
Nicole Juliano, Lydia Heineman, and Phyllis  
Juliano, (Nicole's mother) from Faith Bible  
Church, Mohegan, New York, July 31st - Aug 7th*



*Jessie Griffin from Bethany  
Assembly of God, Mendon, MA*



*Youth Crusaders mixing cement*



# Short-Term Missions



*1999 Third Youth Crusade - July 31 - Aug 7th.*

Groups coming to Haiti are a blessing. The groups are helpful to the mission -- without a doubt! When they are here, we work, preach, laugh and eat together. Relationships are formed that will last forever. We love the Youth Crusades. Through them, we feel that New Missions is making a contribution to the churches in America. We want the young people to return to their churches more determined to live their life for Jesus and be a strength to their church.

The idealism and the energy of young people is invigorating. They bring life to the mission. Then, there are always adults among them. They bring stability, experience and a depth of spirituality. Too often, in my opinion, we separate people into categories for church functions. Children's programs, youth, young adult, seniors. When that happens, the family atmosphere is broken. Here in Haiti we have our son Charles with us, his wife Rachel and their three children. What a great family setting. Many a morning the grandchildren run to our home and jump in bed with us. They love having breakfast or dinner at our home. Adults need to be with children and young people, and vice versa, the children and youth love being with adults. Several youth pastors and adults were included in the four youth crusades this summer. It made for a good mix.



*Villa Heights Church of God  
Greenwood, Indiana*



*Bethany Assembly of God  
Mendon, Massachusetts*

# Finish The Race

It is easy to run up a flag. It is more difficult to keep it flying. This is applicable to everything. It is especially true for the believer in the race of life.

Many young people come to spend a week at our mission. When they're about to leave, I often wonder where they will be 10, 20 or 30 years from now. Many, I know, will go on to live a full life of service to Jesus Christ. My heart-felt desire is for them to run well the race and finish the course. Paul said, "I have finished the race" (2 Timothy 4:7). For me, I've been running for 46 years, but I've not yet finished. I've a way to go, and perhaps more hurdles to jump.

Hebrews 12:1 and I Corinthians 9:24 tell us how to run the race.

1. Lay aside every weight. A runner in a race goes as light as possible. Light shorts and a tank top are all he wants, and shorts without pockets are best. No runner wants to carry an unnecessary load. Even the lightest load carried over a great distance becomes heavy. Paul no doubt saw the Grecian athletes in contest and used what he saw to illustrate the Christian life. How best to run? No extra weights!

It is easy to encumber our lives with things that distract and hinder us from being our best for the Lord. We are

all different and what may hinder one person may not bother another. A weight is not necessarily something wrong. It may simply distract, and, as it were, slow us down.

By way of illustration, golf for one person may be a great diversion and form of exercise and help the believer in his life. To another person, it could become an obsession, a distraction and a great weight. Every known negative is to be put out of our lives. A clean mind will lead to a clean heart. Paul is simply saying 'run light' so that we may run well.

Obligations, duties and responsibilities are natural in life. We never want to shirk from them. But we all know that too much responsibility can turn into a weight that hinders us in the race of life. Many of us are too busy. Family life can be hurt by too many activities. This tends to be one of my problems -- too much good to do, often to the neglect of the truly more important. I preach, "Take time to smell the roses," but fail to practice what I preach. Anything that hinders us in our Christian walk has to go.

2. Next, the writer of Hebrews mentions sin that ensnares us. Some things are a definite No! No! Willful

sin, the violation of God's Word, will bring guilt. Not only will sin hinder you from running, you may find yourself flat on your face. The desire of the enemy is to make us ineffectual. Sin will do it every time. Christianity is not adherence to a creed or a set of teachings. Ultimately, it is a life lived. The only remedy for sin is repentance and to allow God, by His Spirit, to reign over our lives. His presence brings health, peace, joy; these give us strength to run well.

3. Run with endurance. We are not sprint runners. We are running a marathon. We need to pace ourselves to go the distance. Personally, I'm a builder. And some days I only lay one brick. But I plod on, and in time, amazing things take place. For most of us, the race is not over in a day. It takes a lifetime.

4. Looking unto Jesus. He is our strength, our motivator and sustainer. We look to Him. He is the author and the finisher of our faith. Jesus placed us in this race. This is of His doing and He will not allow us to fail. He is also the finisher. He is now working in us -- and will complete the work.

"He who has begun a good work in you will complete it" ( Phillipians 1:6).

Life is full on the mission field. Demands are placed upon us throughout the day: administration, construction, planning, teaching, encouraging. It's a wonderful place to be. More and more we are training Haitians to do the work of the mission. They learn fast, work hard and are thankful to have a job. Please continue to pray for us.

Love,

*George and Jeanne*

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Founders of New Missions



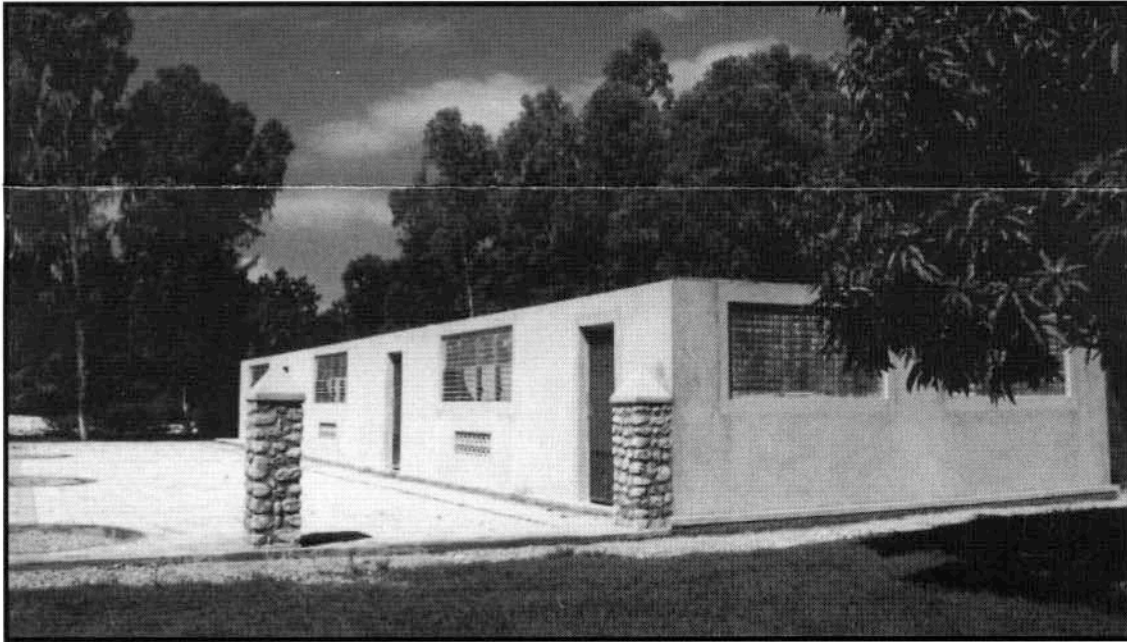
# NEW Missions

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Dear Friends of New Missions,

October 1999

## Waiting For Roofing Material



*The new wing of our building for the Royal Caribbean Institute*

Living and working in a third-world country is not easy. In the United States we are accustomed to things, for the most part, being done quickly and efficiently. Here in Haiti things are slow.

The new wing of our building for the Royal Caribbean Institute is complete except for the roof. We have ordered the red roof tiles from a company who imports them from the Dominican Republic. The company had promised delivery by the end of August. Until we receive delivery, we cannot put up the trusses. The hot Haitian sun would warp them. Also, the tile floor has not been installed. We have all the materials to install the tiles, but we want to wait until the roof has been put on. Patience is needed.

## Christmas

Christmas is a special time. The coming of Christ to the world is God's gift to all of us. We enjoy making Christmas special. As a boy in our Italian home we always had a tree well lit. We hang a wreath in each window with a single bulb. According to today's standards, it would no doubt, be considered simple -- but for me it was special. And then my mother was the best cook in the world. The family would gather, give gifts, chatter and a family time we would have.

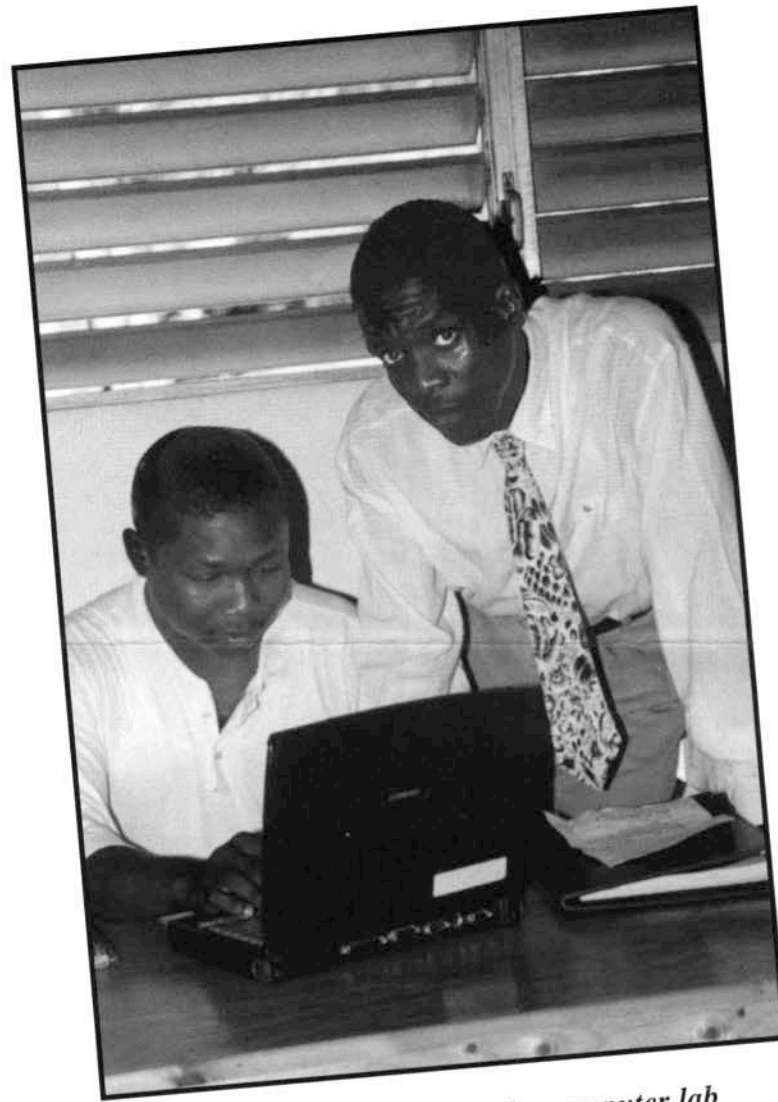
Memories are precious. But here in Haiti there are few lights and perhaps the only gifts that will be given will be from the mission.



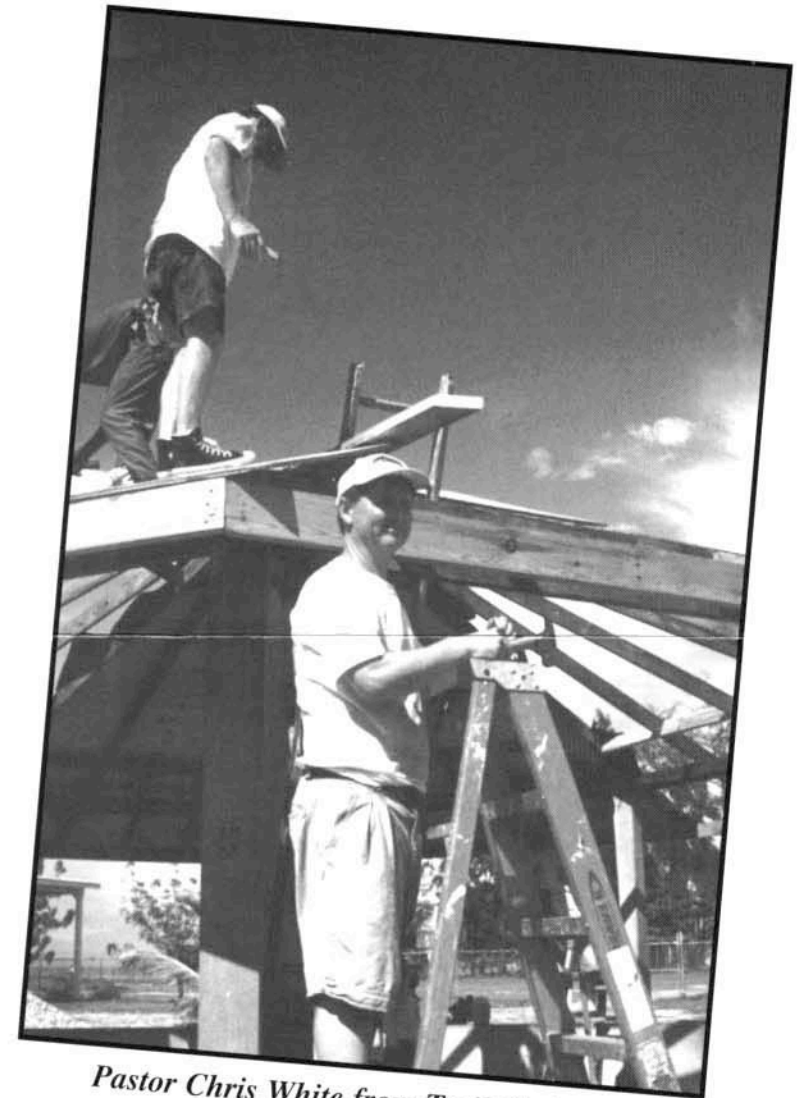
# Mission News

September 4th we had a group of 38 come to work at the mission. They were a wonderful group. They worked hard -- in the office working on school records, in the clinic, at the Royal Caribbean Institute, gardening, and giving out food and clothing. One job I was excited to see finished is our chacoan (gazebo). For years it was covered with grass. It looked great, but every few years the grass would begin to rot and need to be replaced. I tired of this; we decided to give it an asphalt-shingle roof. The roof is red and looks great. The rest of the chacoan is now being painted.

- At the Royal Caribbean Institute, we set up a computer room with solar panels and an inverter.
- Ten thousand yards of school uniforms material was recently purchased. It will take a few months to cut and distribute this material. Our students received new bright yellow photo-identification cards.
- More Haitian office workers are being trained. There are now seven Haitians working in our Haiti mission office. We now have a computer room where our workers are maintaining school records.
- A water tower is being built at our High School. Presently, we only have water when we have electricity. Now we'll be able to fill the tank and then gravity feed water throughout the school.
- 233 elementary students passed state exams to enter the first year of High school in comparison to 98 students passing last year -- success, but we need an additional 100 school desks.
- Outhouse toilet facilities are being built at our elementary school in Birey.
- Our new school at Reception Village in the Dominican Republic opened on September 6th with 120 students.



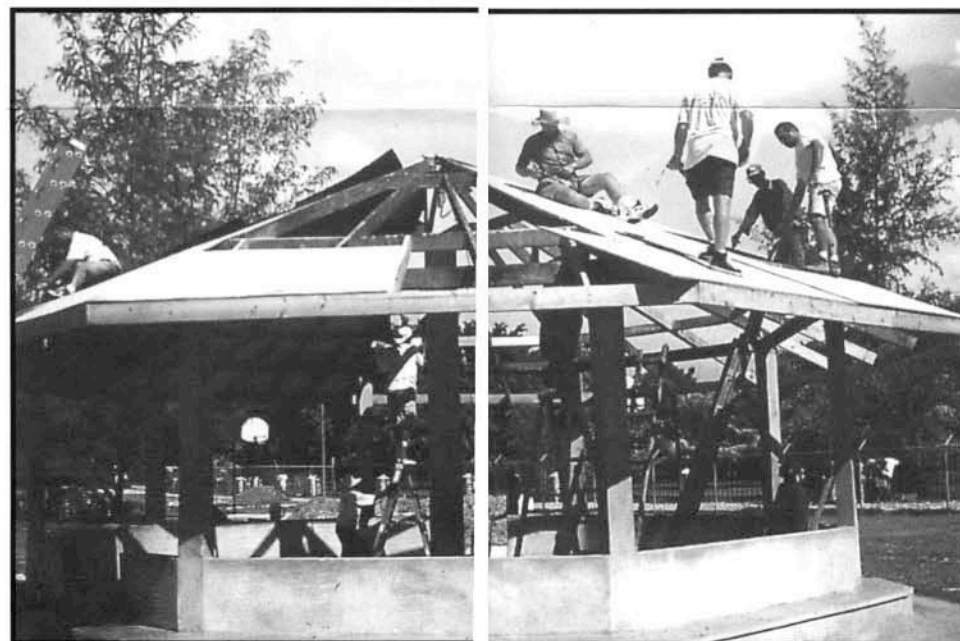
*Teacher and student at the computer lab*



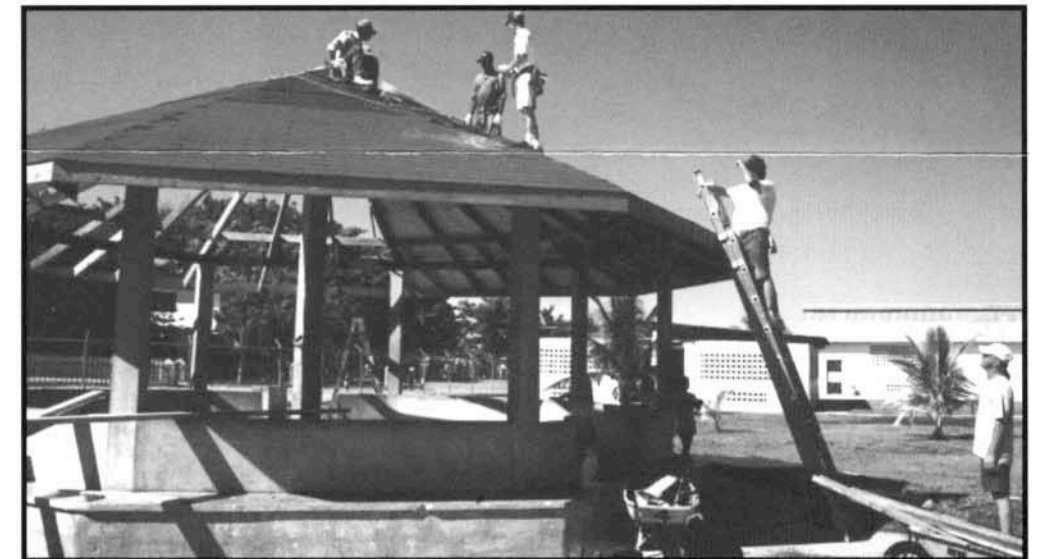
*Pastor Chris White from Trail Christian Fellowship, Medford, Oregon*



*Computer class at Royal Caribbean Institute*



*Building the new roof for the mission gazebo*



*Building the new roof for the mission gazebo*

# Free - Set Free

Greatness ultimately is shown by how we treat other people. We consider love to be the greatest virtue. Yet, love is not an abstraction. It is always demonstrated in the context of another person. Nehemiah was a truly great man. We know him for rebuilding the Temple and the walls around Jerusalem.

Now I want you to see another aspect of his character. In the 5th chapter of Nehemiah, he dealt with the oppression of Jews by their fellow brethren. In Israel it was a time of economic difficulty and many Jews could not meet their financial obligations. They were forced to mortgage their homes and sell their lands. When this action did not suffice, they began selling their children into slavery to other Jews.

Today, in America, I'm afraid that many people are being lulled into a false sense of security and are selling themselves into financial bondage. Times are good, most people are working and many families have two or three incomes. The message of the new economics is being preached. The message says: because of the expanding global markets and the ability of the

Federal Reserve to control the economy, we are no longer subject to boom-bust business cycles. The good times will only get better continually.

Personally, I have no problem believing that God has blessed us with good times. What troubles me is when all restraint is thrown out the window. Many people are hocked to the hilt. When one credit card gets filled up, they get another. Many people have re-mortgaged their homes and have been enticed to take a cruise, buy a new sports car. One television advertisement encouraged, "re-mortgage your home and buy a hot stock." The Scriptures, it seems to me, teach that during good times we should store-up for bad times. "Be a debtor to no man" would help all of us.

As believers, God, through Christ, has set us free from every spiritual ensnarement. In the Old Testament freedom was also liberty from financial problems. The man who is over extended financially is not a free man and is prone to destruction at any moment. The people providing easy money may appear friendly, but if you are

unable to make your payments on time, these same people can become your oppressor. I write to encourage you to be debt-free.

The people who were financially oppressed came to Nehemiah and cried, "Let us get grain that we may eat and live (verse 2)." Nehemiah called an assembly. He rebuked the nobles and rulers, "each of you is extracting usury from his brother...what you are doing is not good. Restore to them this day their lands, vineyards, houses, children and money." A great day occurred. The rulers answered, "We will restore it and require nothing from them (verse 12). Spiritual revival broke out, "All the congregation said, 'Amen' and praised the Lord (verse 13).

It is important how we treat other people. We should never oppress. Our ministry is to set people free. We have young men and women at our mission who at one time had nothing. Today, they know Jesus, are well educated and enjoy good employment. I urge you to be as Nehemiah and set the oppressed free.

Jeanne and I are well. we are in good health and are rejoicing in the Spirit. We are often overwhelmed by the amount of work that needs to be done, yet we are rewarded when we see the fruits of our labors. New Missions is not only a child sponsorship program, it is a ministry to the people of Haiti. When you touch a life, you touch the heart of God. Thank you for your prayers.

Love,  
*George and Jeanne*

George and Jeanne DeTellis  
Founders of New Missions





# NEW Missions

in Haiti

Dear Friends of New Missions,

November 1999

## There is a Stream

A stream runs through our mission. It is spring water. About a quarter of a mile away in the middle of the village of Neply, water comes up out of the ground in such abundance that it forms a stream. Underground, where we are, there is an aquifer, virtually a lake of water. This is the same water that we get from our artesian well. The folk of Neply have been super blessed with good water.

Throughout the day women wash clothes, people bath and children play in the stream of spring water. We have been in Haiti for almost 17 years, and this stream has flown continuously.



*Children playing in the water.  
A refreshing time from the heat of the day.*





# A True Gentleman



*San Louis Petit-Homme*

Twenty years ago a Haitian pastor showed me the land where our mission is located. He had heard me say, "If anything is going to be accomplished in Haiti, there needs to be a physical presence. Upon walking on the property the first person I met was Amiro. Within minutes his father came to greet me. His father's name is San Louis Petit-Homme. I have made wonderful friends with the Haitians over the years, yet none like my relationship with San Louis.

Soon the three of us -- Amiro, San Louis and I were walking over the land. It was waterfront property filled with mature coconut trees. Amiro has worked for the mission from day one; he keeps the grounds well-trimmed and looking nice. San Louis was a construction foreman, now due to his age (81), he is paid yet asked not to work. However, San Louis is at the mission every day -- all day. He says that God sent us to change Haiti. Everyone he meets he tells them the good things the mission is doing.

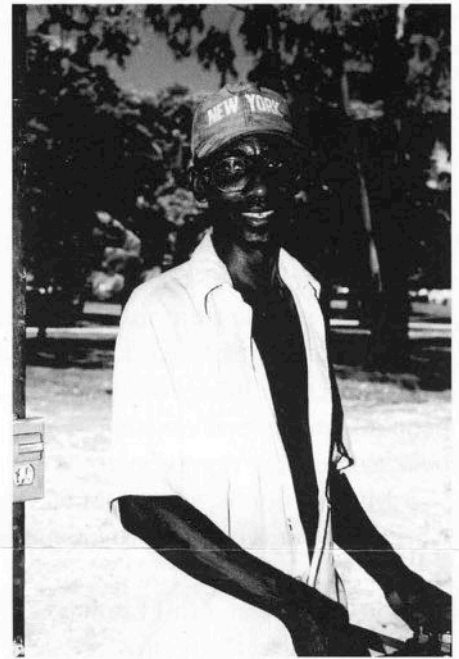
I call San Louis, "Papa." It is an endearing term and shows the feeling I have for him. I love him and he truly loves me. Often when I'm leaving for the States he cries and says, "Don't stay too long. Come back soon."

# Workers at New Missions



*Joel, the Mason*

Faithful workers, everyone in their place, working efficiently make our mission possible. Here are the pictures of only a few of the men who work in construction and keep the grounds looking so good. Along with the administrators, teachers, medical personnel, secretaries and cooks -- these are some of the workers who make our mission run smoothly.



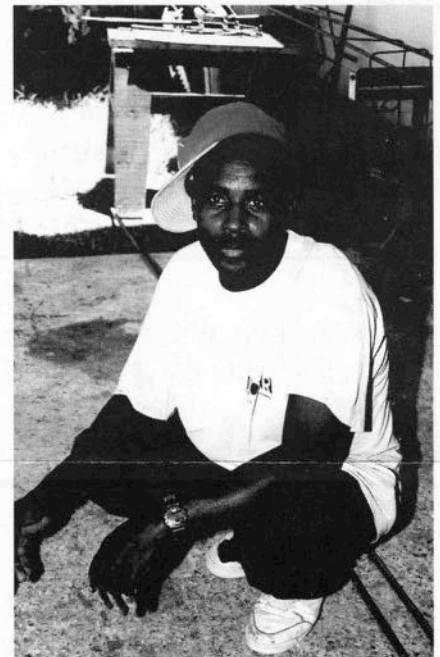
*Paul, the Carpenter*



*Estephen, the Security Guard*



*Lucien, Clinic Yard Man*



*Ayaita, Construction Foreman*

## Christmas For Our Children

It is impossible for us to give all 5000 children in Haiti their Christmas presents on Christmas Day. We have begun already, one school after another, to give them their presents. Then we have provided for each church to have a special Christmas dinner with all of the children.

Jeanne and I are going to the Dominican Republic November 8th. We will visit each of our church schools there and personally give every child a Christmas present.

# One In Christ

A favorite theme of mine is our oneness in Jesus Christ. In capsule form I share it with visiting groups that come to Haiti. One of my motives is to bring unity to the diverse groups that come to our mission. New Missions has taken a non-denominational stance.

Therefore, people from many church backgrounds come to work at our mission. Often in any one group people from several church backgrounds are represented.

My position is, if you confess Christ as your Savior, then you are my brother or sister. You are not a half-brother -- but a full brother! What I mean by that is my fellowship with you is not based on theology. We agree on the essential teachings of Scripture. But, your theology does not have to line up perfectly with mine for us to have fellowship.

I do not look for a political union of the different church groups. Rather, I consider that we are

already one in Christ. According to I Corinthians 12 we are different members but all parts of the one body of which Christ is the head.

I tease and say -- you may have your pet doctrine and enjoy patting your pet. But when you come to New Missions we recognize our oneness in Christ and come together to worship, preach the gospel and work together.

The New Testament believers never called themselves by denominational names. No, they were called 'Christians' Acts 11:26. I would prefer that people say I am a Christian who is serving the Lord in a particular denomination. This shows their confession of faith.

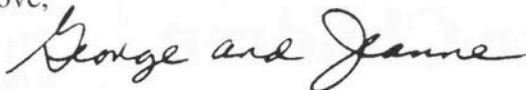
Denominationalism has served the Lord well. However, when it separates Christians, when it hinders us from coming together to worship, when it keeps us from doing evangelism and bringing the truth of Jesus to the world, then it is wrong.

At New Missions we did not want to export the denominationalism of America to Haiti. If you enter any of our 10 churches and ask any believer what they are, they'll respond, "I'm a Christian."

All believers have received the Holy Spirit when they were regenerated. I also recognize that we are all in different places in life in the Spirit. And only God knows the heart and the true spiritual place of the believer. I would encourage you to be convinced from the scriptures of your Biblical position. Then I would encourage you to respect and appreciate the position of every other brother and sister in Christ. Then come together as one to worship and do the work of our Lord. Listen to what Paul said: "The body is one and has many members, but all the members of that body, being many are one body, so also is Christ. 2 Corinthians 12:12.

Jesus sent us not only to preach the Gospel and bring men and women to faith, but also to disciple those believers. Discipling takes time. It is investing your life in the life of others. It is often painful. But, it is also extremely rewarding. It is our intent not only to make converts but to raise up leaders who live according to the principles of God's Words. This is a transfer of living for self to living for Jesus. Learning is by instruction, but most of all by example. Jeanne and I rejoice for every step of growth and maturity we see in our Haitian workers. We can truly say we are proud of them. Pray continuously.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis  
Founders of New Missions





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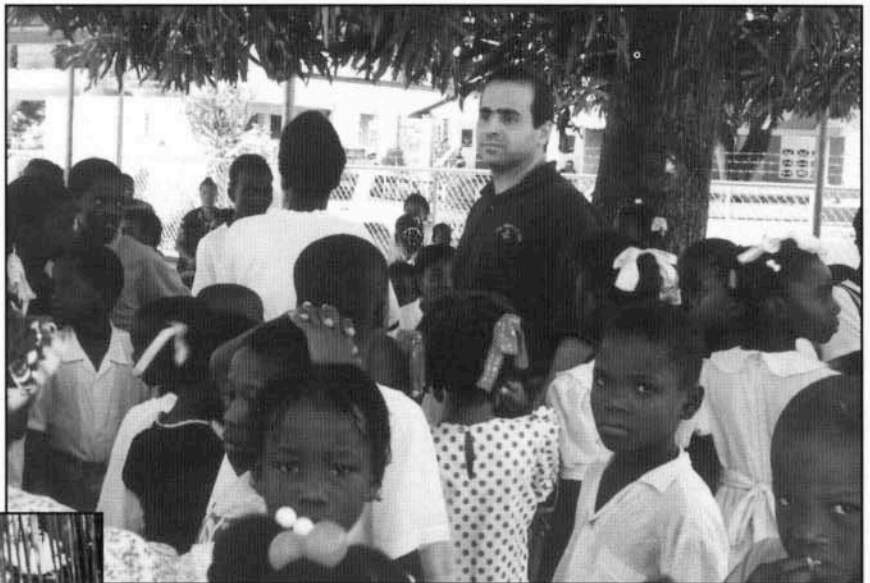
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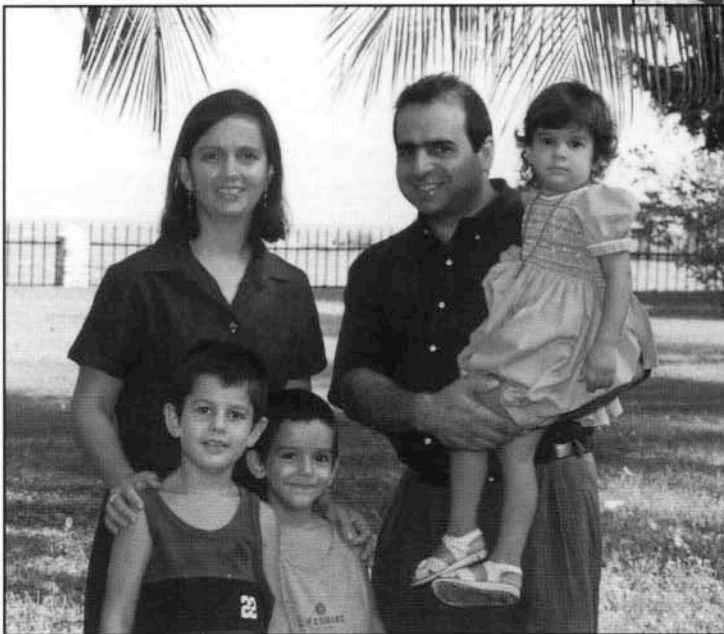
## The Missionary Call

There is nothing greater that one can do on this earth than to serve the Lord. And one of the highest callings is to go to another country, people and culture to share Jesus.

Charlie, our son, has his own story. Someday I trust he will tell it in detail. But as a youth, he was not serving the Lord. One day he talked to God and said, "Okay, I'll give you a try for one week." He's been serving the Lord ever since.



*Charlie with our Leogane school children.*



*Charlie & Rachel DeTellis with their three children, Nathan, Jeremie and Carita.*

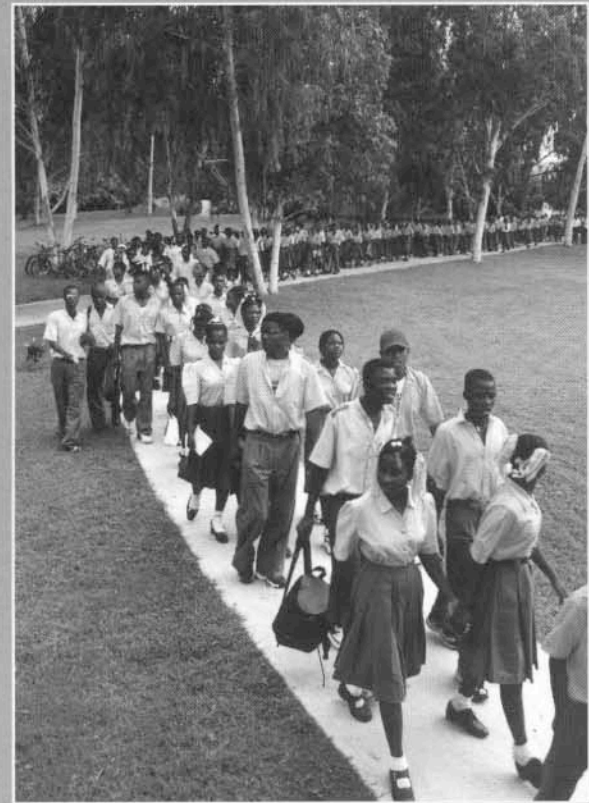
Rachel, his wife, grew up in India, her parents were lifelong missionaries there. Charlie and Rachel met at Columbia Bible College. Rachel had said, "I want to marry a man who is going to be a missionary." Together, they with their children, Nathan, Jeremie and Carita, are serving the Lord in Haiti. Charlie is doing an excellent job as Director. Rachel works with him overseeing the Missions Training Center.

# The Youth of New Missions

When our first class graduated from elementary school back in 1987, we sent our students to a private high school in Leogane. Then, the same thing was done with our second graduating class. We realized that we would have a problem if we did not have our own high school. Each year we would have another graduating class and it would become too expensive to send all of our students to a private high school. Therefore a classroom building was put up and in 1989, our own high school began.



*Happy in High School.*



*Students walking to chapel.*



*High School campus.*

Today we have one of the finest high schools in Haiti. We have built a beautiful campus, hired the best teachers and administrators. The students at our high school do not pay anything to attend school. This is a tremendous help to the families of our mission. The high school is expensive to run. For me the benefit to the students and the investment in the lives of our youth cannot be calculated in dollars and cents.

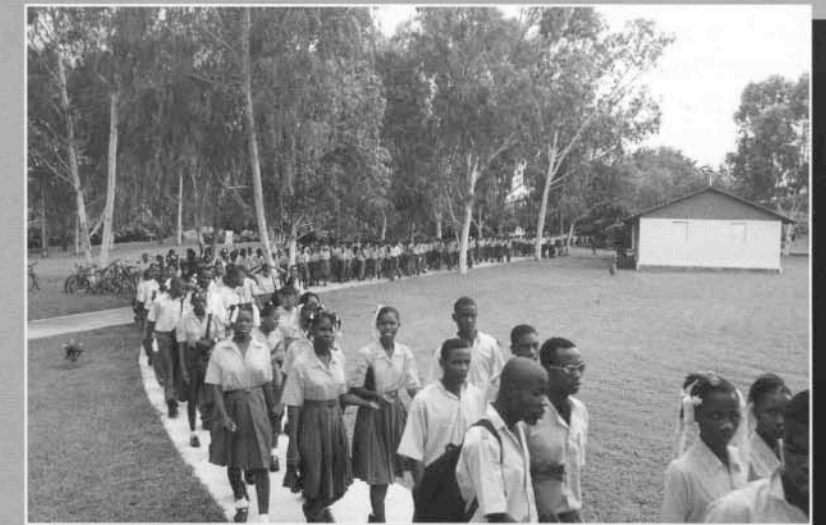


*A hope for tomorrow.*



*Our High School Director, Julien Leandre with an assistant administrator, Evelynne Ducasse.*

The students at the high school are highly disciplined and motivated. They are stunning in their hot pink shirts and gray bottoms. It is a thrilling experience to be with the six hundred of them in chapel service. They love to worship. They want to serve God. They are a new generation that will change Haiti.



*Students walking to chapel.*



# Some Truths About God

**God is there.** For me the Lord is at the very core of my being. Some people want proof that God exists before they will commit their life to Him. Like a scientist looking into a microscope they want to gather data to prove God. Others go on a philosophical binge and think that by reasoning they will discover God. Clearly, by searching, man cannot find God. God rather has come to us. He has made Himself known. Jesus has come and He has shown us the Father.

God has never set out to prove His existence. The scripture says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Ours is simply to believe. True, this life is precious. Never deny it, but it is fleeting. One day it will be over - what then? For me, I feel the Spirit of God within me.

His presence gives me assurance that there is life beyond this life of greater dimensions, proportions and opportunities. The great gift of God is eternal life. He is my God here, and one day, I will go to be with Him there.

Some people struggle to enter into God's presence. They talk about going beyond the veil into the holy of holies. Well I have good news - the veil in the temple was rent in two. Now we are in His full presence.

The Old Testament tabernacle is

a picturesque example of how God dwelt in the midst of the Israelite people. Today we have a "better" relationship with God. He no longer dwells in structures built by man. When we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior He comes and dwells in us. Paul said, "You are the dwelling place of God" (2 Corinthians 6:16). There is nothing that separates us from the full presence of God - no building, no veil, no priesthood, no ritual. I'll use a double negative for emphasis. No - Nothing!

**God cares.** I love the good times when everything is going well. The holidays, birthdays and anniversaries are special. But what do we do when our boat begins to rock? Perhaps some part of our body begins to wear out or breakdown, what do we do then? What do we do when we lose a loved one, or our finances hit bottom and we don't have enough to pay our bills? Push the panic button? Question the existence of a caring God? Criticize and bemoan our lot in life? Or do we come closer to God, rely on His wisdom and draw on His strength?

On October 28th, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer and have been told by one doctor that if I don't do anything about it, I have 10 years to live. For me that 10 years is a window

of opportunity to further serve God. With treatment at some point in time, possibly, I could live to be an old man.

**God is our life companion.** Is it possible to turn Christianity into a religion? What was intended to be a life-giving relationship can become another set of rules, dogmas and obligations only to bind us into a form that we call Christianity. Have you ever opened a clam only to find that there was nothing inside the shell? Have you ever been served a bowl of soup - that had no stock, only water with bouillon-cube flavor? We can have all the right sayings, songs and settings and not have the real thing. Christianity is more than going to church. The Lord intended that we would have a relationship with Him that would bring about an abundant life.

As we serve God, we come to know Him better. He does befriend us. He is our life companion. He does help us. He is the One who comes alongside. He does answer prayer. He knows the desires of my heart and delights to answer when I call upon Him. God is not some abstract force who is disconnected, disassociated or disinterested in us. He is there - personal - and working on our behalf. It's great. I love Him.

Please pray for us. Jeanne and I will be spending three weeks preaching in the Dominican Republic the end of January. While we are there we'll visit the New Missions schools, and seek God's guidance for further growth in that country. Presently, New Missions has 420 children in the Dominican Republic. We would like to see this number grow to at least 1000. An office needs to be set up in the Dominican Republic and a staff will need to be hired. Our prayer is "lead us on O Lord."

Love,

*George and Jeanne*

*P. S. Thank you for your Christmas offering for our school children.*



*George & Jeanne with their four children and spouses.  
L to R: Paula & George, Jr., Mary & Cesar,  
Charlie & Rachel, and Danika & Timothy.*