

# NEW Missions

in Haiti

Dear Friends of New Missions,

January 2000

## Great Missionaries



*Your support and Christmas giving enables us to treat all of our children the same. This is Marie France Louis with missionaries Dick and Illys Reeves. She does not yet have a sponsor. Marie too received a new uniform, Christmas dinner and present this year.*

## Another Member of the New Generation

Bertyon Jean is employed to translate letters. When you send a letter he reads it to your child, and then translates your child's letter from Creole into English for you. He is the sole supporter of his extended family. He lost his mother to cancer this past summer. Bertyon is a graduate of our college. He was sponsored by John and Mary Rogers at First Assembly of God in Worcester, Massachusetts. They were faithfully responsible for him all through elementary, high school and college. Sponsorship pays big dividends.



*Bertyon Jean*

# New Mitsubishi Dump Truck

We have been in need of another vehicle in Haiti for the longest time. The decision to buy one was postponed again and again. The first week in November, going over the Jacmel Mountains, our son Charlie was in an accident. He saw a long dump truck having difficulty maneuvering a tight turn. Charlie pulled over and stopped. The cab of the oncoming truck passed him, but the truck



body pushed in the front end of our vehicle. Charlie was the only one hurt. His leg was pinned between his seat and the dashboard. He suffered a small fracture. Thank God he is well. Again, we were prompted to buy a new vehicle.

Here is our new dump truck. Dan Hitchcock, proudly standing by, is our construction missionary.

## New Lister Generator

Electricity at New Missions is produced by our own generators. One generator has been with us for 17 years. It has been repaired several times and is now being retired. This is a new generator. Amiro, one of our workers of 17 years is proudly looking on - as if it were being connected to his own home.



*God sent the men to install it -  
Joel Drescher from the Evangelical Free  
Church in Sheboygan, Wisconsin and  
Lonnie Snyder from the Cedar Grove Brethren  
in Christ Church in Mifflintown, Pennsylvania.*



## Roofing Completed

Construction had been held up for five months while we waited for roofing materials from our supplier. The roofing was imported from the Dominican Republic. Now it is finished. What a beauty. However, this building has temporary school benches. Come March, we plan to ship a container to Haiti with additional school desks and many other much needed supplies. Another building needs to be put up before the opening of school next year to accommodate our growing high school. The enrollment will soon reach 1000 students.

# The Signeau Church



The Signeau church is now protected by a new overhang constructed at the front entrance. Often there was water in the building. The church has open block windows, and the way the rain storms typically come, water was driven in the front windows. The building will be further shaded from the sun, and the church people have a sheltered place to stand when coming to church.



## Happy Faces



*Our school children are given a large bowl of food each day. Here they are eating rice and beans - their favorite food. The children are healthy and happy. I love to see our school children eat.*



*Nothing like a banana to top off a good meal.*



*Washing their plate after eating.*



*A classroom setting at Bordmer in Haiti.*

# There Is Healing

The present state of man is both glorious and ignominious. We enjoy the good life - God, family, friends, success, good food, and the conveniences that modern life brings, and yet it will all be taken away - all, except God. We live in a body that is both wonderful and yet destined for old age. It will wear out like a garment. Sickness comes, whether it is a headache, the flu or something as serious as cancer. The latest statistic on cancer is that one out of every three Americans will come down with cancer and one in six will die from it.

Thank God that we are promised - one day, a new body. That will be glorious. But, what do we do until then?

We are one person, a composite of body, soul and spirit, and what affects one part of us affects the others. A healthy mind helps to bring about a healthy body. And of course if we are healthy spiritually, it affects the whole man. This is why right conduct is necessary for good health. We cannot violate our sense of what is right and wrong without affecting the entire person. For me, good health begins with a good relation with God and then allowing that relationship to guide our conduct. Peace and happiness is connected to our physical wellbeing, which is affected by our thoughts and deeds. The different parts of man are inter-related. Any one affects the others. God's desire for us is clearly stated in John's prayer for us in his third letter, verse two, "Beloved, I pray that you

may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."

We never want to hold on to this world too long. The believer in Jesus has no fear of death. For death is only a passage from this world into another world. Paul the Apostle said, "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord 2 Corinthians 5:8"

Sickness can work to remind us of our mortality and to help place things in their proper perspective. Sickness can be a glorious opportunity to know our Lord in a greater depth. His grace is exceeding, it far out ways any suffering, pain or problem. Sickness also opens the door for us to see God work a miraculous healing in our bodies. Healing can come instantly and completely.

Faith says, "If I can but touch the hem of His garment, I will be whole." Faith is born in our hearts. It is the ability to look beyond what is in this realm and look into the realm of God and see His love, compassion and power and say, "Yes - Jesus can heal me."

The woman with the ulcerated body, Matthew 9:20, felt unworthy to call attention to herself. In her heart she said, "I'll touch, be healed and no one will know." She planned to leave silently. In the midst of a crowd she stooped, reached and touched - only the hem of Jesus' garment. Immediately He felt virtue go out of Him and asked, "Who touched me?" No doubt, she was a simple woman, uneducated, of little or

no stature in life. She had no wealth, no position, no power and yet she was a woman of faith. And that day she stole a blessing.

Most of the people that Jesus healed had a pathetic illness. What I mean by pathetic is that their condition was extreme and humanly impossible. For example, blind Bartimaeus. He was pathetic. The lepers, they were pathetic. The woman with the oozing ulcer. She was pathetic. They were pathetic, but not beyond the reach of God. No one, no sickness, no circumstances, no problem is beyond the healing touch of our Lord.

At thirteen I began stuttering and this continued into college. I had a problem diagnosed as stop plosive. I could not say five words together in a sentence without binding up and becoming unable to speak. For this affliction I cried to the Lord. I knew that He had called me to preach. The entire Christian community that I was related to united and prayed for me and God set me free. I've enjoyed more than 40 years of preaching and teaching with great liberty.

I know firsthand - God is my healer. My God is able for anything. Healing is for you. If God is alive and He is the creator of all there is, then there is nothing beyond what He can do. Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you Matthew 7:7."

The Lord is my life's companion. He is with me all the time. His presence gives me confidence and strength. I also share in His love. Ours is a personal God. He knows me and allows me to come to know Him. I rely upon the Lord for everything. He makes life worth living. But then, I have another companion - one whom the Lord has given me. We met in 1957 and formed a union in 1960. Like the Lord, she has stuck by me through thick and thin. Together we have served the Lord, we have witnessed His power and goodness. We are one and are determined to serve the Lord all the days of our lives.

Love,

*George and Jeanne*  
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*P. S. We will have a Caribbean Youth Crusade in the Dominican Republic the summer of 2000, July 8 - 15, along with our crusades in Haiti. Details to follow in next month's newsletter.*





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## New Spiritual Director At Our High School

Joining the staff at our high school as of January 2000 is Pastor Enold Joseph. What do we consider most important for our students? It is their spiritual life. The academics are fine. I love them, but most important is a personal relationship with Jesus.

Pastor Enold is our new Spiritual Director at the high school campus. He is responsible for the chapel service, organizing a choir and then working with the students on a one to one basis, helping and encouraging them in their walk with the Lord. New Missions has two churches in Leogane and Pastor Enold is the pastor of one of them. He began working with us the first year of our existence. He plays the accordion, sings, loves music and loves the Lord. He will be a good 'papa' to our children at the high school.



*"The joy of the Lord is our strength"  
is often heard by Pastor Enold  
and the high school students.*

# Caribbean Youth Crusade

In Sosua, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

July 8 - 15, 2000

(ages 12 and above)

We will be doing evangelism in the villages, parks and on the beaches among the Dominicans, Haitians and tourists from countries in South America and Europe. Accommodations will be at the Casa Marina Beach Hotel in Sosua. A buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner is included with in country travel. Time will be allowed for boating, snorkeling, and numerous recreational activities, which are offered free at the hotel. The cost of the trip for one week is \$490. Jeanne and I will be part of the crusade team and will be teaching throughout the week. We will do some work to bless ministries in the area. Spanish-speaking believers are encouraged to come. Call or email for more information.

*Come - Help Us Tell Them  
Come - Help Us Love Them  
Come - See God's Beauty And Work*



*Children in Redemption Village,  
Sosua, Dominican Republic*



*"Jesus loves me this I know."*



*Two widows: Madam Emmanuel and Madam Hercule*

# Blessing The Widows

New Missions has always had a heart for widows. We have built several homes for widows in the past few years. Now in a larger way we will bless two women whose husbands died while serving at New Missions. Both of these women have been helped financially over the years.

Pastor Emmanuel was struck by a car on the highway and he died that night. He was taking someone home on his bicycle after a prayer meeting. Pastor Emmanuel was a wonderful pastor of the church in Signeau. He left a wife with six sons. Over the years with gifts of finances and the help of the local church Madam Emmanuel built a two-room house on land she was renting. The house is unfinished. We have since purchased the land for her and now we will add another room with a front porch and completely finish the house. The work will be given to a Haitian contractor.



*Madam Emmanuel, the Pastor's wife from Signeau who has six sons.*



Hercule was the school director and a church leader in Ti Riviere. He was greatly loved by the children and led many of them to the Lord. New Missions owns a large piece of land in Signeau. We will build a beautiful home for his wife. When we told Madam Hercule we would build a home for her, she broke down and cried, lifting her hands to God, saying "Thank you Jesus." With tears rolling down her cheeks she said, "The Lord is my Savior and my helper, He has delivered me." We broke ground for the home on January 10, 2000. Gravel is being delivered to fill in the land site in preparation for the cement-slab foundation to be poured. Construction will begin the first week in February.

*Madam Hercule, the School Director's wife from Ti Riviere who has three children.*

# A Golden Opportunity

A millennium is a thousand years. In the book of Revelation, chapter 20, the scriptures tell of a thousand years of peace that will come to earth. This is not a time that will come about by human planning or international development. It will come about by God. In verse four, it says that, "Christ shall reign for a thousand years." Much discussion has taken place as to when and how this will take place. There are several differing positions. What we all agree upon is - good times will come upon the earth.

As Christians we believe that the world and human nature has been affected by the fall - Adam and Eve. The ground and man were cursed. True, Jesus has come, He has died for our salvation. Yet redemption is not complete. It will be complete when Jesus returns to earth. Then there will be a new world and we shall be changed in a moment. A glorious day is coming and we live in anticipation of it.

What do we do now - in the interim, between Christ's first and second coming? Do we segregate ourselves, bemoan our lot in life, curse the darkness and live in fear of the future?

That is not the message of our Savior. Jesus taught that we are the light, salt and yeast of the world. We are to permeate every strata of our world with a message of change and hope. As yeast effects the whole loaf of bread, we are to effect our world for good. Christians are true idealists. We not only speak of what is in the world, we also speak of what the world can become by God's help. We work to bring about a better day.

The unknown, the uncertain and the uncontrollable can bring fear unless we have a prior greater certainty in our lives. Our faith in God makes us unmovable. The winds may howl, the earth may shake, but we continue on a fixed course. The future is always uncertain, but as we look back and count our blessings we can look to the future and know - good times are coming.

Our task is first and foremost to bring the message of Jesus to the world. I am convinced that true change begins in the inner man. If the heart is changed, there will be lasting real change. Then we educate and feed the world.

The new millennium provides opportunities to serve God that were never before possible. Communication by satellite and computers has made us close neighbors to every country of the globe. The prosperity of the developed nations has made our churches strong to finance global Christian activity. Youth fill our churches, the elderly are living longer and better. It is time for the church militant to arise. It is time for every believer to begin to sacrifice time, money and effort to bring about this new golden period. Let us seize the opportunity.

There was a beginning and there will be an end to history. But, that does not mean that our society is closed. Who knows where we will go to from here. The life we enjoy today could not have been conceived just a short 100 years ago, and, who knows what the future holds in scientific discovery, engineering development, in medical breakthroughs and even in social and political harmony? Let us imagine to the fullest and then let us put our ideas into practice. Let us go forward, in the name of Jesus, and change the world.

Jeanne and I are spending eighteen days in the Dominican Republic, January 15 - February 3rd . We are going first to share Jesus with the Dominicans and then to visit our four schools there. New photographs need to be taken for our sponsors, gifts given and other administrative tasks. Our son-in-law, Cesar Garcia, will be with us for four days. He was born in Nicaragua and his first language is Spanish. He will be a great help translating for us and helping with the business aspects of our ministry.

Love,

George and Jeanne

*P. S. Plans are being made to send a container of high school desks and other necessary construction material and equipment. Please pray for the safe arrival of the container in Haiti, and a quick passage through customs.*





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March 2000

## Fratello Giovanni (Brother John)

Bari is on the Adriatic Sea in the southern part of Italy. My parents came from Terlizzi, a small town just outside the city of Bari. In my heart there has always been a desire someday to go and preach there. The years have gone by and it seemed like it would be an unfulfilled dream. One day I received a telephone call from a pastor in Montreal, Canada, David DiStaulo. "I have a pastor here. I've been telling him about you and he wants to talk with you." "Hello, brother," the voice said, "this is Giovanni Caito, from the church in Bari. Will you come to Italy and preach for us?" Amazed and shocked, I quickly responded, "Yes!"



*Pastor David DiStaulo from Montreal Canada with  
Pastor Giovanni Caito from Bari, Italy.*



February 15-18, there was a meeting of our board of directors of New Missions Canada in Haiti and Pastor Giovanni came with them. We had a precious time of fellowship. He preached at our high school and plans were made for Jeanne and me to spend three weeks preaching in Italy. One of the churches I will speak at is in Terlizzi - I will feel like a 'son come home.' Truly, God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform.

Fran Russell is a short term missionary with us for a month in Haiti. She has a gift of leading people to the Lord. Two young women came to the clinic and Fran spoke to them about Jesus. After praying with them, she gave each of them a new Bible.

*Fran Russell from Christ the Savior Lutheran Church in  
Indianapolis, Indiana with two young women who accepted Christ.*

# Dominican Republic Report

Haiti and the Dominican Republic share the Island of Hispaniola. Haiti occupies the western third of the island, the Dominican Republic the other two thirds. Haiti was a French colony and the Dominican Republic Spanish. These two countries are so close and yet so far apart. Their cultures are very different. We love them both.

Jeanne and I spent a delightful eighteen days in the Dominican Republic. Our schedule was to fly to San Juan, Puerto Rico and then on to Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic. We had an electronic ticket and were not aware of the time change and therefore missed our flight to Puerto Plata. In San Juan, American Airlines scheduled us to fly to LaRomana assuring us that with a two hour taxi ride, we would be in Puerto Plata. When we arrived at 11:00 pm there were no taxis and we were told that the ride was six hours. American Airlines was very kind to us; they put us up at a five-star hotel in LaRomana, gave us breakfast and provided a taxi to take us to Puerto Plata the next day. While driving we saw the best rainbow ever, it stretched from one hill to another, with beautiful mountains in the background. It reminded us of God's promises of good things to come.



*Arlsladi Pierre Francisco at Sosua, D.R. displaying her art talents. Arisladi is sponsored by Michelle Jackson from the First Assembly of God in Deltona, Florida.*



*Lira Deshommes and Simone Pierre from Sosua, D.R. Lira is sponsored by Jan Stong Swartz from Cedar Grove Brethern Church in Port Royal, Pennsylvania and Simone is sponsored by Effie Sodagar from First Assembly of God in Worcester, Massachusetts.*

We visited our four schools, three in Santo Domingo and the other in Sosua. New pictures were taken of our school children, we preached, gave out gifts and had meetings with the school directors. All four directors expressed the same need, "Please, can we have more children come to our school?"

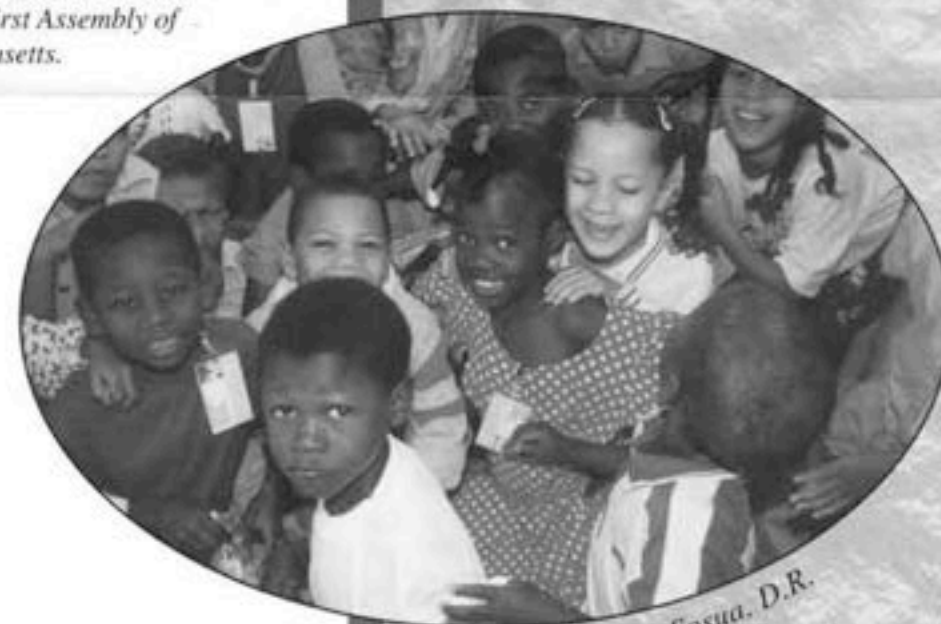
Already the number of people coming to the Caribbean Youth Crusade in Sosua July 8th is filling up. We are believing God for a rich move of His Spirit, and a good number of people to come to the Lord during the crusade. Often I awake in the middle of the night and spend time praying, planning and ready. Tuesday of this week I awoke at 2:30 am and was praying for and planning our crusade in the Dominican Republic. The thoughts of the crusade, and what I believe God will do there kept me up until 5:00 am. God fills our hearts and minds and then has us work to see the fulfillment of His plans.



*Jeanne with precious students in Santo Domingo, D.R. taking new photos.*



*Pastor George making new friends at a barrio school in Santo Domingo, D.R.*



*Happy children in Sosua, D.R.*

# Talents: From and For the Lord

Each of us have been given abilities - talents that enable us to function effectively. Everyone has at least one talent, some people are loaded with them. When we think of talents, what do we think of - often art, music, sports. True, Tiger Woods and Andre Boccelli have great talent, but so do the rest of us, often in many different areas.

Isn't it wonderful that we're all different. Foolishly, at some time, we've probably all thought, "If everyone were like me, what a wonderful world it would be." But God loves variety, and no two of anything are alike. There will never be another person just like you, not unless you are cloned before you die. Each of us were created to make a unique contribution and in a special way reflect God's love.

Talents cannot be produced. They do not come about by training, they are God given. They are part of us, even as our DNA, they are in our genes. Our younger son Timothy at a very young age showed natural skills on the piano. I insisted that he

take piano lessons. Today, he plays keyboard for a large singles ministry and for worship on Sunday. When we attempt to get people to function outside of their talents we program them for failure. On the other hand, everyone will be a success when their talents are discovered and put to good use.

Talents enable people to become teachers, engineers, doctors, businessmen, mechanics - the list is endless. These abilities are used to earn a living, and support the work of God. "A man's gift makes room for him. Proverbs 18:16" Many people go to a third-world country, such as Haiti, pay their own way, and then use their gift to bless a people who have not had the same opportunities. There is something rewarding about doing something for someone who cannot give anything in return.

Service to God is one of the apexes of the Christian life. A mountain often has several peaks. Spiritually speaking, I'm not sure which one is the greatest, probably worship, but for sure Christian service

is one of them. We are all called to serve the Lord. The example is Jesus - with basin and towel He washed the feet of the Apostles and left us an example, and in myriad ways we are to go into the world to share Jesus and wash feet.

In Matthew the 25th chapter Jesus gave three parables concerning His coming. The first is the ten virgins, five with oil and five without. The lesson is - be prepared. The second parable is the talents given to the servants of a man who went on a long journey. Here the lesson is - we are all given responsibilities and we will be held accountable for them. Third, Jesus gave the parable of the separation of the sheep and goats. Here the lesson is - the basis of judgment is service to God. "I was hungry," Jesus said, "thirsty, naked, in prison, sick and you came and ministered to me." The disciples asked, "When did we do these things?" Jesus answered, "In that you did it to the least, you did it to me." Let us use our days to the full in service to God.

Sometimes in Haiti we have been exasperated, at other times exhilarated. Presently in the work of the Lord, I am exhilarated. When we first started in Haiti we were determined to organize the work. Now, a full team of workers are in place; at the last count 220 Haitians are on staff. One day my wife Jeanne commented, "this place runs by itself" When a work is organized it becomes an institution. The good thing about an institution; it is capable of perpetuating itself We are continually fine-tuning, but for me to see New Missions running well is exhilarating. We love and pray for you.

Love,

George and Jeanne DeTellis

*P. S. Please pray for a French speaking missionary to work at the Royal Caribbean Institute.*





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Dear Friends of New Missions,

April 2000

## Medical Clinic Report

Each month our Clinic of Hope cares for 365 women and infants. We give 234 vaccinations for childhood diseases. There are 84 malnourished children who come to the clinic. We counsel 65 women each month who are seeking counsel and help for family planning. Our dentist sees 40 patients and school children. Plus, there are 111 cases-treating malaria, typhoid fever, pneumonia, hepatitis and different eye/skin infections. Our Haitian staff includes a licensed pediatrician, a dentist, a lab technician and two nurses.



*Jack Meibaum, from Grace Bible Fellowship in New Hampshire, John & Robin Gisel and Margaret Vanderwoude from Southridge Reformed Church in Michigan.*



*Doreen Sheppard from House on the Rock Church in Pennsylvania is the loving sponsor of Solder Geffron, a preschool student in Signeau. Solder needs a shunt, because the fluid is not properly draining from his head. New Missions is providing the funds for the surgery.*

In February, a visiting American team of dentists and eye doctors took care of at least 1000 patients. The eye doctors came with eyeglasses to give to the students and patients. In March, a visiting American team of doctors took care of 650 patients.

The Clinic is open Monday through Friday. Each morning before clinic begins, there is a devotion from God's Word and a health teaching. Our visiting groups also have a spiritual team work along side the medical team. People are touched and encouraged in their spiritual life. We have seen people come to Christ at the clinic.



# Medical Clinic Report

In February, a medical team consisting of three dentists, two dental hygienists, dental assistants, and two eye doctors came to New Missions. People came from many miles around. One morning, a pickup truck full of people arrived at 3:00 a.m. In one week the medical team took care of more than 1000 people.

One of our high school girls came with badly decayed front teeth and she went home with smiling white teeth. Many of the elderly came, and some got up to 7 extractions in one day. People left with glasses seeing better. Over and over again, the Haitians said, "We can never pay for the great love the Americans have shown us. All we can do is pray for God to bless them."



*Terri Scholtz, dental hygienist, from Southridge Reformed Church in Michigan.*



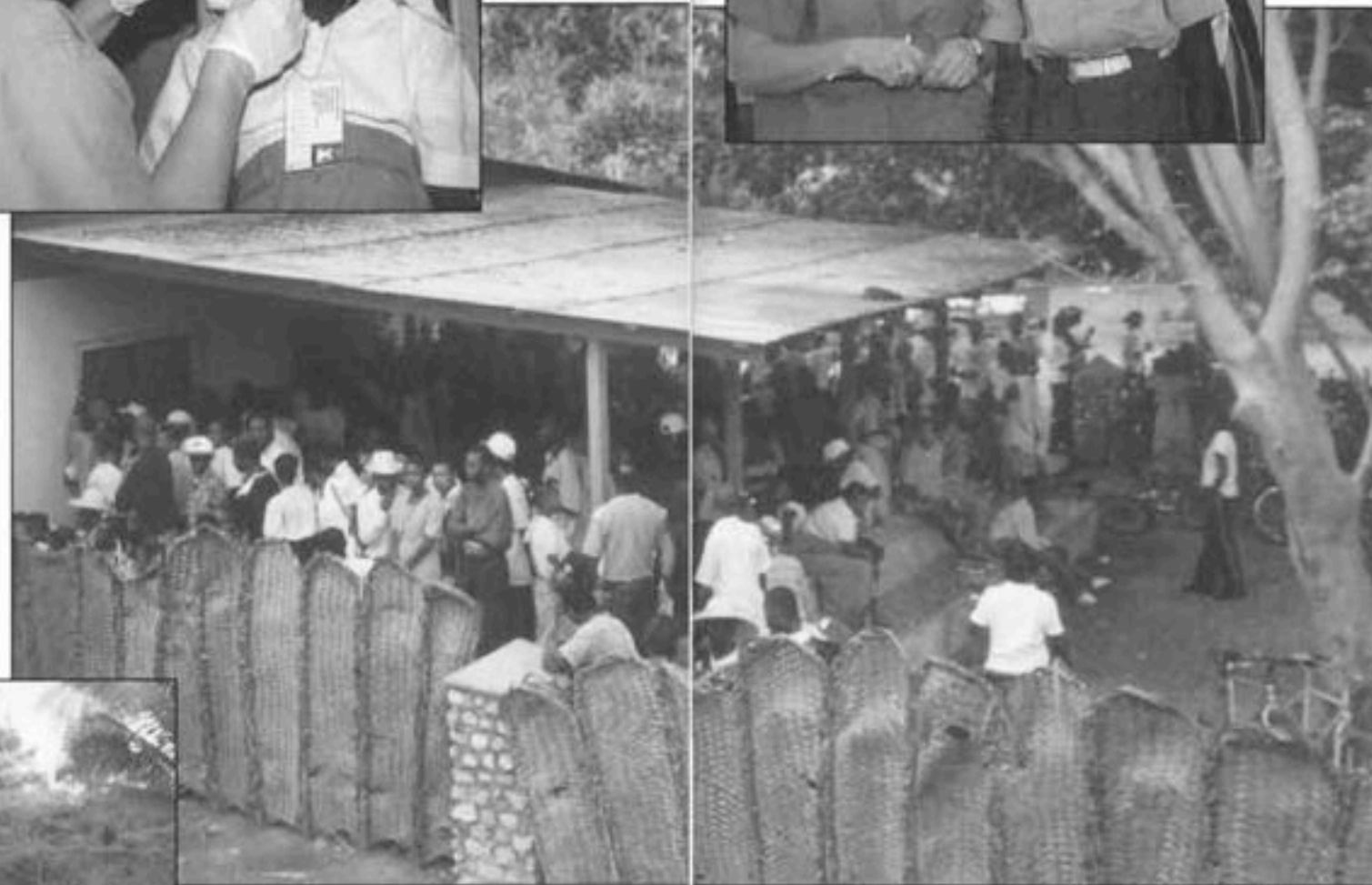
*Kathy Valle, part of the medical team from Grace Bible Fellowship in New Hampshire, with high school girls.*



*Mel Charron from Zion Gospel Temple in East Providence, Rhode Island, leading evangelistic praying for the sick.*



*Mark McDonald, dentist, with dental assistant Susan McCandless from Grace Bible Fellowship in New Hampshire, filling teeth with hi-tech equipment at our clinic.*



*Crowd hoping to get in for care.*



*Susan Korjagin, eye doctor from Grace Bible Fellowship in New Hampshire, outfitting for eyeglasses.*



*Colleen Ward, R.N. at New Missions with Anslot Desrosiers.*

The week the medical team was with us, the nurses examined our school children. We had two nurses from Maine, Lynne and Sharon, who examined students from the high school. When Lynne left, she said to me, "There's a student, Anslot, who has a rumbling in his lungs, has been spitting up blood and he looks awfully thin." As soon as Lynne left the mission, I go on my bicycle to find Anslot, and told him he needed followup attention at our clinic.

When our March medical team arrived, Anslot was the first patient of Dr. Nikki Bailey. Anslot's diagnosis was Tuberculosis and Hepatitis. Anslot was immediately put on antibiotics; we're taking good care of him. We thank God for Anslot's sponsors, William and Elisa Minchin, Jr. of Trinity Christian Church in Clifton Park, NY.



# Talents: From and For the Lord

The truth of our Lord's return is precious to every believer. We pray, "Come quickly, Lord. Revelations 3:11" In response to the Apostles' inquiry, Jesus gave the conditions (signs) that will proceed His return to this earth. "False Christs, wars, famines, earthquakes, and tribulation would come," Jesus said. "As it was in the days of Noah...so will it be when the Son of Man returns. Matthew 24"

Most of us have received teaching regarding Christ's second coming and are thankful for it. Some people become quite concerned about the nature of His coming - the how or when. Because some have believed that His coming was imminent - at the door they have felt that there was no time for sharing the Gospel or working for the Kingdom. What time we have must be spent in sanctifying our hearts, that we may be pure at His coming, is often the attitude. This can be a great danger. Inactivity is not the nature of God nor His desire. Jesus taught, "Occupy until I come. Luke 19:13"

Let us grasp well the teachings of the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew and then move on into the twenty-

fifth chapter. In this chapter there are three stories, which round out our Lord's teaching regarding His second coming.

The first is the story of ten virgins, five wise and five foolish. Attendants often accompanied the bridegroom into the place of festivities at a wedding. They did this with lighted lamps. When the cry came, "the bridegroom cometh," five virgins were prepared with lighted lamps. The other five ran to buy oil. They were too late - the door to the feast was locked. The message is clear - be ready. When we receive Jesus as our Saviour the Holy Spirit comes into our lives, our lamps are lit, and we are ready for the Lord's return.

The second story Jesus told is that of the talents. A man went on a long journey and left the responsibilities of his estate to his servants. The responsibilities were called talents. In Jesus' day, a talent was a measure of money. Our Lord has gone and He has given the responsibility of the Kingdom to us, His servants. Angels will not come to do the work of God. After, the Master returned, the servants gave an account, those who were faithful had doubled the value

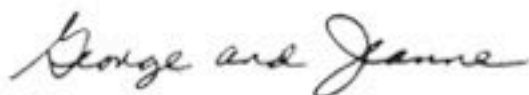
of the master's household. They were bid well done faithful servant. The person with one talent hid it and was sent out in disgrace. All of us are given areas of responsibility. To the measure that we are faithful in this world we will be given responsibilities in the world to come.

The last story that Jesus told was of the sheep and goats one placed on the right, the other on the left. This was judgment and was based on the kindness shown to others by His servants. "I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink. I was a stranger, and you invited Me in, naked and you clothed Me, sick and you visited Me. I was in prison and you came to Me. When Lord did we do these things they asked. In that you did it to the least, you did it to Me. (verse 40) Come, blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom" (verse 33)

Jesus our great example with basin and towel washed feet. As His servants, we are to follow His example, and go into all the world and in a hundred different ways - wash feet.

The fulfillment of life does not come by an abundance of activities. Fulfillment comes in knowing God. When His presence fills our lives we are fulfilled. He comes with love, peace, joy and power. These gifts well up within us and we have a sense of well being, contentment and excitement. Then, of course, He leads us into activity for Him. The activity of itself does not give us fulfillment. Christ is our life. Then with family, friends, believers, and Christian activity we express His presence. Jeanne and I feel full... Thank you for all your kindness to us.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis

*P. S. This Easter season most of our churches are having week-long special services. Our Haitian pastors are becoming strong spiritual leaders in the community.*





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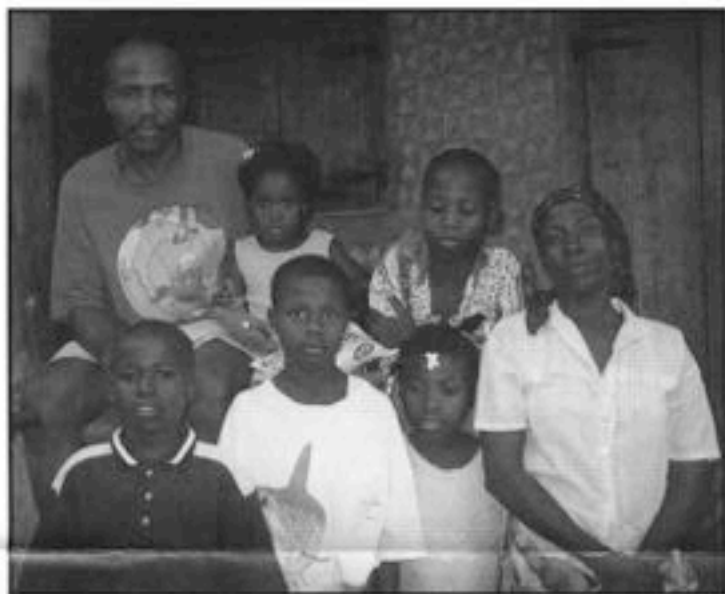
## A Child Leads Us

The annual "Little Miss Osceola" pageant took place in April. Kathy Apetz who works at our Orlando office entered her five-year old daughter, Lauren, in the contest.

During the interview process, Lauren was asked, "Do you have any brothers or sisters?" Lauren answered, "Yes, I'm sponsoring a sister in Haiti." Then she was asked "Tell us about her." Lauren said,

"My sister is very poor. She has no toys or house. All she has is dirt and cement." Lauren so impressed the judges that she was chosen for 2nd runner up.

Often when Lauren is at school, her classmates ask her questions about her Haitian sister and she shares how they too can bring hope and joy to a child in need.



*Lauren's sister in Haiti: Laura Kat'lene with her family.*



*Kevin and Kathy Apetz  
Parents of Lauren in Kissimmee, Florida*

## Sponsorship Brings Opportunities

People who cannot read are robbed of the ability to receive ideas that will expand their mind. Reading opens doors of unending opportunities. But most of all - education allows a person to read the Word of God. A friend of ours, Jessie in the Dominican Republic, said to us "The devil wins a victory with each child who cannot read, because that child cannot read the Word of God." For \$24 a month - the life of a child is changed. They receive a good education in a Christian school where the Bible is taught.

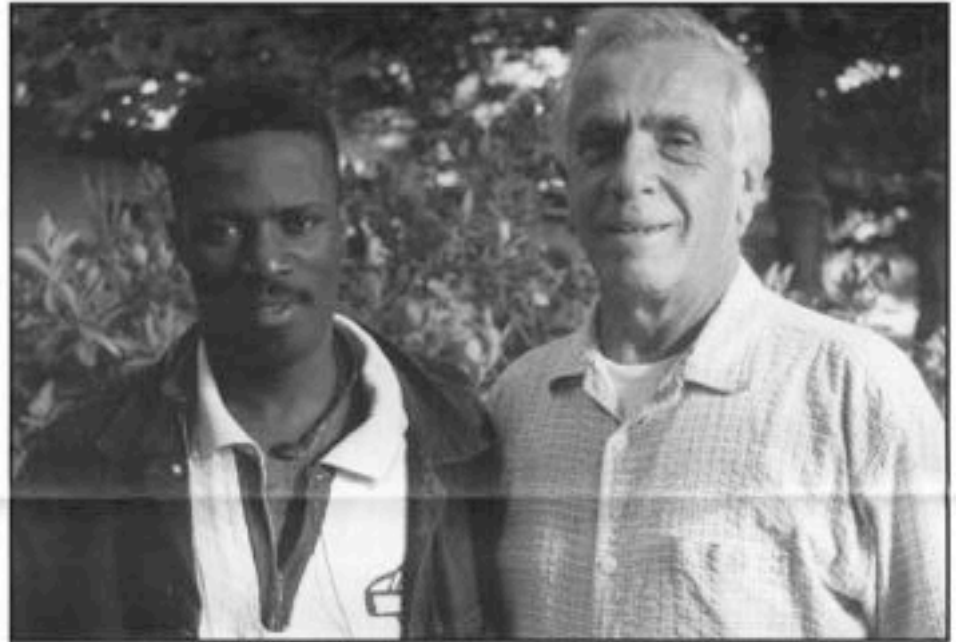
Every day we meet people who have never had the opportunity of going to school. We feel bad for them. On the other hand, we go into our New Missions schools and what a difference. The children are bright, happy and learning. Sponsorship brings unbelievable opportunities to the life of a child.

# Friendships

Friendships are formed in many different ways. In life we all have many people that we come in contact with - associates and acquaintances. Then, you can meet someone and something clicks. You feel comfortable, a oneness, and a friendship is formed.

Sovy Louis is a friend of mine. I met him when I first arrived in Haiti in 1983. We were there only a few days, living in tents, when as a young boy he came to where we were. He had big eyes and an open face. Without words he was saying 'be my friend.' The second time he came around he complained of 'grattel' (itching) in his head. I looked and found his head full of lice. Of all things, we had brought two bottles of lice medicine with us into Haiti. I brought Sovy to the stream and with the medicine washed his head. Every day for several days I did the same until his head was clean. Of course his eyes got bigger and his open face brighter. We became fast friends.

Sovy has gone through our school system and now works at our Missions Training Center. In June, he will marry. Both of his parents have died and he asked me to stand up for him at his wedding - as his parent. Of course I said, "yes." I am his friend.



*Sovy Louis and Pastor George sharing a quality moment together.*

## Widow's Housing Update



*Pastor George working on the widow's house with Dr. Tom Bailey from House on the Rock Church in Pennsylvania.*

It is not possible for us to provide for all the widows in the area of New Missions. We can't do everything - but we can do something. Pastor Emmanuel was responsible for our church in Signeau. He was hit by a vehicle while driving a bicycle after returning from a prayer meeting. He left a wife and six sons. Our school director, Hercule, in TiRiviere died of a disease. He was greatly loved by his students and had led many of them to the Lord. His surviving wife has three children. Madame Emmanuel's house is finished and the blocks are up on Madame Hercule's house. It is with great joy that we are building a home for each of these families.

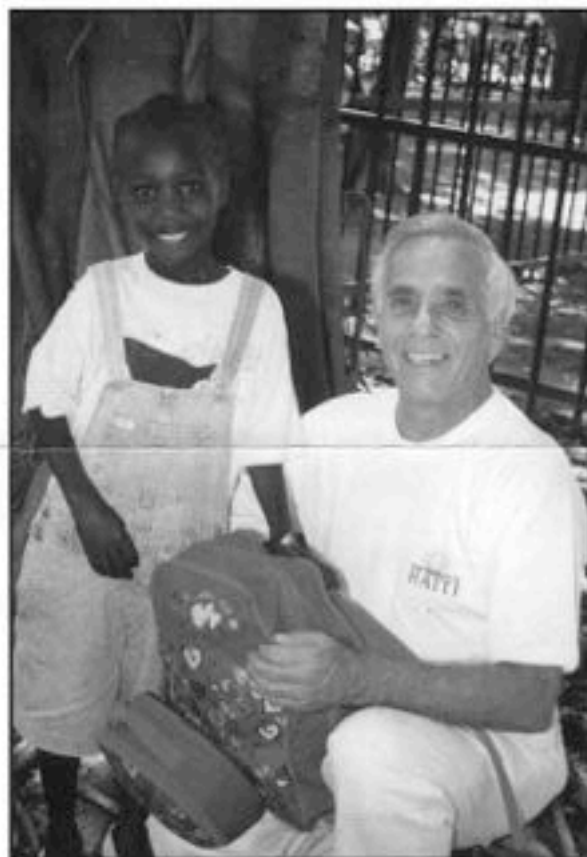


# Giving to Our Sponsored Children

I sponsored the first child in Haiti, Manite St. Fort, when she was in the first grade. Today, she is a grown young woman. I no longer sponsor her, but when I see her, I help her. I also sponsored Frandy Saint Val, and helped him get through four years of high school. Now I sponsor Alberto Hermandes who is in our school in Sosua, Dominican Republic. I am writing this newsletter from the Dominican Republic. School is out because of Easter vacation. When school opens, I'll see Alberto. I have some gifts for him. For me, sponsoring a child is a great experience. The little I give goes so far in changing the life of a child. Whenever people come as short-term missionaries either to Haiti or the Dominican Republic, we encourage them to bring gifts for their sponsored children.

The children of our mission schools are blessed. They receive gifts throughout the year. They are given school supplies, clothes, household articles, toys and food. This giving is ongoing throughout the year. At Christmas, every child received a gift and also a special Christmas dinner.

At one time, we gave birthday gift money sent to us by the sponsors. Due to the unsettled political climate in the country, this is now dangerous. One of our pastors who went to the city of Port-au-Prince to get gift money was robbed at gunpoint. We don't want to lock the barn door after the horse is out. Before one of our Haitian workers or a missionary is hurt, we want to act responsibly.



*Pastor George giving a school child her gift.*



*Short-term missionaries preparing gifts for our school children.*

All gift money we receive is used to purchase gifts for all of our children. We encourage you to give. This money is used for your child, it will bless the unsponsored children, those who never hear from their sponsor and it strengthens New Missions.

It is our desire to have the best schools in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. We strive to have the best facilities. We are here to see that your child receives a good education and is well cared for.

# Fuller Than Full

Christian service is where God wants to lead every believer. "I came not to be ministered unto but to minister," Jesus said. And Christ is the model for our lives. Jesus quoted Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4:18 "I am anointed to...." Everything He said that followed was service. The anointing is for service. Acts 1:8 is a verse so loved and often quoted, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me...to the ends of the earth."

We find our fulfillment in God's presence. My life is full when I'm full of His presence. He is everything to us and spiritually speaking, all we'll ever need. With God's presence, I am fully complete - out fishing or on the golf course. I have often said, I don't have to do anything - except what He asks me to do. However, God doesn't lead us into indolence, selfish living

or carelessness. God has a work for each of us.

Obedience in service makes us fuller than full. We are full in Christ, yet when we allow Him to use us we are full by His presence, and then full because we labor for Him. There is deep fulfillment in being used of God. What a difference. Huge.

There is more than enough ministry for every believer to be occupied. And the myriad of ministries provides opportunity for every gift to find expression. I know of one church that has over 150 ministries functioning that people can involve themselves in, such as prison, elderly, youth, children, unwed mothers, addictions, motorcycle clubs - even a ministry group for those investing in equities.

Danger. The danger of not being involved in Christian service is drying up spiritually. As we give

we receive. When we do not give we are in danger of drying up - a plum can quickly become a prune. The healthy Christian is the one involved.

Some people never feel adequate for Christian service. We are all human - and prone to human weakness. Some want to sit and be ministered to, then someday when they are built up sufficiently, then they will do something for God. In fact, the day we come to faith in Jesus we should begin to be involved. Don't waste years feeling inadequate. God wants to use you now. And of course, we continue to grow and learn and commit; that is a life-long process. As God works through us, He works in us. I have found that the best place for personal growth is in the work of God. Satisfied are we when we are fuller than full.

Jeanne and I are still learning to take time to listen to God. He wants to give direction in every area of our lives. When we listen and follow Him we have the joy that His presence brings. We are pilgrims on a journey, always learning, yet ever going on. We are grateful for your part in our lives.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis

*P. S. This newsletter provides only a glimpse of what God is doing at New Missions. Jeanne and I wish you personally could be with us.*



# New Missions

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Dear Friends of New Missions,

June 2000

## Give Me This Mountain

"We feel like Caleb," they said. Charles and Anna DiPietro, the father and mother of my wife Jeanne went with us on our recent trip to the Dominican Republic. We were there for 30 days. During that time we registered 32 children for a new upcoming class at our school in Redemption Village. The school is called "Noah's Ark." We also finalized plans for our crusade in July when 50 people will be coming to the Dominican Republic. While we were there we made many new friends and enjoyed sharing God's Word on several occasions. Charles and Anna blessed the people by sharing their lives with them. They were great missionaries.

One couple we met, Dr. Bob and Jana, have a retreat center on the top of a mountain. The road up the mountain is rutted and steep. On the mountain we preached to a youth group. Charles is eighty-two years old and Anna 80. Going up the mountain they exclaimed, "Like Caleb, you are never too old to be used of the Lord."



*Alberto's brother needs a sponsor. This is a picture of our sponsored child, Alberto with his mother, brothers and sister. Alberto is the third child on the front. His little brother, Carlos, was registered for kindergarten but does not yet have a sponsor.*



*Charles and Anna DiPietro with the two children they sponsor in the Dominican Republic, Rosna and Watson.*



# Help Comes From Many Places

Help comes from many places and in many ways. We had a Christian singing group "Downpour" come and visit New Missions May 8th - 11th. Stephen Busch and Brannon Hancock met while in college in Nashville, Tennessee. Both of them had separate music ministries, now God has them singing together, bringing the message of God's redemption through Jesus Christ to the youth of America.

When they visited Haiti they said, "We will never be the same again." While at New Missions the band sponsored a child and then said wherever they go to sing they want to "Speak Out" for the children of Haiti by encouraging others to sponsor a child. The leadership of New Missions will be praying for Stephen and Brannon that God will bless and use them for His glory.



*Jon Sparks, (Downpour's manager), Brannon Hancock and Stephen Busch.*



Mark Goff also came to Haiti with the band Downpour in May. He is a highly talented musician, but now spends most of his time coaching musicians to help make them better vocalists. His experience helps Christian musicians better proclaim the message of Jesus through music.

For me it is joyful to see the diverse talents that God has in the Kingdom and how each of them are able to make a contribution in the work of the ministry.

Mark has helped train many of the well-known Christian and mainstream singers in America. God gives different gifts and uses us all for his glory.



*Downpour's music is the vehicle to carry their message that only the love of God will truly fill the emptiness in people's lives. Brannon sums it up this way: "We try to do our part to build Christ's kingdom and make a difference in people's lives."*



*Mark Goff enjoyed visiting our school students in Haiti.*



# God Is There, All-Powerful and For You

Does God exist? Some people say, "No." Others say, "I don't know" - then there are those who say, "I know."

I can say with the psalmist, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork." (Psalm 19:1). When I look at nature I see God. The universe with its vast spans, the stars, sun and moon speak and say, someone created us. To say that these come into being just by chance is ludicrous. Then too the complexity of the universe tells us that the creator has intelligence. The size of the earth, the tilt of its axis, its daily rotation and its revolving around the sun all make life possible on this planet. Just a small change, a little closer to the sun or a little further from it and the consequences would be burn or freeze. Creation was not by chance, but by plan.

Within every human there is an awareness of God. We are all made with a sense of a supreme being within us and an awareness of what is right and wrong. To say there is no God - you have already expressed the idea of God and have admitted that He is in your consciousness. Then to deny Him, deny what you

have already admitted, is not logical. The Psalmist said, "The fool (crazy man) has said in his heart there is no God."

For me when I received Jesus as my Savior the Holy Spirit came into my life. I feel His presence. I know that God exists. Someone once said, "Believe and you will know." It is a great comfort to know that God is there, we are not alone in this vast universe.

How powerful is God? Can God do some things or can He do all things. The Jews, after the holocaust struggled with this question. They asked, did God see what was taking place when six million Jews were put to death and many millions more were persecuted by having their homes, jobs and personal possessions taken from them. And if God saw, then why didn't He do something. Some Jews have come to the conclusion that God didn't do something to stop it because He was unable to - He lacked the power. Where do we go to see the power of God - in Moses parting the waters of the Red Sea, or Jesus stilling the storm on the Sea of Galilee? Yes we see God's power in these, but only in a measure. The full power of

God is demonstrated at the cross where Jesus died. In the natural the scene at the cross was one of weakness. Here was a man stripped naked, beaten and nailed to a tree. It was a humiliating scene - a horrible scene. Yet, it was there that God demonstrated His power.

The cross is the only means of salvation. It is the power of God unto salvation for everyone. (Romans 1:16). The cross tells us that God is all-powerful.

Some people have said that God created the universe and then went off on a vacation, like someone who made a watch, got it ticking and left it on its own. If this were true, then our relation to God is like with a dead man. Does God care? Does He answer when we call upon Him. I love the story in the Bible of the woman with the issue of blood. She tried everything to find healing, but to no avail. When Jesus passed by she said, "if only I can touch His garment I'll be healed." She touched and went home well. God cared for her. How do we know God cares? The cross tells us that God is for us. He gave His Son to die for us. At the cross He says I love you, I will save you and be your God forever.

Haiti - the land that hurts. Many have come to Haiti and have wanted to be its Savior. That's impossible. There is only one Savior - Jesus. The country ultimately will be changed by God.

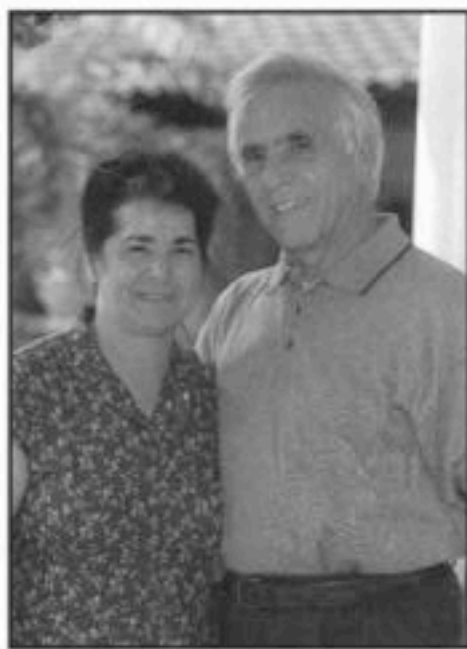
We at New Missions have seen spectacular change in the lives of the children and youth in our mission. Yet, on the larger scale, Haiti is worse than ever. Poor politics result in poor economics. We pray that someday our students will be in places of influence to change the country of Haiti. The Haitians often say, "only God can change this country." True, but God works through people. There is hope. There is always hope, because there is God. Our heart hurts for this country. Please keep praying with us.

Love,

*George and Jeanne*

George and Jeanne DeTellis

*P. S. Be part of an evangelistic crusade July 8th - 15th. Come to the Dominican Republic. We have room for four more people. We will stay at the Casa Marina Beach Hotel. The cost for the hotel, all meals and in-country travel is \$490. Please call Richard at New Missions 407-240-4058.*



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July 2000

## Tall and Stately

A coconut tree fell and killed her husband, leaving her with seven children. In Haiti, there is no help to be received from the government, no welfare, no employment compensation. Each family is forced to take care of themselves. Antoinette Isme was a young woman of 38; she could have been emotionally crushed and physically defeated.

Speaking at a women's meeting, she said, "When my husband died, another Man came into my life. I cried out to God and Jesus became the new Man in my home." Antoinette's faithfulness has paid off. She has seven children, two living in France and five daughters still living with her, who have blossomed into young women.

From the first day the mission came to Haiti, the girls were in church and have attended our school system. Antoinise is a nurse helping save lives and heal others at a mission clinic. Julene, a graduate of our business school, works with our visiting groups and will begin teaching English in our college and at our high school. Yvan helps provide children with a much needed education at our elementary school. Magary is a third-year student in our Bible School and is responsible for our Mission Training Center kitchen. Myrtha, the youngest, is going into her 7th year of high school.

Antoinette tells women she speaks to, "I have no problems. Jesus, the new Man in my house takes care of me." Antoinette has done an excellent job in raising her children. For this reason, and her passion for Christ, all the women in the village of Nepley know her well and respect her for all she has accomplished.



*Antoinette Isme from the village of Nepley, Haiti.*



*Ann Schrock, RN, in Haiti.*

## New Nurse at New Missions

Ann Schrock grew up in Garden City, Missouri with a heart's desire to one day serve God and work with those less fortunate in the world. Now after receiving a B.S.N. in nursing and with several years of nursing experience, she has come to be with us at New Missions, Haiti.

Ann is a Mennonite from a great church, Cornerstone Church and Ministries located in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Ann says, "I love having God as my Boss." When Ann was a young child, doctors found a hole in her heart and she could have died. "I believe God had me live for a purpose. Now I want to be His feet and His hands. I want to serve Him." New Missions is thankful to have Ann on our team.



# Elementary Graduation 2000

These are anxious days for many of our students here in Haiti. On June 15th and 16th, 211 of our elementary students took their state exams to enter high school. Here in Haiti, as well as many European schools, graduates of elementary school are required to take national exams. We are still waiting the results, and hope that our students have done well. We are proud of our school, but there is still room for improvement. I, for one, am determined to have the best schools possible.

We have a great staff of teachers, directors and administrators. Everyone is working together to educate a new generation of Haitians. It is true: The best way to get out of poverty is to get an education.

The top three students in elementary school were honored on June 9th and given gifts of money for their great efforts. During graduation, church music groups sang, the students gave speeches, and diplomas were awarded. To celebrate, a meal was shared after the ceremony; everyone ate 'vant plen' (full stomach!) and each student received a graduation gift.



*Happy graduates.*



*Graduates ready for banquet.*



*Junior choir from Bordmer Church singing at graduation ceremony.*



## First Place Among All Elementary Students

Ghierry was born March 5, 1983, in Concrab. New Missions opened a church and school in his village in 1985 and Ghierry started school in preschool in 1987. His life is not easy. Ghierry lives with his father, mother, three brothers, and five sisters in a two-room, grass-roofed mud hut with a dirt floor. Some of his siblings are obligated to sleep with neighbors because of the size of their housing. Both of Ghierry's parents work in other people's gardens cutting and bundling sugarcane. Ghierry loves to play soccer and his future aspirations are to teach high school students. Ghierry knows Jesus as his Savior. We believe he'll reach his goal!

Ghierry is sponsored by Richard Landry from Twin Orchards Baptist Church in Binghamton, New York.

## Second Place Among All Elementary Students

Nadia was born March 1, 1984, in TiRiviere. She lives with her father, mother, six brothers, and four sisters in a two-room, grass roofed mud hut with a dirt floor. Very similar to Ghierry, Nadia started in our program very young, as a preschooler. Nadia's father owns a boat and helps to support the family by fishing. Nadia hopes to become a nurse, she is very faithful in church, and loves to help her mom cook!

Nadia is sponsored by Kendall & Kristina Kasper from Newport Mesa Christian Center in California.



## Third Place Among All Elementary Students

Nenelle was born September 6, 1986, in Flonc. Her father died and she lives with her mother, two brothers and six sisters. Their housing is a cement block structure with four rooms. An aunt helps the family as the mother does not have work. Nenelle has been with us since Kindergarten. She loves school as well as helping her mother with housework. Nenelle too, says she would like to be a nurse when she grows up!

Nenelle is sponsored by Patricia Dreifus from Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.



# The Lamplighter

Regardless of how old, educated or sophisticated we may become, we are always amazed at the rotation of the earth. We know that the earth revolving around the sun with its accompanying tilt of axis gives us our seasons. But the daily rotation of the earth itself gives us our days and nights. Sunset and sunrise has always evoked strong feelings among all people.

In the Scriptures God used the concept of light and dark to speak of the spiritual world. God is shown to be pure light and Satan total darkness. Our life is like a lamp and when we come into the world there is no light in the lamp. This condition is the consequences of the Fall. Adam and Eve disobeyed and the whole of mankind fell into darkness. We needed a light giver; God provided that in Jesus Christ. "In Him was life and the life was the light of all men." John 1:4. Jesus is the light of the world. He came, lived, died and rose again to give us light. When I was a boy, living in Boston, each evening a man came carrying a ladder and lit every gas light in our neighborhood.

He was a lamp lighter. Jesus is the spiritual lamplighter. When we place faith in Him, He comes and lights the lamp of our life.

Let the light shine! What do we do with our light? Jesus said, now, His disciples are the light of the world. Do we out of fear or shame put the light under the bed or under a bushel? We are to be like a light on a hill or at the least we put our light on a lamp stand. I knew of two women who weekly went to visit inmates in a prison. "What can you do," someone asked, "why do you go there?" Their answer, "We go to let our light shine."

Many people have no faith in God. Where is God, they ask. I don't see Him. True, with our natural eyes, we do not see God. That is why the believer is so important. When our light is shining bright people can see it. The glory of God can shine in our countenance and most important is seen in our conduct. When we treat people fairly, with respect and kindness, we are showing God's love. The only time most people will see God is when they see Him in our lives.

Spread the light. The Puerto Plata area of the Dominican Republic is full of darkness. Thousands of Europeans are moving into the area, and for the most part, they want nothing to do with church. God is far removed from their lives. God, I believe, will bring many of them to faith. New Missions, shortly, will start a spiritual ministry among both the Dominicans and the Europeans. I don't want to speak out of turn. As God leads us and these ministries materialize we will keep you informed. I do know that God has the Dominican people on His heart.

A good verse is given in Acts 13:47 "For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

We do not curse the darkness. It will only encroach itself back on us, darker than ever. We are called to dispel the darkness by dispensing the light of the truth of God in Jesus Christ.

I don't know of anything more fulfilling, gratifying, or exciting than to live for the Lord. My only regret is that I only have one life to live for Him. But than that is because of my limited perspective. The important thing is that we live life to the full. I can truly say my life is more than full. And we do not yet know of what awaits us, the work, the joys and the fulfillment of being with God forever. Labor on. We have a destiny to fulfill. Let us fill the earth with the knowledge of the Lord.

Love,

*George and Jeanne*

George and Jeanne DeTellis

*P. S. Missionaries needed. Pray for men and women called and sent by God to come and work with us both in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.*





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Dear Friends of New Missions,

August 2000

## The End of Wrestling



Chris Grayhill

"I have come to the end of wrestling with God." Chris Grayhill has been to Haiti twice and was with us for our first Youth Crusade in the Dominican Republic. He now wants to serve God on the mission field. Presently, he is working on a doctorate in bio-chemistry. He then plans to go to medical school with the intent of being a medical missionary. He said, "After being on this missionary trip, I am more comfortable and confident in what God has for my life." Chris comes from the Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church in Mifflintown, Pennsylvania and attends the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester.

## Dominican Crusade

Fifty people from Canada and the United States came for a one week crusade on July 8th. The group was made up of several pastors, youth pastors and young people. We had an intense week of sharing our faith in Jesus Christ. In the parks, beaches, churches and villages, we sang, testified and shared the message of Jesus Christ. Some Dominican pastors with members of their congregations worked with us. The Dominicans are a loving people and open to the Gospel.



DOMINICAN CRUSADE TEAM

# Dominican Republic Crusade Summer 2000

As always, the person who ministers receives more than those to who we minister. All of our lives were touched. The churches of America and Canada sent their young people. They went home with experiences that have changed their lives forever. Now they will be stronger, better and more able to speak for Christ in their cities and towns where they come from.

*A strong Christian witness was given at the public beach in Cabarete. The north coast is a resort area, many of the tourists come from Europe. Most of them are German. As we ministered they looked on, almost to say, "What is happening?" The Spirit of the Lord that emanated from our mission team spoke strong to them. Pastor Tom Ciccarella from Fortress Bible Church, Mount Vernon, New York was a special blessing. He preached on several occasions and directed the music and worship for the crusade.*



*Cesar Garcia, my son-in-law, born in Nicaragua and from Christ the Rock Community Church in Cooper City, Florida, came to direct the crusade and be our translator. We thank God for him. He did a fabulous job.*



*Terry Barlow, Pastor Arnold Davis and Mary Figueroa pray as a man receives Jesus as Savior.*



*Meetings were held in a park in the Batey, Sosua, just at the entrance to the public beach.*

*"George and Jeanne, Words cannot say how much you both have blessed my life and my family. On behalf of Debbie and I we give you thanks. We will love you guys always."  
Pastor Arnold and Debbie Davis  
Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, Georgia.*

*"I was blessed this week being the pioneers in the Dominican Republic. I had no idea what to expect. God gave boldness and courage to everyone on the team. It was amazing to go to a public place like the beach or park and witness how Jesus has changed our lives. This week has given me the desire to continue my missions experience. I am considering becoming a full time missionary."*

**Kurt Letner, Cedar Grove Brethren Church in Christ, Pennsylvania.**



*Monday and Tuesday of the week, a clinic, Vacation Bible School and open air meetings were held in the village of Redemption. This village is mostly Haitian. The Haitians hung on to every word as we sang or spoke. All of them kept saying, "yes" to the message of God's redeeming love.*



*Pastor Adrian Thomas*



*Pastor Edward Palmer from Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, preaching in a Haitian village.*



*Pastor Adrian Thomas from Toronto with Pastor Palmer sharing Jesus at the Sosua Beach.*

*"One of my highlights of my time on the crusade came when Pastor George on Friday night gave a strong word. I prayed from my heart and asked God to use me in a life-long ministry. I prayed, 'Father I want to sacrifice my life to serve you.'*

**Justin Galotti  
Faith Bible Church, Mohegan Lake, New York.**

# A Power - Baptized

There are numerous ways that power is expressed. We are all well familiar with political power. Knowledge has always been important, now in this communication age it is paramount. Economics is a fierce power. It affects all of us. Military might was dominant for centuries. Now individuals, families even nations can be controlled by economics, and it has surpassed military might in its importance in the 21st century. Religion throughout history was powerful in controlling people and nations. Most of Europe is still reacting to the pervasive control of the church over the lives of people. Sex can be an awesome force. It is used every day by the media, to influence and persuade people to a desired action. Some people use the power of sex for personal gain. Sex should never be a weapon in a marriage, yet we often hear, "I'll not give you sex unless..."

Power has the propensity to intoxicate. An intoxicated person cannot walk straight. For years when a policeman suspected a person of being drunk he would draw a chalk line on the pavement and then ask the driver to walk the line. Of course the intoxicated person couldn't walk straight. Some people allow their

power to go to their head. They become infatuated with themselves and end up with inflated opinions about themselves. They become drunk with their self-importance, success or ability. That person has the potential of being harmful. Tyrants aren't born – they are made. Corrupted power destroys. Godly power produces good.

Of course power in and of itself is not an evil. Many people have used their power to help and serve others. Ultimately, all power rests with God. He does not lack in any ability. "Power belongs to God. Psalm 62:11" Starting with creation, leading to the giving of His Son as the Savior of the world, on down to the end of the ages when a new heaven and a new earth God shows His power and uses it for our good.

**God alone has power to save.** Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to go to heaven." The apostle asked, "Who then can be saved." Jesus's response was, "with man this is impossible but with God all things are possible." Man cannot save himself. God is the Savior of the world.

**God alone has the power to keep us.** There are a lot of self-help books. They're fun to read. But

human nature does not get better. We have this treasure in an earthen vessel. We have a nature which naturally would bring us all down to spiritual destruction. The believer has a good understanding of who he is and ever relies on the Lord to keep him.

**God alone has the power to help.** He loves to help. The Lord is concerned with every area of our lives – our health, our social life, finances. I don't care what it is, God knows, cares and works His power to help.

**God alone has the power to build a church.** It is not done by our cunningness, good preaching or organization skills. Yet certainly, God can use these. Paul knew the secret to church growth. One man plants, another waters but God gives the increase. Ours is to be obedient. Then God works His power through us. When we are in God – from out of the woods they will come – God will build His church.

All of us have some measure of power. Let us submit what we have to our Lord. He will take it, as it were, baptize it and use it for His glory.

Whenever God asks you to do something for him you must be willing to suffer and to die. Self-sacrifice is inherent in the call of God. Jesus said, "except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it will abide alone, but if it dies it will bring much fruit." Since responding to serve the Lord at a young age, I feel that I have died a thousand times. And, yes God is again speaking – George, one more time. I'm calling you to give your life. My answer is "yes." I also feel this could be my finest hour. To serve the Lord is our desire.

Love,

George and Jeanne

*P.S. The Bible College in the Dominican Republic is coming together. We expect school to open in September. The International church needs your prayers.*





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## BACK TO SCHOOL



Children are being helped. This year we will have 5,069 children in school in Haiti and 502 in the Dominican Republic. The people of both of these countries continue to cry out, "We need you. Help us." New Missions is helping more people each year and it is our joy to see God at work.



Julienne Decayette, from the village of Lasalle in Haiti. Julienne is four years old and is sponsored by Julie Glynn and Amber Yoder from the First United Methodist Church in St. Cloud, Florida.



Emmanuel Fuente, from the village of Redemption in the Dominican Republic. Emmanuel is five years old and does not have a sponsor.



Laura Santana, from the village of Santa Domingo in the Dominican Republic. Laura is 11 years old and is sponsored by Terry and Debbie Franklin from the River of Life Church of God in Morton, Mississippi.



John Laurent, from the village of Leogane in Haiti. John is 12 years old and is sponsored by Antonio Silva from the Brampton Pentecostal Church in Brampton, Ontario.



Nachka Estinfort, from the village of Neply in Haiti. Nachka is three years old and is sponsored by the youth group of The Living Waters Bible Study in Bradford, Vermont.



# It's A Miracle

New Missions will have a Bible College in the Dominican Republic; it is the same name as our school in Haiti, Royal Caribbean Institute. The school will open September 4<sup>th</sup>. For school to open this year, required a lot of prayer and a lot of work.

The Dominican pastors are great men. They pastor vibrant churches, which I believe are the 'salt' of the Dominican Republic. However, the education level of these pastors is low; some of them have not graduated from high school. They have gotten together for seminars to improve their understanding of the Bible.

We needed a place for the school to meet and teachers for the first five courses. We scoured the area from Puerto Plata to beyond Cabarete looking for a place to rent. We talked with a pastor from Temple Biblical which has an elementary school. After meeting with the church committee, they welcomed us to use their facilities.

Then we needed

teachers. One of the men on the church committee is a lawyer and had been a high school English teacher, he agreed to teach English. Another man on the committee is an accountant, he'll teach a course in Accounting. We still needed a New Testament teacher, and someone to teach Theology and Church History. We prayed. Then we learned of a Christian University in Santiago about an hour and a half drive away from us in Sosua. We went to the school, met the Director, met teachers, and signed up

three capable, mature, experienced, and spiritual men who will teach in our school. One of the men is the head of the theology department and another is a medical doctor and pastor as well.

Yes, God has a plan. Yet, when He uses us we need to put forth every effort to bring about God's will. Serving God is hard work.

Now we needed students. I met with a few pastors and told them of my desire. They called for a larger meeting of pastors and 17 showed up. We

talked and planned for hours and we formed a committee and appointed a chairman. We needed more time and planned another meeting. At the meeting my wife was counting how many pastors were present and when she reached 35, she stopped counting. We told them we wanted to open school with a freshman class of 40. They said there will be many more than 40 who will want to attend. It is our plan, every year, to add a class until we have full four-year college.



*A group of Dominican Pastors who came for a planning session to begin the Bible College.*



# International Church Being Planted

There are 10,000 foreigners living on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic. They are from Europe, Canada and the United States and most of them speak English. There is not a single church for them. God helping us, we plan to start a church for them. I believe that God already knows who among them will be saved.

For days, Jeanne and I looked everywhere for a piece of land for the church and Bible College. One day we wanted to drive by an English school, thinking of our grandchildren. The road is off the highway going along the coast. As we turned onto the street there were signs, "For Sale." We drove through the area - new houses were being built everywhere. We drove by and looked at the school and then back to the land for sale. The land is a corner lot, two acres, and the price is \$80,000. We called the number on the 'for sale' sign. The wife was home but not the husband.

It was our last day in the D.R. before going back to Haiti. That evening, after preaching



*17 people gathered for a home meeting.  
Some of them want to be part of the International Church.*

in a church service, we went to a quaint Italian restaurant, "Il Mulino" for a pizza. When we got there I called the land owner again. "Oh," he said, "I'm just around the corner from where you are." "Can you come?" I asked. In five minutes he (Arnold) was sitting at the table with us. We talked about the land, but mostly we talked about the Lord. Arnold is from Austria and has had several business ventures in the Dominican Republic.

Arnold's faith in God had been shattered. His father died at a young age from abusive alcohol.

His grandfather was a good man whom Arnold loved. He saw his grandfather die a slow painful death. "If there is a God, why is there sickness and suffering in the world?" Arnold asked.

I didn't want to be preachy with him. I knew it would only turn him off. I told him that there are many things in this life that we do not fully understand. But, our lack of understanding should not keep us from faith in God. We talked about the institutional church-he was turned off by the church. I encouraged him to have a personal relationship

with God through Jesus. We talked until the restaurant closed, and I know Arnold is hungry for the Lord. "When I come back," I said, "I want you to walk over the land with me, and we'll talk more."

I hope to make a friend of Arnold. He also assured me that he would not sell the land and that I had the first opportunity to purchase it. Please help! All contributions for a copy of my book, "A Leaf in the Wind" will be used to help purchase this land. Pray hard. God works miracles.



# Peace, Peace - Double Peace

When a word is spoken twice, it is received as a double announcement. Isaiah 57:19 says, "... *Peace, peace* to him who is far and to him who is near," says the Lord, "and I will heal him." The "*peace, peace*" is a promise of double peace for us.

Our first experience with peace is when we become right with God. We realize that we are sinners, that we are in need of a Savior, and we come to Christ. He then fills our life with peace. I found a promise in the Word that I not only can have peace, but I can have doubled peace.

We all like double's. Mother's love to give birth to twins. Shoppers like a special that says, "Buy one and get the second one free." When you crack a large egg and find two yolks, aren't you happy? A double scoop of ice cream - is it not better than one?

We have a young girl in Neply, Haiti, and her nickname is Double. She isn't a twin and I asked her family why she had the nickname Double. She is called Double because she loves to eat and is always happier to get the second plate of food.

I first came across this double blessing of peace on July 19<sup>th</sup> reading a morning devotional to my

daughter, Mary, in the Dominican Republic. The grandchildren were eating their morning breakfast cheerios and I had the quick thought to have a devotional with my daughter. I never had read the Word in Isaiah 57:19 as coming across as a double gift of peace. I wanted this double peace in my life and for my daughter's life. We enjoyed our devotional.

Within a few hours, we were on our way to the airport and stopped by a community in Monte Llano and on to a Hotel Plaza. There at the plaza, Mary's husband, Cesar, was offered a job managing restaurants. Needless to say, Mary's life had a quick turn of events and I had to remind her of the unplanned devotional that God had a gift of double peace for her life.

Now today, Mary has said that she always wanted to be near to her parents, especially as we grow older, but she never thought she would have to move out of Miami to be near us. Her husband left for the Dominican Republic on August 16<sup>th</sup> and Mary will follow as soon as she sells or rents their home.

On a Sunday morning in Haiti, I shared this message at a special youth service in our church in Leogane. One of the cultural beliefs

in Haiti, and in most third world countries, is the belief of 'the limited good.' Poor people believe that if one person does not have something and another person has two of that thing, that the reason the one has not is because the one has two. I challenged them to know that in Christ there is never a lack but an abundance. They can have peace, peace - double peace. There is more than enough in God.

Now I needed the message of 'double peace' in my own life. We had been working throughout the summer months in both Haiti and the Dominican Republic. I thought ten days in advance was enough time to make our airline reservation. Our office in Orlando told us there was an airline crisis and there were no flights available. They were sending us a ticket to fly to Panama, overnight it, and then off to Miami, and it would be very expensive. I had to surrender. "God, I need 'double peace.'" Three days later an email appeared saying our travel agent had gotten us a reservation from Haiti to Miami!

*Article written by Jeanne DeTellis.*

These are different days for Jeanne and me. We love Haiti, and now we are developing a love for the Dominican people. And of course we have always loved ministering in the United States. Vision runs high. We have dreams to fulfill.

You are always in our prayers. We wish that we could spend personal quality time with each of you.

Love,

*George and Jeanne*

George and Jeanne

*P.S. Jeanne and I have been invited to go to Italy to preach for three weeks, beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be preaching in Bari and the surrounding towns. The town that my mother and father came from, Terlizzi, has a church. They are waiting for us. I will feel like a son come home. Please pray for us.*





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## Housing For Widow Project Completed



*Madam Emmanuel*

Life is full of joy. Building homes for two widows was an extra special joy. Madam Emmanuel's husband was the pastor of the Signeau church.

One night after a prayer meeting, he drove someone home on his bicycle. After dropping off his parishioner, he was struck by a car on the highway. A neighboring pastor of New Missions came to get me and I went to the hospital to be with Pastor Emmanuel. That night he died and his wife was left with

six boys under the age of 10. She became destitute. Over the years we continued to help Madam Emmanuel, she managed to rent a piece of land and build a two-room home. Recently, New Missions bought the land for her, put in a third room with a front porch, a new roof, doors and applied a finishing coat of cement inside and out. This month a visiting team painted the house.



*Madam Hercule's new home.*

Madam Hercule's husband died from complications of a disease. He was the director of our school in TiRiviere. The students loved him and he led many of them to the Lord. Madam Hercule was left with nothing, and she had a baby and a toddler to care for. We helped her on many occasions, but for a few years were out of touch. I had one of my pastors find her. She was sharing a room that was rented with another family. She came to our mission office and there I announced to her that we would build a home for her. Madam Hercule broke down and cried. She lifted her hands toward heaven and thanked God for this great offer of relief. We began working the first week in January and her home was completed this summer. It is beautiful and she is the envy of all her friends and neighbors. It has been a special joy to care for these widows and lift them up by providing them with good housing.



*Madam Emmanuel's new home.*



*Madam Hercule*

# How Many Times?



*Marie Carmel Fatal*

Marie Carmel Fatal was the top of her class when she completed her sixth year of high school in 1995. However, when she took the state exam to do her seventh year, (called Philo) she did not pass. We were all shocked. Every year since 1995, Marie Carmel has faithfully prepared and tested again. Some years she has had the opportunity to test twice, each time she must pay the state fee. After taking the test twice this year, Marie Carmel Fatal has passed and she will begin the final year of high school. We are very proud of her! She is our mission bookkeeper and many of you have met her during your visit to New Missions in Haiti. She is shy but strong and courageous to try again and again to win!

Louise Martha Joseph has been testing with the state since 1995 to enter Philo. Finally, this year, not giving up, she passed! She is a special young woman for our two grandchildren, Nathan and Jermie DeTellis, who have Miss Joseph as an assistant teacher at their one-room schoolhouse on the oceanfront. Miss Joseph speaks English and also works with our visitors. She is a well-respected Christian with many friends.



*Louise Martha Joseph*

## **SUCCESS KEEPS COMING...**

Julene Isme has been a friend to many of our visitors, translating in village evangelism or medical clinics. She has been promoted to teach English at our High School and also at our Bible College. Julene is a gifted young woman, dedicated to God's service and another valuable worker at New Missions.



*Julene Isme*

Wesly Petit-Homme is another example of a fine young man who has struggled and sacrificed to get the best education to help himself and to be used of God. He is the Pastor and Director of the Bordmer church and school. Wesly's wife, Antoinise is a nurse, and his little girl, Weslannda is in our preschool in Neply. Wesly is blessed of God in that he also passed the state exam this year and will enter Philo. He is a man going for the spirit of excellence to do a good work in his community to see Haiti blessed.



*Wesly Petit-Homme*



# Getting Ready For Christmas

In Haiti, we cannot take things for granted. Life doesn't move on the internet or have overnight deliveries for Christmas presents for our 5000 students. In fact, we made a trip to the factory on August 9th, thinking we were early. To our surprise the factory was closing that day until September 20th. Our purchase orders were written and more than 1000 gifts picked up on August 9th. Giving a gift to each child, sponsored or not sponsored, is a way of telling each one how important they are and we want them to be happy and blessed. For us, buying gifts in the country of Haiti has been the best way to help encourage the local economy.

Sponsors coming to Haiti are always welcome to bring gifts with them to give to their children and their friends sponsored children. We cannot receive packages mailed to Haiti or packages mailed to our office in Orlando. Buying in Haiti



*Jeanne DeTellis, Marie Carmel Fatal and Rachel DeTellis with Christmas presents for our students.*



*Students in Haiti receiving presents.*

is the best decision, unless you can come or someone you know can carry a gift for you.

We remember our first Christmas in Haiti... The Haitian people told us that they would celebrate Christmas. We waited to see the sign that the holiday was coming, we never saw a light, we never saw a present. We never saw anything different; in fact, the people were doing the same work, just as days before. Now, in Haiti, the children begin to sing Christmas songs early in the season. They begin to talk about the Church Christmas dinners and what they will eat.

Last year we provided a Christmas dinner for each church to have with their people to celebrate the birth of our Savior. We tell the children they will get a present and have a special Christmas dinner. We know Jesus loves them and we want to thank you for your faithful love to the children of Haiti.

# The Beginning Of Wisdom

The wise man gets the guidelines for his life from the Lord. Human reasoning is not always reliable. All of us at some time have tried to justify some action, only to find out it doesn't work. I have found that my life needs to come under some guidance. The only true guidance is the Word of God, it is the authority over our lives. I have tried to speak clearly and simply regarding the Scriptures. I have said, God has spoken, what He has said has been written in a book, and that book has authority over my life.

*The wise man builds his house upon the rock.*

*The foolish man builds his house upon the sand.*

*If we build our lives on the Lord, it will stand forever.*

*Psalms 111:10  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*

Many people both young and old say they want their freedom. Often, people do not come to the Lord to receive forgiveness and new life because they are afraid that constraints will be placed upon

them. They want Jesus as Savior but not as Lord, and this is a misconception of freedom. The truly free man is the one living in submission to the Lord. We are God's free men. We are free from sin, guilt and the fear of death. "He whom the Son sets free will be free indeed."

Freedom was illustrated to me many years ago by a train. So long as the train is on the tracks it is free. It can run, pull and do its work. But when it jumps the tracks, it ends in disaster. Some people will not acknowledge the Ten Commandments, afraid they will lose some freedom. I assure you, the Ten Commandments were given to show us what God expects of us and how to enjoy life to the fullest.

The scriptures teach us about God, it tells us of His power. He created the universe and is Lord over it. It tells us of His vast knowledge; He knows all things. Jesus said, "He has the hairs of our head numbered." The scriptures tell us that He is love and that His thoughts and desires for us are always good. God is merciful and kind. It also tells us that He is the One to whom we will one day give an account of our lives. The scriptures tell us that He is just, and places expectations

upon our lives.

As we come to know the character of God we begin to reverence Him. We respect Him, we love Him, and have a fear of Him. This fear helps us. We learn of the consequences of wrong doing in the scriptures. This keeps us on track. God keeps us on the path that is a life of joy, peace and fellowship with God.

Often I have said, "If you fear God you will not fear anyone or anything." The Lord is my Shepherd. His rod and staff protect me. I do not fear sickness nor death. They have no power over me. For within me dwells the Holy Spirit and I know I have eternal life.

There are two men in the Bible who clearly show wisdom and foolishness. These are the first two kings of Israel, Saul and David. God selected Saul to be king. In First Samuel, we read that Saul repeatedly disobeyed God and the tragic end that came to his life. We also read of David, a man who failed but always cried out to God. David found forgiveness and restoration. He is a strong example of a man who loved and feared God. Our life is lived before God. May we also make it a life lived for God.

We rejoice, we always rejoice! Some months ago I wrote to let you know that I had been diagnosed with prostate cancer. A blood test, a P.S.A. is used to measure the amount of cancer activity in the prostate gland. In October of last year my P.S.A. was 5.9. A recent test was 4.5, a measurable decrease. September 1st, I also had a bone scan done to see if there was any spread of the cancer. It came back negative. Jeanne and I are praising God for good health. We ever trumpet the goodness of God. We love receiving your letters. We pray for you.

Love,

*George and Jeanne*

George and Jeanne

*P. S. The International Church in the Dominican Republic is heavy on our hearts. Please pray with us.*





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## Speaking Out

Always, first and foremost, New Missions is preaching God's Word. We proclaim the saving grace that comes through Jesus Christ. He is the Savior of the world. It is our intent to make Jesus known whenever we can.

Our schools have been a powerful tool for bringing children and youth to a personal knowledge of Jesus. Presently in Haiti and the Dominican Republic New Missions has over 5,500 students in school.

New Missions is more than our team of missionaries and workers. It is the churches that support the mission. And it is the sponsors of our students. When you sponsor a child or support the mission you become part of New Missions. We need you. New Missions has grown, we thank God. But the number of schools and students only makes our need of

support greater. Without you our work could not continue, and certainly could not grow. Every year New Missions, by faith, takes in over 500 additional students. What a joy it is to our hearts to see these new students in school uniforms and in church. That means every year we need additional sponsors for hundreds of children. That is an impossible task for one person.

New Missions has enlisted the help of volunteer representatives. People, men and women who will reach out in their church and community to find sponsors for our children. Our representatives are doing a wonderful job. They work hard, with no compensation. It is a ministry they received from the Lord.

Every year in November we have a Bless the Children Sunday. We call it Miracle Sunday. This a day when our

representatives seek to do a presentation in their church and speak out for the children of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. This year Miracle Sunday is November 5th.

George and Jeanne have been on the mission field long enough to see children delivered. They were once hungry, had no means of getting an education, and in the grip of voodoo. These children have grown to be young adults who fill our churches, now teach in our schools and work in many administrative capacities. When people come to Haiti and see our work they say, "It's a miracle." That miracle begins by sponsoring a small child and being faithful to the child's support. Will you help? Become a volunteer representative of New Missions.

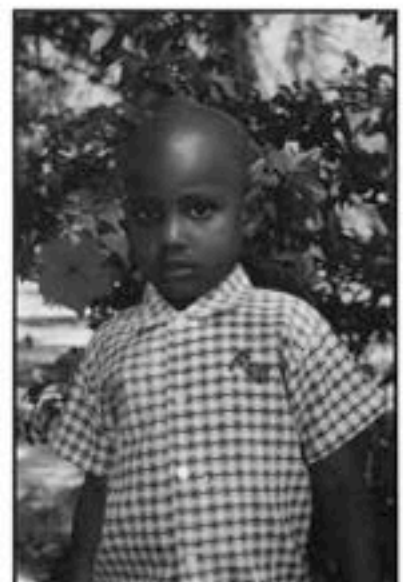
If you would like to become a representative, please call our office.



Marie Diona Jules is nine years old and does not have a sponsor. She is from the village of Mariani, Haiti.



Volunteer Representative Bonnie Dorman's Missions Display at Cornerstone in Harrisonburg, Virginia.



Nado Ciceron is four years old and does not have a sponsor. He is from the village of Biray, Haiti.



# Our Ministry to Italy - A Desire Fulfilled

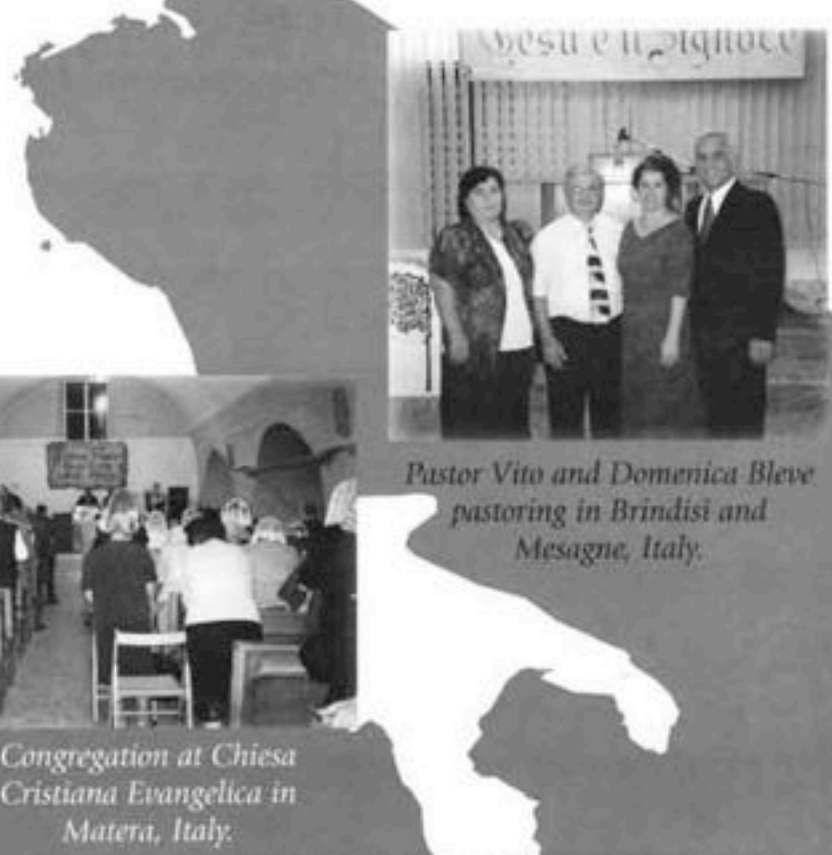
Jeanne and I traveled extensively from city to city in Southern Italy along the coast of the Adriatic Sea. On one trip we traveled for five hours by train from San Benedetto del Tronto to Brindisi. Southern Italy is one big farm of olive trees and grape vines.

I tease when I say the Italians tried to kill us - with their good food. Meals are served a la carte, with endless courses. We complained - but we loved it. We were working hard preaching every night, yet it seemed that God was saying take time - enjoy! We hope someday to bring a group to Italy to do evangelism.

We loved going to the open markets. I always bought a kilo of olives. They are sweet, without the brine and everywhere I ate olives and planted the seeds.



George and Jeanne in the town of Terlizzi where George's mother and father were born.



Pastor Vito and Domenica Bleva pastoring in Brindisi and Mesagne, Italy.



Congregation at Chiesa Cristiana Evangelica in Matera, Italy.



A congregation at Chiesa Cristiana Evangelica in Brindisi, Italy.



Emanuele Spezzacatena, a businessman, who traveled with us in Italy and interpreted.



Pastor & Mrs. Angelo Bleva with us in San Benedetto Del Tronto. Pastor Bleva pastors three churches. His wife, Adelide, interpreted for us.

We met a retired pastor in Tricase, (Lecce), Italy. During the second world war, he was a prisoner, held in South Boston, Massachusetts. The pastors from my wife's church, Christian Assembly in Boston, regularly visited the prisoners and shared the Gospel. Giuseppe received the Lord through their ministry, went back to Italy and shared his faith, became a pastor and built a church. When we were with him, he named the people who shared Christ with him when he was a prisoner. We personally know these people. Amazing.



Giuseppe Uragano with Jeanne



Pastor and high school teacher Eliseo Tambone from Terlizzi, Italy.



Pastor Lorenzo DeFano, formerly an orthodontist, now pastoring a church in Castrignano del Capo.

The Italians are not poor, but neither are they experiencing prosperity on the level in America. Sixty-five children were sponsored in Italy; for many people this is a personal sacrifice.



Joseph Loria from Emanuel Christian Center in Montreal Canada traveled with us for two weeks interpreting.



Children of Teresa Viterbo from Bari, sponsoring Alfredo Penalia from the village of Redemption, Dominican Republic.

During the three weeks that we were in Italy, we preached in a different church every night. Some of the congregations were small while others were of several hundred.

Anna Dragone from Bari sponsoring Petangue Rene from the village of Santo, Haiti.

# Brothers Fighting

When Abraham left Ur of the Chaldeans he was given a promise; you will have children and they will become a great nation.

After ten years in the land both Abraham and Sarah floundered. Children had not yet come as had been promised. Sarah spoke to Abraham and said, "take my servant Hagar as a wife, perhaps I can have children through her." From this union, Ishmael was born. Now Hagar felt she had something over Sarah; she thought Abraham would love her more than Sarah. Also when Isaac was finally born, Ishmael who was fourteen years older than Isaac scoffed at his half brother. Sarah said to Abraham, "cast out this bondwoman and her son; for he shall not be heir with my son. Genesis 21:10"

Ishmael and Isaac were half brothers. They had different mothers, but the same father. From these two boys two nations were formed. From Ishmael came the

Arab nations and from Isaac the Jewish people.

Islam is the religion of the Arab people. Both Islam and Judaism claim Abraham as the founder of their faith. The Koran, the holy writings of Islam claim that Ishmael and not Isaac was the child of promise. This is the foundational teaching of Islam and the main difference in the teaching of Islam and Judaism. The Old Testament teaches that Isaac was the child of promise and the one through whom Jesus would come.

These two brothers, Ishmael and Isaac, and the nations they represent have always been at enmity and will continue to be until the end of history. For me the very existence of the Arab people and the State of Israel speaks loud and clear concerning the truth of the Scriptures. God loves both of these nations and they both have their place and purpose in history. Always we pray that sensibility will

return between these brothers and that they will learn to live together in peace.

There are three things that are inseparable for the Jew; the book, the land and the people. The Torah, Palestine and the Jew are inseparable. God has an eternal purpose for the Jew, and that purpose will be worked out in the 'land.' "I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land. Ezekiel 37:21." When we see the American Jew return to Israel, know for certain that the coming of our Lord is at the threshold.

As Christians, it is not a matter of picking sides. We are against all violence, from wherever it comes. We are to see the greater picture. We see God at work bringing about the conditions for the end of the age and the return of Jesus to this world.

For many people Christmas is a lovely time. In Haiti, the only Christmas the children will have is what is provided by New Missions. We will provide a gift and a Christmas dinner for each of our school children. Your Christmas gift will make this possible.

Jeanne and I are in the Dominican Republic. Our goal here is to increase our elementary school enrollment, further develop our Bible College, plant an international church and plan for another group to come for a week and work with us. When God is at work, wondrous things take place. The international church, in the natural, is an impossibility. We know, nothing is too hard for the Lord. We need your prayers.

Love,

*George and Jeanne*  
George and Jeanne

*P. S. Our son Charlie with his wife Rachel and their children Nathan, Jeremie and Carita are faithfully serving God in Haiti. Please remember them in your prayers.*







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## Missionaries to Haiti

In March of 1998, Mark and April Buennagel spent a week at New Missions in Haiti. Now, they are returning as full time missionaries. They said, "We were impressed by the needs of the Haitian people and how God was using New Missions to minister to the Haitian people." Their initial commitment is for five years and their term of service will begin in January 2001.

Mark graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in history/education, and continued his education at Talbot Theological Seminary. He will be working as Administrator and Teacher at the Royal Caribbean Institute.

April has a B.S.N. from Biola University and is a licensed registered nurse in Colorado. She will be administrating the clinic at New Missions. Together, Mark and April will be involved in the development of Christian leadership at New Missions in Haiti. Mark and April will be a great help to our son Charlie and his wife Rachel, who together, currently direct the work in Haiti.



*Mark and April Buennagel*

## Making a Difference

Last month, New Missions had a team come and examine the eyes of 393 people at our clinic. Tony and Susan Korjagin of Grace Bible Fellowship in Concord, New Hampshire, led the team. Those who had vision problems were outfitted with eyeglasses. One of the students who received eyeglasses was James Decayette from the village of Neply. After we took his photograph we looked in our records and were surprised to learn that Michael DeTellis, the nine-year old son of George and Paula, is his sponsor. For me, this is a good example of the benefit of child sponsorship in a poor country.



*James Decayette with Ann Schrock, Missionary Nurse*



*Michael DeTellis,  
George & Jeanne's grandson*



# *Faithful In The Little*

*Jesus loves the little children,  
all the children of the world,  
they are equal in His sight.*



*Frantzdy Scutt  
Frantzdy is from the village  
of Guerrin, Haiti.  
He is four years old.*



*Bettie Badio  
Bettie is from the village  
of Brache, Haiti.  
She is nine years old.*



*Dominique Rosemonor  
Dominique is from  
the village of  
Buteau, Haiti.  
He is 10 years old.*

**N**ew Missions is very grateful for the children that attend school each day. In 1983, New Missions started with 161 students. This Christmas we want to feature a few students who are in need of sponsors.

Every child is important. It is not the many, but the one. It is not the thousands, but the individuals. We are reaching out to one child at a time to see God change a life, family, and village. If you do not sponsor a child, this is your opportunity.

*Rochelle Pierre*

*Rochelle is from  
the village of  
Brache, Haiti.  
She is 14  
years old.*



*Paolo Sentile*

*Paolo is from the village of  
Redemption in the Dominican  
Republic. He is 11 years old.*



**T**his is a letter we recently received from one of our faithful sponsors, Sarah Plant. Sarah is from Covenant Baptist Church in Martinsburg, West Virginia. She sponsors four year old Changler Michel. Her letter touched our hearts.

*I'm 16 years old . . . and sponsoring Changler already has greatly impacted my life. He is a special gift from God and I feel blessed to be able to sponsor him. I keep his picture on my dresser and every morning and evening I pray for him and his family. It is an awesome ministry all of you have started. May God bless you more than you can imagine!!*

*Love in Christ!!! ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥*

*Sarah*

# Chosen for a Mission

She became a queen to save her people. Her words, "If I die, I die" have stirred the hearts and minds of both Jews and Christians for centuries. King Ahasuerus was the king of an empire that stretched from India to Ethiopia. One day, the king had a feast and during the feast he summoned the queen, so he could show off her beauty. The queen refused to come. The king was furious and decided to select a new queen. Throughout the empire, beautiful women were sought and brought before the king so that he may choose a new queen.

One of these women was Esther, a Jewish girl, the niece of Mondecia. The king loved Esther more than all the other women, so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her the queen.

From here, a plot to kill the Jews living throughout the empire begins. Haran was a court officer, higher venerated by the king and powerful in the empire. Haran told the king that a people lived in the empire that did not keep the king's laws. He convinced the king that on a certain day to have all of them executed. The king signed the decree. When Mondecia learned of this he knew that the only one who could save the Jews was Queen Esther.

Mondecia spoke with Queen

Esther and told her that all of her people would die, including herself, being a Jew. Mondecia said to Esther, "Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this," Esther 4:14. Esther had a mission. Perhaps the very reason for her existence would be realized in this moment.

The execution day was fast approaching and the king had not called for his queen for 30 days. The law stated that anyone who entered the king's presence without being summoned would be put to death. What would Queen Esther do? What a dilemma. If she did nothing, both she and her people would be put to death. If she petitioned the king, then he might have her put to death. Only if the king extended his scepter, would the person who entered be spared.

For three days the Jews fasted and prayed. Queen Esther went in to the king's chamber saying, "If I perish, I perish." Esther was a woman on a mission.

We all have a personal mission we need to fulfill, and depending on where we are in life, our mission will change. I heard a mother say, "My children are small. My husband and my children are my mission." Your personal mission could be your education, the development of a sport

or your dedication to teaching a Sunday School class. Along with our personal mission, we need a corporate mission. Every church needs direction from God and what He wants to accomplish.

In the Dominican Republic, we have started an International Church. Most of the 10,000 foreigners living on the North coast have a spiritual void. They are in need of God's Word. As a new church, we strongly feel our mission is to share Jesus with these people and give them the opportunity to come to faith. When an individual or a group, such as a church, has a sense of mission, strong feelings become evident. There is a deep sense of purpose for living and an excitement to see God fulfill that mission.

The story of Esther ends in triumph. The king, extended to her his scepter. At a banquet, she told the King of Haran's plot to utterly destroy the Jews and have her killed. The king was furious. Haran was hanged on the gallows that he had built for Mondecia. A letter was dispatched to every part of the empire stating that Jews living in the land were to be exonerated and protected, not destroyed. God has a mission for each of us. Why are we here? We each need to ask: What is my mission?

Starting a new church after so many years in the ministry, some would think - a piece of cake. Not true. I feel like the day when I preached my first sermon. Scared. Amazing, even after years of ministry, I still feel weak and unsure of myself. Jeanne and I need your prayers. We need God as never before. We're meeting in an open restaurant on the highway. The restaurant is a bit old. We have nothing - no amplifier, no musical instruments, no worship leaders. All we have is His promise, "I will be with you." Please pray.

Love,

*George and Jeanne*

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*P. S. North Coast Community Church Update: I met with the realtor regarding the purchase of land here in the Dominican Republic. The land we are looking at is gorgeous. In next month's newsletter, I plan to give you full details of the property. I don't want to speak before having a signed legal purchase agreement. Your offerings for the land are necessary. It will be a miracle for us to have his land in the new year of 2001.*

