

Pessimist? No! Despair? Never!

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The greatest tragedy of all time took place in a garden paradise. Life for man began with no sickness, strife, old age or death. Man was created in the image of God and was placed in a beautiful garden called Eden. However, tragedy struck and because of disobedience, our first parents, Adam and Eve, were put out of the garden and sorrow, sickness, strife and death became their lot. Paradise was lost. Thank God, now because of Jesus Christ, paradise is being restored.

Some people face life as pessimists. They are negative about almost everything. Others fall into despair. They are here and yet are hopeless. There is not even a flicker of hope in their lives. In this world there is both light and darkness and for some the dark things of life overwhelm them and despair fills their lives.

When I was a young man I did not know God. He was not in my thoughts or consciousness. As an Italian boy growing up in Boston, the church I went to had no meaning for me. When I was eighteen years of age, my father was killed in an automobile accident. I remember going to the grave site for his burial. It was a gray day. Before they placed my father's casket in the ground, I looked down into the hole. It looked dark and cold. And I remember thinking; is this it? Is this where life ends in a dark hole? At that time, my life was full of despair.

But, in the same year that my father died, I came to faith in God. I received Jesus as my Savior. And that same year, I enrolled in Bible College to prepare for the ministry.

After finishing my second year of school, I was home for the summer. One morning, I awoke early thinking, "Is my mother alive?" Why I had the thought – it had to have been God who put it in my mind. I went into the bedroom where my mother was sleeping. Her arm hung lifeless over the edge of the bed. My mother was a wonderful Christian and now she had gone home to be with the Lord.

I went, again, to the same graveyard to lay my mother next to my father. This time, I never looked into the hole; rather, I looked up to heaven and said, "Bye Ma! I'll see you later." In Spanish, they would say, "hasta luego." Now there was no despair. My life was full. The Spirit within me gave me the assurance of life – a new, better life after death. Yes, I have experienced the pain of missing loved ones. But now, I know, one day I'm going to be with my Savior and I'm going to be with, and see my loved ones. "There is going to be a meeting in the air in the sweet, sweet bye and bye." Paradise will be regained.

In outer space there is no sound. If an astronaut, while working outside of his spaceship were to clap his hands, there would be no sound outside of

atmosphere. That is because there is no atmosphere in outer space and sound waves cannot travel. Astronauts have said space is eerily silent. Also, to date, life outside of planet earth has not been found. True, some use statistics and say that out of the billions of galaxies there must be billions of planets and surely life must exist on some of them. That may be a good statistical equation, but it is not scientific. To date, there is no known life outside of planet earth. Wow! A universe with no sound and no life – not true. The universe was created by God and His life fills the universe. I do believe – He is everywhere present! And for silence, God has spoken. When Jesus hung and died on the cross, God was saying, "I love you." That message brings redemption to us individually. It brings redemption to our world, and it rings out through the universe. Now we groan and travail waiting for the fullness of redemption. Now we have this treasure in an earthen vessel. One day, and I believe one day soon, our Lord will return, and we, our planet and the universe, will be restored to the place of beauty and glory for which it was intended.

We are not pessimists and despair cannot fill our lives – why? Because our God is wise, powerful and wonderful. Today Jesus lives and because He lives we too shall live.

New Missions

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Saddleback Church In Haiti

Dear Friends of New Missions:

A group of 16 from Saddleback Church in California spent the week working with the school and the church in the village of Darbonne. This community has seen the Lord's blessing over the past two years. Thanks to the help of Faith Temple church in Alabama, a brand new school, kitchen and toilets have been built.

Sunday evening we walked through the village community announcing our arrival with singing and drama. It was awesome to have many of the church leaders in the community join with us. Between our dramas and singing, the local leaders gave testimonies of their faith in God.

Monday and Tuesday were the physical work days. We hung new chalkboards, built and painted school benches, cleaned the school yard, handed out new school uniform material, and helped our school nurse do health checkups on the 350 students at the school.

Wednesday we participated in our high school chapel services with more than 900 students. Thursday, the real excitement grew! We handed out over two tons of rice, along with oil and tomato paste for our students to bless their families.

Thursday evening we had an outdoor crusade. We had close to 500 in attendance as we shared the Gospel through music, drama and preaching. It was quite the crowd! During our 'Elijah – the prophets of Baal' drama we used a special effect of fire shooting five feet high from the altar. It was an attention getter. The missionary children, Taran and Morgan were both in the dramas and participated in the music during the crusade.



Saddleback Community Church from Lake Forest, California.

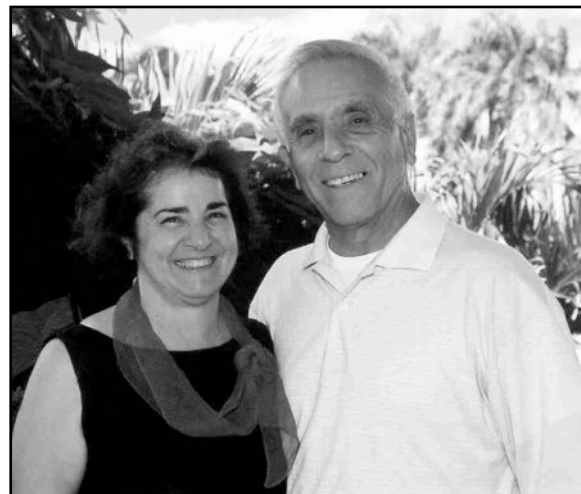


Lisa McPartland, Tiffany Alden and Amy Wheaton painting school benches.

Some people have said to me, "George, isn't it time for you to begin to slow down?" I often reply, "Yes, I should." I would like to travel to a few places that interest me, such as China. Then my mind and heart become full of the work at hand. And I say, "I love what I'm doing." And so long as God gives me health, strength and vision, I must do the work God has for me. I'm believing that the new year will be the best year ever for health, strength and accomplishments for the Kingdom. I'm believing for me and I'm believing for you. May you have the best year ever.

Love,

George and Jeanne



Leadership



Tiffany Alden, along with Scott Long, giving her testimony on the purpose of evangelizing at the Purpose Driven Life Conference for the Pastors.

On Friday, from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm, the Saddleback team presented “The Purpose Driven Life” seminar to 80 of our Haitian leaders, including pastors and school directors. The leaders were like sponges, soaking in every word. This seminar reinforced what we as a mission have been teaching our leaders.

Friday evening, we returned to the village of Darbonne to show the Jesus film for the children. We projected the film on the outside wall of the school and had at least 700 in attendance. There was perfect silence as the people watched the life of Jesus portrayed before their eyes in their own language. After the film, an 11-year old student, Olivia, gave her personal testimony of faith in God. One hundred people raised their hands to make Jesus their Lord. Our Haitian Pastor Jacques was happy to invite them all to the church and to let the people know that he and the leaders of the community were there to serve them.

We finished our week on Saturday morning with our evangelism seminar and then we were finally able to take a little breather for the first time in the week.

—Scott Long



High School Graduates in Haiti



Randy Edwards clearing the schoolyard.



Bonnie Beavers helping the nurse.



One of the signs of a good leader is that he or she is always working to raise up other leaders. In Haiti, New Missions has a full four year Bible college with 100 students. Here in the Dominican Republic we have a small (fledging) Bible school. Yet, we are working at it. The work in the DR is many years behind the mission in Haiti. Here in the DR our Spanish church is full of young people. God help us. We need leaders. The work of God must always be turned over to the local people. When I was working in Haiti, I often told the Haitians, “I will not always be here.” They would look at me in disbelief. Moses and Elijah knew that the torch of leadership had to be passed on. Jesus is our greatest example. He raised up twelve. We are not laboring for a day. We want the work of New Missions to grow and go on until Jesus returns.

Brent Gambrell from Franklin, Tennessee, along with our high school director, Pastor Bazile and Arnold Guy, passing out bibles to our high school graduates.



Henry Broussard putting together the school benches.



Randy and Ellie Edwards visiting their sponsored children, Phania Lemy from the village of Caladiere and Murat Meide from the village of LaSalle.

Another Building - Necessary

We have not stopped growing in ministry since the day we arrived in Haiti. Ministry is people – hearing God’s Word, being educated and having needs met, such as medical or a good hot meal. Ministry always comes from the heart of God. I love the verse “The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.”

Ministry often requires buildings. Here in the Dominican Republic our school facilities are stretched to the limit. We have one classroom meeting in the school kitchen, one in the church and another in our library. And of course in September, we’ll have more student growth in our school.

The construction of four more classrooms will need to begin as soon as possible. Because of the elevation of the land we plan to put up two buildings each housing two classrooms.

Each building will have its own bathroom facilities. The cost with ceramic tile floors, electricity, painted – complete is \$25 a square foot and will amount to about \$100,000. Here in the Dominican Republic we have a beautiful school and church campus. They are simple buildings, yet beautiful. They reflect the goodness and greatness of God. Let’s pull together. Payments will be made as the buildings are constructed. God delights in doing good things. Will you believe with us that by the time the buildings are completed they will be paid for. The first payment of \$10,000 will be due when we give the contract to our builder in January.

A Matter Of Life And Death

Clearly, we are in a spiritual warfare. The Christian life is a battle with the enemy of our soul, and we contend for the lives of all those to whom God has sent us. Some places have more spiritual darkness than others.

The town of Sosua, here in the Dominican Republic, is a Mecca for tourists. People come here to vacation. Often, they are looking for pleasure – the pleasures of this world. The town has many bars that offer everything the natural man desires. Most of the people who come here from Europe, Canada and the United States are secularists. As one man pointing to the sky said, “If God is there, let Him stay there.” Most people deny the existence of God because they do not want to be accountable for their conduct. If God is not there – then they are free to do as they want.

The spider spins a web seeking to trap another insect. When he feels something is in the web, by the insect struggling to be free, he quickly goes and spins more threads around the insect, binding

it until it is needed for food. This is an apt example of Satan. He is the god of this world who “Blinds those who do not believe, lest the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ...should shine on them. 2 Corinthians 4:4”

The devil with spiritual fetters binds men to darkness. It is impossible to sin and be free. It is impossible to sin and enjoy the light of God. Remember two things. Darkness leads to death and light leads to life.

Some think that living a “free life” doing whatever pleases, leads to happiness and fulfillment. Just the opposite is true. Listening to God and obeying the leading of the Holy Spirit fills the life with joy and peace. The devil cannot offer peace – he has none! He knows that his days are numbered and that his end is the lake of fire.

Listen to God’s Word. “You were once darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. Ephesians 5:8”. Our task as servants of God is to be a light in the night. In the darkness, a light shines the

brightest. “...You yourselves are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness. Romans 2:19”

We believers need always to guard our hearts. We know from God’s Word that the heart is deceitful, that the natural man, who has a propensity toward sin is still with us. Ever guard your heart. The worse thing that can happen to a believer is to become a well without water, salt that lost its saltiness, a tree that bears no fruit or a light that has gone out. We are always to hate sin, fear God, and stay close to Him. We are to walk in the light, as He is in the light. In the end the light of the righteous will rejoice and the lamp of the wicked put out. Proverbs 13:9

At the end of life where will you go? Those who walk in darkness are reserved to go to the blackness of darkness forever. Jude 13 And those who walk in light will go where there is no night. We will go to the city of God, where the Lamb is the light. We will go to be with God forever.



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Pray For Haiti

Dear Friends of New Missions:

Haiti is in a political and economic crisis. President Jean Bertrand Aristide is now ruling the country by decree. One person said, “There is no government. It’s anarchy. Thugs rule the streets.”

As of January 13th, the term of office for the country’s parliament expired and no new elections are scheduled. Already, three cabinet members have resigned, the latest is Webster Pierre. He said, “I resigned to regain my freedom of speech.”

At one time, President Aristide was the popular hero of Haiti. He is of small stature and soft spoken. Early, he won the hearts of the Haitian people, giving them hope with slogans, such as “Lavalas” meaning power of the people, or “Nou tout chita sou tab la” meaning everyone will sit, not under, not above, but at the table together.

Demonstrations now take place frequently in the streets of Port-au-Prince, calling for Aristide to resign. Until now, President Aristide refuses to resign, saying that he is determined to stay in office until his term ends in 2006.



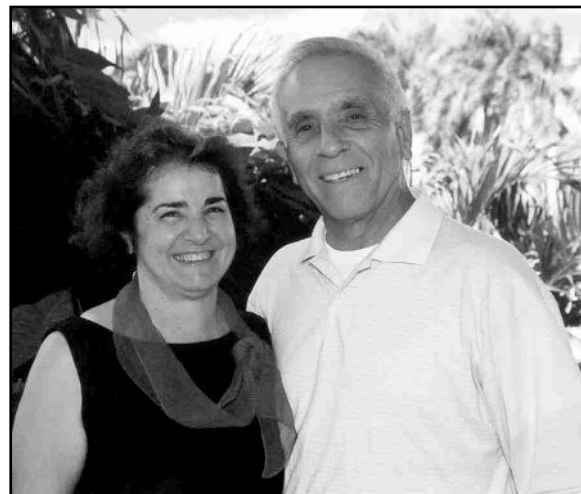
The Presidential Palace in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where President Jean Bertrand Aristide is now ruling the country by decree.

The mission in the Dominican Republic is the hardest assignment yet, that the Lord has given us. We are fighting the fight of faith for the lives of the people of Sosua. It has not been easy. However, now we are beginning to see a breakthrough. New people are being added to the Lord on a weekly basis. I pray that soon I will be able to report – on a daily basis. We need your prayers. We are thankful for your love and support.

Love,

George and Jeanne

P.S. \$15,016 has been received for the truck for Haiti. Thank you for your faithfulness. The goal is \$22,000.



The Haitian people continue to live as normal as possible and do their best to survive.

New Missions has lived through 10 governments, a revolution, an embargo and an United States military intervention. Through all of this, our missionaries continued to function and the mission grew. Currently, our missionaries report that revival is breaking out in our 19 churches. Our schools and medical clinic are fully functioning and over 6000 children continue to receive a Christian education and are being fed every day.

In January, a team of short-term missionaries from the United States went to Haiti to work and pray for the country. Two teams are scheduled for February. We are asking you to support us at this time. New Missions and the country of Haiti need your prayers.

Haiti Continued

We would all like to experience a peaceful life, with enough provision to provide for our families. In the morning I enjoy having a cup of coffee and spending time with God. The world is full of uncertainty and danger. I thank God for every day of peace.



Scott Long in Haitian village doing evangelism.

The country of Haiti has a history of being abused by French colonists. The trees were cut down and sugarcane planted by slaves from Africa. At the time of the revolution in Haiti, the slaves put their trust in the devil to care for them. The character of the devil is to destroy. I believe that the only thing helping Haiti is the number of Christians in the country. Twenty-five percent of the population is Christian. Most of this came about by missionaries working in the country. Because of this, I believe, Haiti has a future. Christianity brings morality and with morality, prosperity. The motto of our mission has always been, "Haiti. Hope in God!"



Martha Joseph with student Jonas Charles. Jonas is sponsored by Terrie Estes, who serves in our Orlando office.

Recently, I was visiting another missionary in Haiti who lives on a boat with his family. Too small boys came alongside in a dugout canoe. I asked if they had caught any fish. One of the boys held up one little fish only a few inches long. I put my head down and prayed. Haiti hurts. It needs management and most of all someone with vision. I pray, "O God, please help!"

I often tell people, my life would be a wreck without Jesus in my life. My teenage years were years of rebellion and I feel like I was snatched from the fire. The Holy Spirit in my life gives me direction. My prayer is for continued direction for my life. I desire to serve God and please Him. I also want to care for my family. I have a wonderful wife and four children. Being faithful to my family means everything to me.



Seaside Church in Bordmer LaSalle.

Haiti is presently experiencing turmoil. Scott Long and I are in Haiti. The mission continues to function. We are experiencing revival in these hard times. We trust God for our safety. The promises of God mean everything to us. "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for You are with me. Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23." Scott and I are learning every day to put our trust in the Lord.

Charlie DeTellis

Martha Joseph sent me an email, from our office in Haiti, to the Dominican Republic. She wrote: "Nou konnen pa gen moun ki kapab kraze plan Bondye. Batay la pa pou nou, se pou Kris li ye." (We know that there is not anyone who can destroy God's plan. The battle is not for us, it's for Christ.) - *Jeanne DeTellis*

Necessary Construction In The Dominican Republic

New Missions has always been forward looking. All of us giving leadership to the mission, in Haiti and in the Dominican Republic, have often wondered of God's plans. To what extent will the mission grow. How many children will we have in school? Just when we think we're reached the limit of our resources and leadership, God speaks to our hearts and we are propelled to a new level. We are beginning to realize how big the heart of God is, and what His purpose is for our lives, and for New Missions.

Our school here in the Dominican Republic is growing. Classes are meeting in the kitchen, the church and in our library. And more students are coming every week. On January 22nd, by faith, we signed a contract to build four more classrooms and another office. I was expecting the cost to be \$120,000; instead, the price is \$140,000. A week ago, I talked with our Spanish congregation and told them of our need. Most of these people are very poor, yet they said they will begin to put money away to help with the construction.

When these buildings are complete I will put a bronze plaque in the office and inscribe the name of every donor and every church that makes a contribution. My mother was a wonderful Christian. She strongly influenced my life. She was an immigrant from Italy. She lived a simple life in the city of Boston. Her name is Mary Baldassare DeTellis. I want to honor her. I have donated the first thousand dollars toward the construction. Her name will be inscribed in bronze in memory of her. If you or your church will send an offering for these buildings, your name or the name



George and Jeanne on new construction site, January 23rd.



of your church, or the name of a loved one will be inscribed on the plaque. Will you believe God with us? Whatever you are able to give, small or large will be appreciated. Always, in our minds, the school is an instrument of God. My heart is that of an evangelist; I want to see people, young and old, come to faith in Jesus Christ. Then we want to raise people up in leadership to be used of God. We have a beautiful campus and these additional buildings will greatly help in the work of the Lord.



Amber Gonzalez led a team from Columbia County Christian School in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, to the Dominican Republic where they spent one week ministering through the churches and schools there.

A Royal Member

From time to time I need to go to our office in Orlando for a board meeting. While I'm there one of our board of directors often invites me to have breakfast with him. He often takes me to the country club where he is a member. The country club, yes, is on a golf course. The country club, yes, is on a golf course. My friend pays an annual membership fee, as well as a monthly amount to eat in the dining room. When he eats at the club restaurant, the bill is deducted from his monthly bill. If he doesn't spend all the money on his account, he still has to pay the same monthly food bill whether he uses it or not. Others I know belong to dinner clubs. They pay a monthly amount to dine in the restaurant. Some people belong to yacht clubs. Many of them are exclusive and quite expensive.

Well, I do belong to a very elite club. It is exclusive. However, money cannot get you in. You could offer a million dollars or be an important person in the community – still that would not give you membership. The only way to get in is to know Someone. You need to know Jesus. You need to know Him as your Savior and Lord. My membership is in the church of Jesus Christ.

Witnessing here, on the streets of Sosua, I meet many people who are turned off by the church. When I invite them to church, they remember the church of the middle ages in Europe, rich and powerful. And they don't want anything to do with the church. In the world there is the true and the counterfeit

church. The church that enjoys the life of the Spirit of God and the apostate church – the church that lost its loyalty to the person of Jesus. Back at the time of the writing of the book of Revelation there was the loveless, the dead and the lukewarm church. We all know the words of Revelation 3:16 "Because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth."

Allow me to give a brief description of the true church. The church is One. There may be many denominations; yet, there is only one church. And that church is local. It is the group of people that you meet with every Sunday to worship, hear God's Word and enjoy the presence of the Lord. It is also universal. One church, all over the world. Membership to the true church is not gained by signing a card. It is by accepting Jesus. The church is Apostolic, built on the Apostles and Jesus Christ. Matthew 16:18 People often ask what we believe. Because we are not part of a denomination people often ask what we believe. I'm always glad to say I believe in God, I believe in Jesus as Lord and only Savior of the world. And I believe in the authority of Scriptures. The church is holy. The Spirit who inhabits the church keeps it holy. I've said, "He is the doorkeeper of the church." If someone comes in the church and later turns to the world for their basic needs, the Holy Spirit convicts them. Until they repent and make their lives right, they

feel too miserable to attend church. The Christian life is not part time – it's not something we do once a week. Christ is our life and the joy of our life is to serve God.

The church is also Catholic. This is an old English word that means universal. We find it in the Apostle's Creed. It says that the church is not for some special people. It is for everyone, Jew and Gentile, rich – poor, bond or free, male and female. The opportunity and invitation to come into the church is extended to everyone. Israel was the church in the Old Testament. As a nation she enjoyed the presence of God in the Tabernacle and Temple. They were the covenant people of God.

The church today is a wonderful place. God dwells in us individually and He dwells in the church. "Where two or three come together I will be in your midst." David said, "I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1" Again he said, "A day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. Psalm 84:10"

The day I came to faith in Jesus Christ, 50 years ago this month, God summoned the angel who keeps the book of life. God said, "Write his name down," and the angel wrote, "George John DeTellis." That day I became a member of the church of Jesus Christ.

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Haiti Hurts – God Heals

Dear Friends of New Missions:

The unrest in Haiti, for the most part, takes place in the larger cities. We do have a church and school in the town of Leogane with a population of more than 8000 people. But, for the most part, New Missions in Haiti, is working in villages of 500 to 2000 people. For the 21 years that we have been in Haiti we have gone through enormous political turmoil. Through all of this we continued to function and grow. No doubt there will be a change in government in Haiti. The question is who will be the next president. As Christians we need to ask God to raise up a godly leader to help the population of hurting people. We love Haiti and we are committed to our students and churches. More than ever we need your prayers and support.

–George DeTellis



Feeding our students continues to be a top priority even during Haiti's crisis.



A load of rice arriving to be distributed to our schools.



Our mission teams provide a great help in distributing school uniform material to our students.

In the midst of political unrest, God is the Healer to touch the hurts and meet the needs of His people. In the midst of the national turmoil in the country of Haiti, God has used New Missions to be a beacon of hope for the hungry today.

During the month of February, there was a courageous missionary team that joined our workers in Haiti in efforts to reach out to the people on the Leogane Plain. Tanya and I spent the week with this group of 15 people in the village of Concrab. We carried on all of our normal activities of school life, preaching the Gospel, providing for medical needs, and making school repairs. We also passed out Bibles. There was joy and excitement in the faces of these people. It was an enclave of joy in a country that is hurting.

The team that was with us were from the Cedar Grove Brethren in

Christ Church in Mifflintown, Pennsylvania and the Awanas group from Niemons Independent Church in Richfield, Pennsylvania. The team provided special funds to purchase food – during the week food was given to 1000 people. There is still food on hand and we hope to pass out food to provide for another 1000 people. This blessing of food is in addition to the daily food that each school student is receiving. The gift of food was just in time, because of the heightened difficulties in the country of economics and accessibility of goods.

The Scriptures speak to us today for the people of Haiti..."Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy Proverbs 31: 8,9.

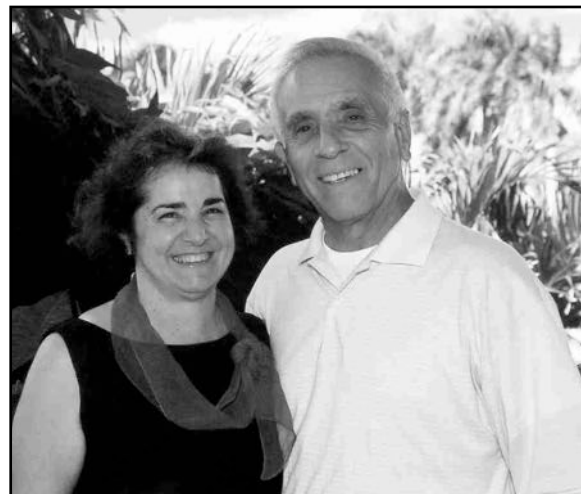
–Scott Long

Every week I preach, often as much as three times. God has been preparing me to be a preacher since the day I came to faith. Still, I spend hours, often full days waiting on God for a message. The sermon comes from God, sometimes quickly and other times slowly. However little or long it takes, I want to hear from God and have a message for His people. I never fail to marvel at the daily excitement that God puts in my heart for His work. We often think how we would like to visit your churches, preach and then fellowship with you; but for now, God has us busy here in the Dominican Republic. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, 

George and Jeanne DeTellis

P.S. Fifty years ago in February, both George and Jeanne came to faith in Jesus Christ!



Construction...Just In Time



The construction of two more buildings is well underway. New Life School here in the Dominican Republic is growing. On Wednesday nights we break into groups, called clubs. The motif for the club is nautical. The church turns into a ship – with life savers and a ship's bell. Some of the clubs have grown to over 40 people. We need to separate groups – more teachers and classroom space are needed.

One Wednesday a missionary exclaimed, "We have a problem." Over 170 were in attendance that night – the classes were full. For me, this is what I've been praying for. When we first started our Spanish church, two or three would come. I've spent many agonizing hours in prayer. One night with three in attendance, I felt God speak to me, and I announced to my wife, "Honey, the Spanish church will be full. We love to work – but we enjoy seeing the fruit of our labors.

These new buildings are being built just in time. I'm believing God for explosive growth.



When friends of New Missions come to visit we are encouraged, and as always, the work they do while here is a great help. Also, I love when they witness first hand the construction going on. For two weeks we've had two couples with us. Chuck and Jeannie Bruce from Lake Creek, Oregon and Les and Sharon Hibbard from Alberta, Canada. Jeannie and Les are sister and brother. For two weeks together with our mission team, they worked, witnessed and prayed for our work in the Dominican Republic. Together with us, they were amazed at the depth of the footing of the buildings – about five feet deep! And the amount of steel in the foundation. I've always said – we work together, the missionaries on the field and our supporters back home. You are vital to the work of God, both in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. United, over the years, God has used us for His glory.

Steadfast

It was late in the afternoon, a typical hot day in Haiti, when a man found me at the mission base and said, "Timote, you must come with me now! A fisherman has died." I was a young teenage boy. What was I going to do?

We jumped on my four-wheeler and bounced along to the village of Concrab which is on the ocean. We pulled up alongside a thatch house, and I could see right away that a very poor family lived here. The man said, "You must come now."

But I'm saying to myself, "A man is dead? Not that someone got hurt, or that someone is sick. What can I do?" I walked to the 'front door' of the hut - just a leaning mat of palm leaves - and felt as if I was opening a tomb. Twitching my eyes, not really sure I wanted to see inside, my nose was immediately assaulted.

I smelled alcohol, the drinking kind. Looking to the right I saw an old fisherman-partially bald, stubs of gray hair bristling out-hunched over a mattress lying in the far corner. The old man was tipping back a bottle of rum and then spewing mouthfuls down upon the shadows.

A naked man laid there, dead. His body had been badly burned and was obviously extremely dehydrated. The old man was spitting rum on him to keep the bugs away.

"He was a fisherman," the men told me. "He was out at sea and he fell asleep." He had dehydrated himself so badly and become so weak that when he woke up, he didn't have enough strength to bring himself to shore to

get help. He was alone. He could only lay in the boat. The burning sun then did its work.

I remember a conversation I had had earlier with my father. We were starting the construction of four additional buildings as Dad was pioneering yet another church. I said, "Dad, when are you going to slow down?" "When I die," he said, looking me straight in the eye. "That's when I'll lie down."

This makes me think of the dead fisherman who made such an impression on me. Did he wake up that morning and think, "Today, I shall die?" No, I think he simply went out fishing, as before. In that sense, there is something quite admirable here. You see, God is asking us all to 'go fish' as a matter of course, as our usual way of approaching each day.

We may die in the process. The sun and evil of this world, the burning flames of war and prejudice and persecution-or just the seemingly minor infections of our every day temptations and addictions-may wreak havoc on our ever so vulnerable selves. Yes, the circumstances of our calling could lay us low.

This man's calling killed him. He was at his work-heroically-when he died. I was told he was out there for days before finally floating to shore in the little dingy. The men who found him knew where he was from, even though, like every other Haitian fisherman, he carried no personal identification. But they knew where he belonged because of the inscriptions

on his boat.

I imagined the arrival of the 'death boat.' The news would travel among the villagers as if it were tangible-whispers that go from one to the other with great speed, transmitting news.

They brought the man back to his family. And finally, it was time to preserve the body for the wake-although he's already in a decayed state. But I never understood why my afternoon messenger wanted me to come to the fisherman's body. I did pray with the family, and I asked for the peace of God to be with them. As far as I can tell, that's all he wanted, that I come and pray.

There seemed to be a deeper reason, a deeper meaning. God wanted to speak to me. So I look back and I see that no matter who you are you have to answer: "When do I lie down? When do I stop being fully engaged?"

As for the fisherman, he was engaged until death.

The Psalmist said, "Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!"

When I look back on the recent months in Haiti, the ministry of New Missions has been steadfast. Our schools and churches continue to reach out with great persistence in these days of uncertainty. We continue to be steadfast in all we do to the glory of God who strengthens us. May we never give up. We must be fully engaged with our best.

-Timothy DeTellis

New Missions

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A New Day

Dear Friends of New Missions:

What a month in Haiti! The country has once again erupted in political chaos, yet we continue to work with our Haitian leaders to share the truth that God is the only hope for Haiti. We recognize that during times of national crisis the people need us most. I can thankfully say, that we have been able to be a stable source of aid, and the light of the world during this time to the people of the Leogane Plain.

Once again this could not be done without our Haitian leaders. Jean Arnold Guy has helped us in supervising our schools, Pastor Guy Fontaine continues to be a chief leader in encouraging the churches, Marie Carmel Fatal keeps our Haiti office running, Antoinise Iseme Petit-Homme continues to keep our clinic functioning, Louise Margary Iseme is responsible for taking care all of our missionary visitors at our Missionary Training Center, and Amiro Petit-Homme not only has helped us develop an excellent security team, but also responsibly handles supervising all maintenance of our mission compound.

It is a joy to work along side this leadership team and to watch them develop. We work hand and hand to see the Gospel shared in every possible way.

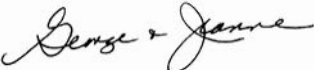
-Scott Long



Some of our key leaders in Haiti:
Louise Margary Iseme, Antoinise Iseme Petit-Homme,
Pastor Guy Fontaine, Scott Long, Jean Arnold Guy, Charlie DeTellis,
Carmel Fatal, and Amiro Petit-Homme.

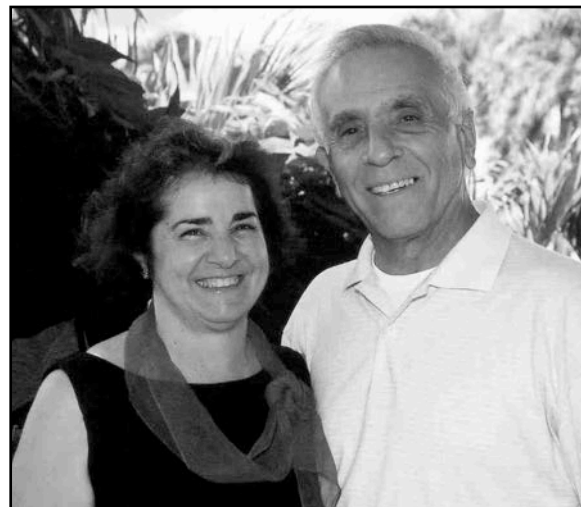
This past month an all day meeting took place with our Haitian leadership. Sid and Liz Doyle, from Scott Long's church in the U.S. shared about the 'Joshua Generation.' The Moses Generation was born under slavery and were unable to enter the promised land. However, the 'Joshua Generation', he said, was born in freedom and they went in and took the promised land. The leaders in Haiti (over 100 of them) began shouting, "We are the 'Joshua Generation' that will rise up and claim the land for Jesus." There were prayers of repentance and cries of thanks to the Lord. The presence of the Lord was strong.

One of the analogies of the Christian life is that of a race. We are to run as a trained athlete. We expend every effort to run to be the best we can. We want to run well. However, our eyes are ever on the goal. Trip and fall - peter out - or give up - never! Our determination is to cross the finish line. Jeanne and I have been running the Christian race for fifty years. As we near the finish line, we sense new energies, given by God. Greater excitement! Our determination is strong. Along the path of the race there are those who cheer us on. For my wife and me the excitement of life in the Spirit runs high. Yet, we are nearing the finish line, and the Holy Ghost fills us with the joy of receiving the crown of life.

Love,


George and Jeanne DeTellis

"...And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.
Hebrews 12:1."



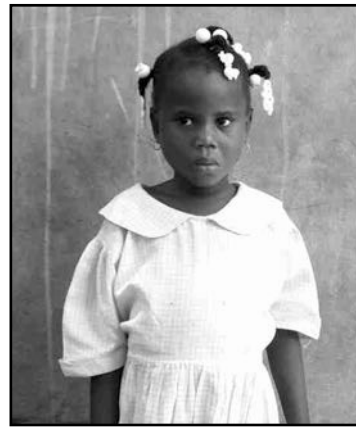
Tell Two Friends

Without the child sponsor program we would never be able to accomplish all that we do in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. For twenty-one years New Missions has been growing. Just today, a Haitian mother talked with me in church about her 8-year old daughter who just arrived from Haiti, here in the Dominican Republic. Yes, we took her in our Haitian school. And of course – she will need a sponsor. Always, we take children in and then believe God for a sponsor.

The youth in our high school in Haiti have been in our schools since preschool. When I'm there, they surround me – “thank you – thank you” they say. “Jesus is in my life and now I have a good education.” Their faces beam with excitement. However, I only have two hands and one mouth and can only be in one place at a time. Will you help by speaking out to your family and friends about sponsoring a child.

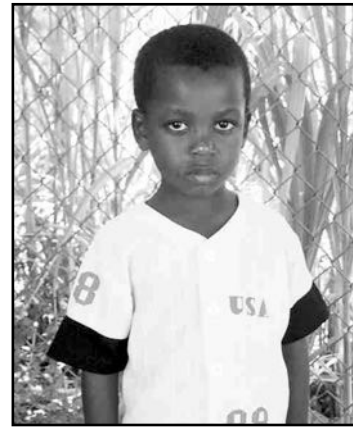
-George DeTellis

Please contact our office to sponsor one of these children.



Clemene Lochard

Clemene is in Pre Kindergarten and lives in the village of Dimba, Haiti. She is 6 years old and has five brothers and three sisters.



Wiguensley Louis

Wiguensley is in Pre Kindergarten and lives in the village of Masson, Haiti. He is 7 years old and has one brother.

Dedicated Workers

Michelle Bolesta, along with her sister Kari, and a friend Jennette came to the Dominican Republic. All three young women are teachers. Michelle's words to us the first day were, “God has been pouring Himself into my life. Now I want to pour out my life to others for Him.” Michelle worked with the children in our preschool at New Life School. She had children from many countries as well as from the Dominican Republic. Michelle played keyboard and sang in our church services. Jennette taught grades 2-4 at New Life School. Kari did an interim teaching at the International School. All of the girls were

active in evangelism and ministry. Their time ended this month – and we were all sad to see the three young women leave.

We need Christian teachers, like Michelle, Kari and Jennette. If you are a teacher or a recent college graduate and would like to spend a year working in our English school, please contact our Orlando office. Our vision is to touch the children with the love of God and then to see their parents come to faith.



Kari Bolesta, Michelle Bolesta and Jennette Schorsch



Michelle Bolesta, from the Christian Life Center in Virginia, with her preschool children at New Life School.

The Work Goes On



These two buildings are set on a beautiful hill with an overview of our entire campus. Because the buildings are on a hill, they appear enormous.



This is a two-classroom school building.

For years in Haiti, when we did construction we had our own crew. There were masons, carpenters and laborers who worked for New Missions, for years, putting up one building after another. Over fifty buildings were constructed, churches, schools, housing, clinic and office buildings. These were all necessary for our growing mission. Today, New Missions has 19 schools and 18 churches with 6000 students. The mission team always designed and supervised construction in Haiti. Now, we have some fine buildings.



Some of our students at Colegio Nueva Vida with their math teacher, Manuel, standing before a building that will house two classrooms and an office.

Here in the Dominican Republic we do not have the equipment that we have in Haiti. It has proved better for us to have a contractor put up our buildings. All of our buildings, including the present construction, have been put up by the same person. We are fortunate. We have a great contractor. He is Dominican of Lebanese descent. We have a marvelous relationship with him. He is a great builder, efficient and honest.

When we first planned to build, I wanted to be the general contractor. My wife, with greater wisdom, said, “Honey, at your age, you’ll kill yourself.” True, the construction is more costly, but for the difference in price, it is worth it. The present construction will cost us \$140,000 – it comes to about \$25 per square foot. Already, three payments of \$14,000 have been made. Please believe God with us for the rest. The buildings are beautiful. From the pictures you can see we are well on our way. I expect them to be finished by the end of May.

Resurrection: Later And Now



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Working Together for God

“What did God ever do for me!” This has been a complaint leveled by many against God. Or they say, “God has never done anything for me.” This is a display of arrogance and insensitivity. A child, often after being well cared for can whine, “My parents don’t care.” I like the Haitian attitude. They often say, “How can I forget my mother who breast fed me (ki ba-m tet-tet).” The first great thing that God gave to us is life. This natural physical life that we enjoy, for a time, here on earth is a gift from God. Only, God expects us to use it well and He says that, one day, each of us will give an account of the time and the things we did, while here on earth.

God has always acted on the behalf of man. The list of His goodness is too numerous to tell. But, the next great thing is, that God gave His Son to die for our sins. The cross is God’s victory for man. What appeared to be utter defeat was total victory. The disobedience of man was overwhelmed by the obedience of God’s Son. The banishment from the garden was reversed by God embracing the world through Jesus. The chasm of separation was bridged at the cross. Jesus brought God and man together. Jesus said, “I am in the Father and You are in Me. John 17:21”

Now, because of the work of the cross there is immortality. One day when we go to be with God we will be changed. Now we have a natural body – then a spiritual one. The analogy that Paul gave

is like a seed (1 Corinthians 15:37) a lily bulb – brown – course, unattractive that is planted, and then in the spring it blossoms and blooms. It is now beautiful, giving off a sweet fragrance. We will be changed. Yet, we’ll be the same, for people will easily recognize each other. I know when I’m walking the streets of glory, my friends, when they see me will call – “George. It’s great to see you!” We will enjoy a fellowship never before imagined here on earth. And time, - mucho tiempo – (much time) to enjoy God and our friends and family of earth. The resurrection is the hope of every believer. I not only hope for it, I believe it with all my heart.

“If you had been here, my brother would not have died. John 11:21” These were the words of Martha when she met Jesus outside the town of Bethany. Mary, Martha and Lazarus were some of Jesus best friends. Bethany, the town where they lived was only two miles from Jerusalem. For the most part, Jerusalem was a hostile place for Jesus. Therefore, most of the time that He ministered in Jerusalem, he spent the night at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. They loved each other. Jesus, now, was in Galilee by the river Jordan where John had baptized. Mary and Martha sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was sick and asked for Him to come. Jesus stayed two more days where he was and then by the time He made the trip to Bethany, Lazarus had been dead for four days and

had been buried in a cave.

Martha heard that Jesus was on the way to their home and she ran out to meet Him. Upon seeing Jesus, no doubt with tears streaming down her face, she asked – disappointedly, Where have you been? We’ve been waiting for you. “If you had been here our brother would not have died. (verse 21)” All of us, in our walk with God often have questions, Why? How? When? Where? “God,” I’ve often said, “I don’t understand.” We have a real relation with God. He talks to me and I talk to Him. Yes, I worship Him. Yes, I seek to obey Him. Still, often I ask Him hard questions.

“Your brother will rise again,” Jesus said. “Yes, I know he will rise in the last day.” Then, Martha, as good as said, “But I need a resurrection now! And when Mary came where Jesus was, she also, with great weeping said, “If you had been here, our brother would not have died (verse 32). Jesus groaning within Himself came to the tomb and said, “Roll away the stone.” Then He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus. Come Forth.” And he who had died came out – now everyone rejoiced and believed in Jesus.

Today for our lives, in the sorrow and suffering of this life, we can have resurrection. I want resurrection on the last day and yet today I need a resurrection of healing for my body. God is the God of tomorrow. He is also the God of today.

Dear Friends of New Missions:

George and Jeanne came to the Dominican Republic in January of 2000. Our devoted missionaries are: Rach’ele Velasquez and the Tunnicliffe family from Oregon, the Gallo family from California, and the Thomas family from Canada. Our three short term missionaries, Michelle Bolesta and Jennette Schorsch, from Virginia, and Kari Bolesta, from Pennsylvania served us for three months. Our team of missionaries are a loving, committed group ready to serve God, each other, and the ministries of New Missions.



God has brought together a hard-working team. The emphasis has been on team work. We work well together.

After 9/11 - Sosua in the Dominican Republic had a serious tourist downturn. Several hotels closed down. Property prices plummeted and many people moved away. This had an effect on our English church. People would come to

faith and then shortly thereafter move because of the poor economy. However, now the trend has reversed. There is a real estate boom in the area and more Americans and Canadians are coming and buying property. Several Christian families already came to the church and said they will be buying property and coming to New Life Church.

With this boom in Sosua, our construction is right on time. To date, we have made five payments of \$14,000 to our contractor. The building is half paid for. We are believing God for His people to come alongside with the finances to help complete this project.

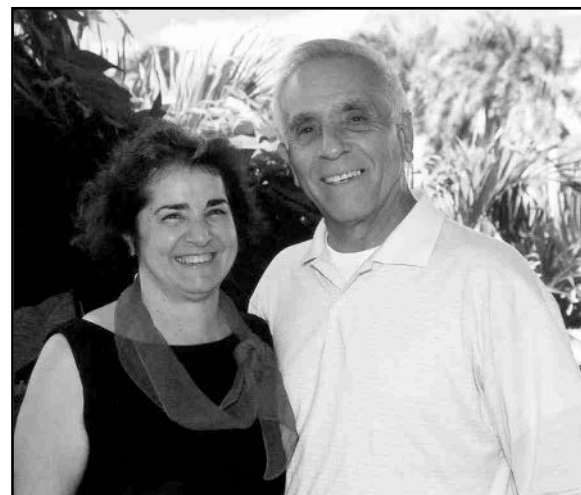
More school classrooms in the Dominican Republic.



The New Testament paints different pictures depicting our relationship with our Lord. One is that of a subordinate. The love slave with no rights of his own. Total submission. Also, the soldier under orders. Obey the commander. These are great and I experience them in my relation with the Lord. The other relation, and the one I like the best, is that of Father and son. It is a loving caring relationship. All that the Father has belongs to the son. As a son I talk freely with my Father. We discuss everything and I am able to ask my Father anything. Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus – 1 John 1:3. It’s a real relationship. It’s wonderful. Jeanne and I love the work – most of all we love the Lord.

Love,

George and Jeanne



Touching People: Medical Ministry in the Dominican Republic and Haiti

In the Dominican Republic, we had three medical teams come to minister to our people in Loma Bajita, Policlínica, and Bombita, and also in our schools in Redemption Village, Colegio Nueva Vida in Mulata and Centro Nueva Vida in the Batey. The people were blessed with the love of God through his servants. The doctors and nurses examined, diagnosed and gave medicines. Alongside were missionaries praying for each person and also gifting them with food and household items. In total, 1200 people were touched.

One of our visiting doctors told a remarkable story about a man crippled with arthritis. He had seen this same man on his missionary trip last year. The doctor prayed for him and gave him some medicine and a Bible, but in the natural the doctor felt his situation was hopeless. The man was bedridden. This year when he returned he found the man saved, much better, and walking.

One of the doctors brought a nebulizer. It was given to a Christian woman who has two boys with asthma. She is grateful to be able to treat her sons for this condition.

Another doctor brought in a year's supply of vitamins for 500 children. These were distributed, well received and appreciated.

Everywhere the medical teams went, there were doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and a team to pray and minister to the people. One of the mothers in the neighborhood of Bombita said, "It was like a great holiday for all of us, when the team of missionaries spent the day with us."

One man who needed an operation had a missionary pass by his home and see his condition. The missionary had just been through a major medical crisis himself. Immediately he responded and offered to pay for the operation. Many had passed by and seen this man in his need, but one man became the contemporary Good Samaritan.



Bright Eyed Healthy Student

Medical teams in Haiti – groups of children waiting to see the doctor. The one little girl in the top, far left, is wearing a black dress in respect to the death of someone in her family. Our Haitian children are blessed to have access to a clinic open every day for their medical needs. For 21 years, since the first day we arrived in Haiti, we have provided medical care. We praise God for the good health of our children in Haiti, good nutrition, good schools and good pastors to feed their souls.



Haitian children waiting for the doctor.



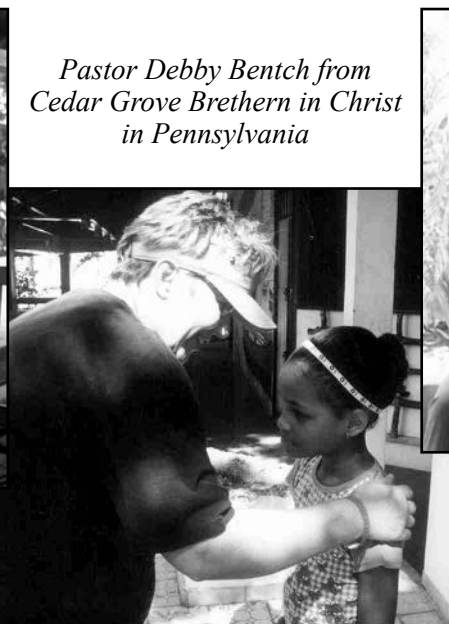
Laura Hartzog and Becky Hutchins, from First Baptist Church of Oviedo in Florida, in our medical clinic supply room in Haiti.



Lynn Dodge, from Damariscotta Baptist Church in Maine, ministering to the sick in the village of LaSalle, Haiti.



Dr. Tom Bailey from House on the Rock Church in Pennsylvania



Pastor Debby Bentch from Cedar Grove Brethern in Christ in Pennsylvania



Dr. Spencer Kepner from Cedar Grove Brethern in Christ in Pennsylvania

Our children in Haiti have ongoing medical attention.

Prayer: An Action Word

"I'll pray for you."

You've heard it and maybe even said it often. And, believe me, some people actually do it! Some folks stop right then and there, after you've named your concern, and they pray. Which is comforting. Inspiring.

But the more typical response is only a conversational response, "Yes, I'll pray for you," as if that has automatically passed the matter on to the Almighty. It is, in effect, a spiritual-sounding substitute for "Well, whatever."

A pastor from New Jersey is a personal friend of my family and the founder of a large Christian music festival. He met my parents one day at a soda stand in a little Haitian town called Ti Guave. Mom and Dad were taking a day off, and they stopped at this refreshment stand (at the one intersection in town) just to relax for a few minutes. That was when this American approached, and when you saw an American, you

immediately struck up a conversation because you were in a minority.

So the man came over, sat down, and told my parents that he was in Haiti visiting some missions. When he told about his heartfelt passion to help the Haitian people, my parents invited him back to New Missions for dinner the next evening.

This pastor came and visited us. He had spoken some kind words at the refreshment stand, but he did more than speak. He took action and came to dinner. He also ended up coming back to Haiti, again and again. Every year, he would promote a giant music festival that entertained tens of thousands of people in the States. A month later, he would take an airplane trip to a remote village in Haiti and spend a week with us, just helping wherever he could. He would distribute food, walk to the villages with me, do evangelism, and preach. I would translate for him at chapel services in our school.

This man wouldn't just speak kind words. He would act. He would act because he believed.

Have you noticed how easy it is to speak kind words? It's so easy to be nice, but if we really believe in something, we'll do something about it.

If you see a family in a tough financial situation, you can say, "I'll be praying . . ." Then you might go and buy some groceries to deliver to the family. You could surprise them with a wonderful answer to prayer.

If you yourself cannot go, then you may give toward the cause: it may be money, it may be time, it may be a referral for someone who can, but you do something about it. As you pray. - *Timothy DeTellis*

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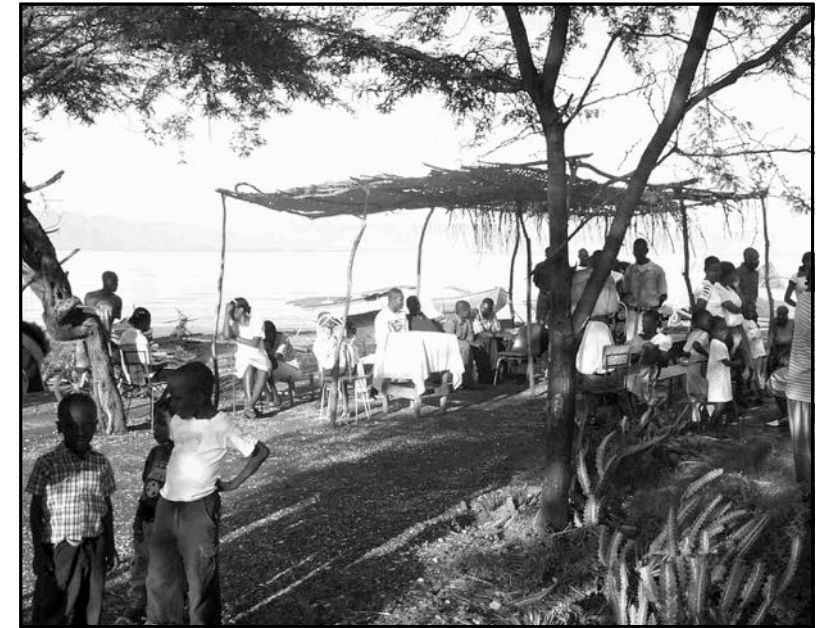
Church Planting

Dear Friends of New Missions:

Planting churches is the most effective means of spreading the Gospel. A Haitian becomes the pastor of the new church, a committee is selected to help give leadership to the church and the local people become active in leading worship. When people make a commitment to Jesus, they then have a place to grow in the Lord. Inspiration is provided in the worship services and extensive Bible knowledge in the Bible studies. The new convert is disciplined by the pastor and members of the congregation and is taught to bring others to Jesus.

New Missions now has eighteen churches on the Leogane Plain. It is in our heart and mind to start many more churches, one after the other, as God leads us.

Reaching out from where we started at Bord Mer, we are reaching father and father out with the life-saving message of Jesus. The plan of the early church was, first Jerusalem, then Judea, and then the uttermost parts of the earth. God's method is the same. It is preach, then organize the new converts into a body of believers where they can grow in knowledge, faith and obedience and then reach out to the next community that needs the message of eternal life through Jesus Christ.



Early stages of pioneering a church in LaSalle, Bordmer.

When I came to faith in 1954, immediately, I began sharing Jesus with everyone I met. The night I was saved I was called to be a missionary. Every Sunday, I went to the Boston Common to pass out tracts. They always had street preachers in the Common. I was a new Christian and terribly fearful of speaking in public. Also, I had limited knowledge of the Bible. Yet, every day, I was memorizing more and more verses of the Bible. Still, only weeks old in the Lord, I would get up on a box and tell the passing crowd about Jesus. I was always looking for a place to preach. Too young in the Lord to preach, so I felt, in a church, I would go to one of the several missions in Boston, always hoping to be asked to say something.



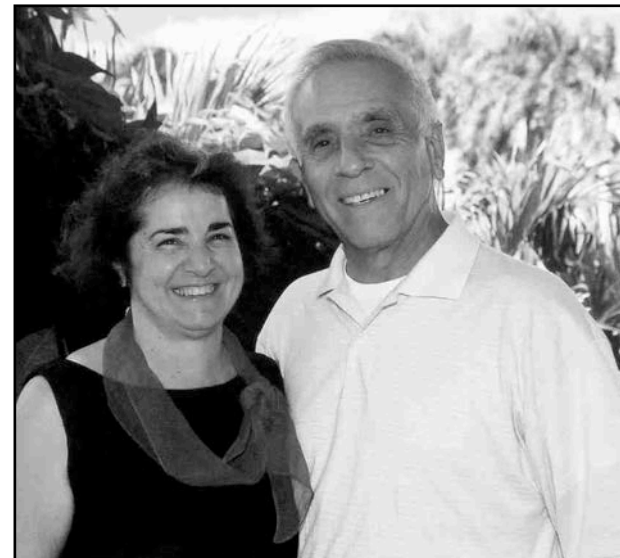
Our Conrab church and school. We establish churches for the purpose of worship, discipleship, and evangelism.

The mission, both in Haiti and the Dominican Republic is growing rapidly. We are beginning to experience good growth in our Spanish church in the D.R. Vision fills my heart of many churches being established. More missionaries now plan to join our team in the D.R. - a sure sign that God has good things in store for us. As always, the joy of service is experiencing God. He is ever going before us, preparing the way. He rejoices our hearts and surprises us with good things. I hear our Captain again calling His company to order and then giving the command "Forward! Huh!"

Love,



George and Jeanne



P. S. Our churches are the foundation of our ministry. Please consider becoming a church planter with us.

These missions were for street people – most of whom were alcoholics. Their favorite song was “The Old Rugged Cross.” My call to preach was always there. When in Bible School in Framingham, Massachusetts, I was put in charge of the Friday night open-air meeting in Framingham Center. Then in my fourth year of Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, I became the pastor of a small rural church in Woods Hill, Missouri. Every Sunday, a car full of students would go to the church, sing, pray and I would preach. Still, today, after 50 years of serving the Lord, my passion is to preach God’s Word under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. And then to invite people to faith in Jesus Christ. I do it because I love it. I love it because God called me to do it. - *Pastor George DeTellis*

Evangelism in Haiti

One of the most exciting things about working in Haiti is to see how our visiting teams come along side and partner with our Haitian churches in the area of evangelism. Even though the teams can’t learn Haitian Creole during the one-week they are with us, they have no trouble communicating the language of the Gospel.

Evangelism is both word and deed. We come to these poor communities and show our love with action by lending a helping hand to the church and school. Then we go out into the village and share the Word of God through song and drama. The great thing about this is that the Haitian leaders of the church are there, working with us to share the spoken Word. It is a joint effort on the part of Haitian and American Christians to reach the people of Haiti.

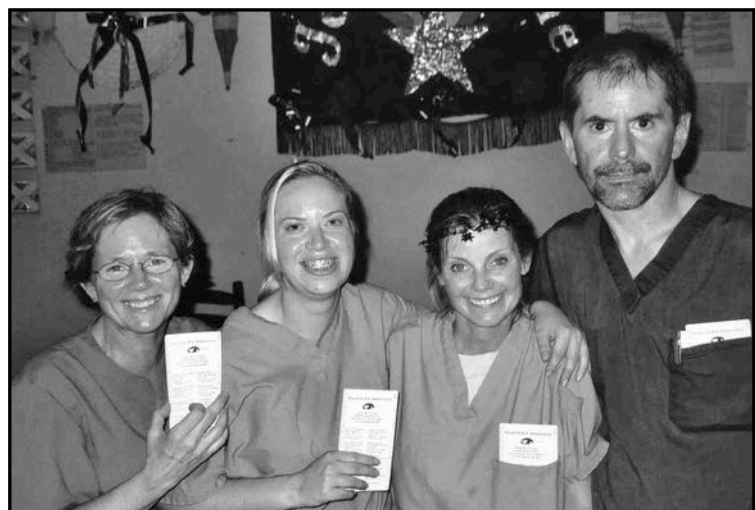
Our visiting team members then leave with a passion to reach the lost in their own communities back home. New Missions is providing the teaching and training to be used of God. - *Scott Long*



Missionary Scott Long sharing the gospel in Haiti.

Yes God Can

Wednesday night in Haiti, after a long day at the clinic, I was laying in bed praying and asking the Holy Spirit for guidance to give devotions the next morning. I was led to Psalm 91 beginning with verse 5. I told the group, Jesus is with us every minute of the day - no matter what we are doing. Jesus was waiting patiently for me to ask Him for healing of my back and the chronic pain I had from a car accident. I read the Scriptures and reminded everyone that Jesus is with us and that we should call on Him, trust in His name and that we would have our needs met. The Holy Spirit came over me. I began to cry and everyone prayed for my healing. I was told by the Holy Spirit that God was only waiting for me to ask and I would be healed. I have since had no back pain and I thank God for my healing. - *Caryn Munoz, visiting mission team member from Lakewood Church, Houston, Texas.*



Mission for Vision team Susan Korjagin, Caryn Munoz, Trina Williams from Houston Eye Associates, Houston, TX, and Karl Brunig, a low vision software specialist from Albany, NY.

Giving Your Life Away

Traveling overseas to serve has its challenges. Our last team in May richly enjoyed serving God. They chose to have eye clinics for five days in Haiti. Their last day they were swarmed with people wanting to be examined. The visiting missionaries and long-term missionaries encourage each other. The visiting teams help the mission in many aspects. New Missions works in eighteen different locations in Haiti. Some of these new locations are located in the mountains above the Leogane plain. It is a joy to see the work being pushed out further and reaching more lives with the love and good news of Jesus Christ.

We are always learning to die to ourselves. We are called to be a living sacrifice. The passage in John 12:24,25 says: Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.



The quality time we spend sharing the hope of Jesus changes lives. Charlie DeTellis in Haiti serving the Haitian people.



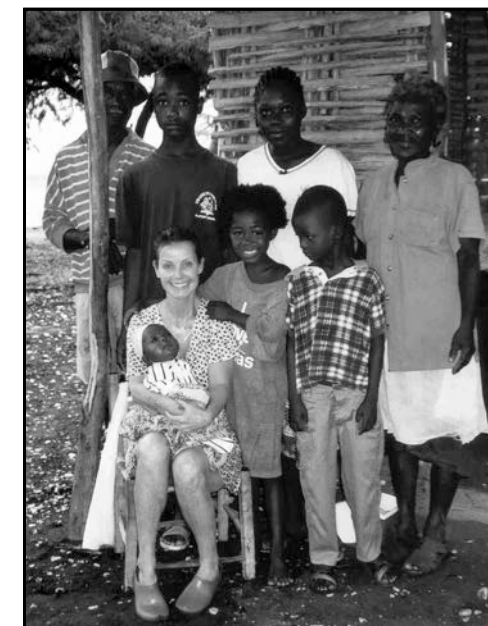
Susan Korjagin determining eye glass prescriptions for our school students.

He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. Jesus spoke this verse in John, just before his own death on the cross.

During this May team we saw Haitians come to know the Lord and people touched with healing. An 18-year old boy came to our mission and said that he wanted to accept Christ when he was 20 years old. A bell rang in my head. I was saved when I was 18, and my father when he was 18 years old. I told the boy this, and he accepted the Lord.

A mother came to our mission with her young boy who was cross-eyed. Our visitors invited the boy to the clinic and after an examination and outfitting him with glasses, the young boy’s vision was corrected. The boy was asked what he wanted to be when he grows up, and he said, “I want to be a Pastor.”

The mission is a spiritual battle field. In Ephesians 6, it tells us to take up the whole armor of God. I have been focusing on three aspects of the armor of God. We need God’s Word, prayer, and the bullet-proof vest of righteousness. Would you want to go off to battle without the protection of a breastplate? Are you exercising these areas in your life? In years past, I have focused heavily on the physical work in Haiti. I have known exhaustion from overworking. The Bible teaches us our need for His Word, prayer, and righteousness. We must also show love for one another. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33. Take the time to prepare for the battle. Be encouraged in the battle. Sarah laughed when she heard of the promise of bearing a son. The angel asked her: “Is anything too hard for the Lord. Genesis 18:14” Keep going onward as a Christian soldier and walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. - *Charlie DeTellis*



Trina Williams with Ellie Mae (Ellie Mae is third from left in back row) and family from Bordmer, Haiti.

The Mind, the Heart, and the Touch of God

The Mind of God Often, if you see what a man does you will have a sense of what is on his mind. I have said, if you want to know what I think – look at the buildings I've put up... churches and schools for the most part. My heart is on preaching the Gospel, bringing people to faith and educating children. Jesus said, "My works bear witness of Me, John 5."

When we look at what God has created, we have a sense of who He is. The expanse of the universe and its complexity boggle our minds. Everything observable in the universe is in an orbit – moons orbit planets, planets orbit the sun, our sun orbits our galaxy. The logical conclusion then is that the multiple billions of galaxies are also in an orbit. It is my conviction that God is not out at some extreme end of the universe. Rather, He is at the center of the universe. He is the force that holds everything together; all the galaxies are in orbit around Him.

In Haiti we put up a lot of buildings, and now in the Dominican Republic we are in construction. The buildings are needed to do the work

of God. However, my mind is not on the buildings. My mind is on the people that God has sent to us. The universe is not on God's mind. He is thinking about His people. The writer of Proverbs said, "How precious are your thoughts to me, O God. (139:17) We are the purpose of God's creation. He needed a stage to play out His plan of salvation. Wow! What a big stage.

The Heart of God At the time of creation God said, "It is good." Regarding His people, He says, "I love you with an everlasting love." (Jeremiah 31:3 Jesus tasted death for everyone and His plan is to lead many sons to glory. Hebrews 2:10 We, not creation, are the object of God's love. We are in the heart of God.


The Touch of God I have been a Christian for fifty years. I've learned that God is not known by systematic theology. He is more than we could ever think or imagine. I am in awe of Him. We know God through His creation and by what He has written, about Himself, in the Scriptures.

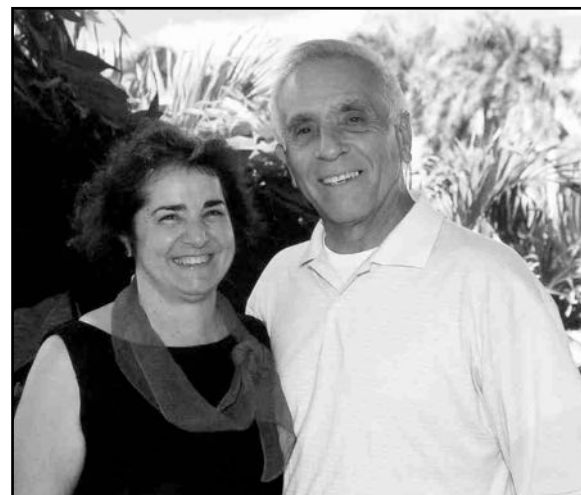
God is a person and I have a relationship with Him. I need Him.

I need His touch in my life. My wife receives letters every month from people requesting prayer. People write with physical, family and financial needs. They write because they need a personal touch from God. In my own life, more than ever, I need a personal touch from God. To feel His presence is important. He is with you in every trial and circumstance of life. On the ceiling of the Sistene Chapel, Michael Angelo painted God and man with index fingers extended reaching out to touch.

We as Christians can be the hand of God to touch others in need. It is told that if a sheep is hurt and falls and its coat gets wet, that it cannot get up. It needs someone to pick it up. Friendship is important. It is said, if a person has one or two real friends he is fortunate. In order to have a friend you must show yourself friendly. If you want to be loved, you need to reach out and love. One promise I can give you, for sure, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." Reach out today and touch someone in the name of God.
- Pastor George DeTellis

George and I celebrated our 44th anniversary of marriage on June 25th. We continue to work closely together. One day at our mission in the midst of ministries taking place with a visiting team of 33 missionaries, George and I stole away for our lunch. We stopped at a grocery store – German rye bread, imported Swiss cheese and a jar of red roasted peppers. We drove less than a mile to the oceanfront, and in our car with the air-conditioner and soft music, we had a romantic lunch. Thirty minutes later we were back in the midst of the hustle of activities at the mission. God gives us love, and His pleasures are for evermore.

Love, 
George and Jeanne



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July 1, 2004

Bible School Graduation 2004

Dear Friends of New Missions:

This year I was thrilled to see Marie Rose Andre graduate from our Bible College in Haiti. She is our only woman pastor. Marie Rose has a strong growing church. She is a model of what God is able to do. God always calls, gifts and anoints men and women to bring His Word to the world. Marie Rose is the Pastor of the church in LaFerrony.

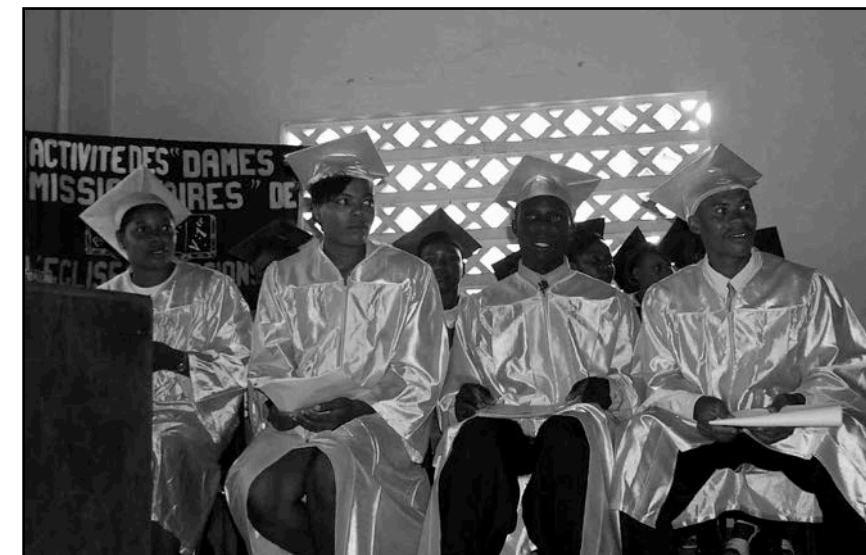
In 1995, New Missions in Haiti changed our School of Ministry into a four-year Bible School, the Royal Caribbean Institute. This school is the anchor of our ministry in Haiti, training young men and women to preach the Gospel and to work as pastors, administrators and teachers in the mission.

It was never in my mind when I went to Haiti to begin a work for God, to have only one church and perhaps one school. Always, the dream of my heart was to bring the Gospel to the Leogane Plain and then eventually all of Haiti. I knew that to accomplish that goal that a Bible School was necessary.

When we arrived on the Leogane Plain more than 20 years ago, there were no schools beyond high school. And very few people even went to high school. A true missionary always duplicates himself by calling people to faith and then calling people to be full time workers for God.



"Glory to God you are graduating from the New Missions Bible College and the Gospel will be preached to all of Haiti." Pastor George DeTellis speaking at the graduation ceremonies in Haiti.



2004 Bible College Graduates

Jesus began His ministry by calling men to follow Him. When God called me into the ministry, He led me to go to Bible College in the United States and then to graduate school. I have always been in favor of school to prepare men for the ministry. God didn't bring me to faith and immediately send me to the mission field. No, years of schooling were necessary.

Today, a movement is taking place in Haiti. The more students we graduate from our Bible College – the more churches we are able to open. One of the best investments New Missions makes is in our Bible College – in Haiti, and now in the Dominican Republic. Over the years the missionaries will multiply themselves and bring about a strong growing work for God.

From Petaluma County in California to Sosua in the Dominican Republic

Chuck and Mia Gallo first heard of New Missions through Dick and Ilys Reeves, the Missions Pastor of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Hood River, Oregon. Chuck and Mia with their two children, Jenna and Louis went to Haiti in 2002. In June of 2003, Chuck and Mia with their two children visited Sosua in the Dominican Republic for a week. They felt the call of God . . . in September, three months later, their family came to Sosua to work for God.

Chuck took along his means of support by doing his business via the internet. He was able to arrange his time, and commit to teaching math and assisting in New Life School. Also, Chuck took care of the



Amelia Martinez with Mia Gallo at Amelia's colmado (little supermarket in her home.)

mission finances. Chuck led worship and directed the puppet ministry. He was extra busy working alongside with our mission teams.

Mia taught in our New Life School. She had challenges with European students who spoke little English, no Spanish, and now had all of their studies in the English language. She tenderly loved each one and spent one to one time with her students. Mia enjoyed most doing street evangelism, and visiting house to house. Many of our people have endeared themselves to her. Mia also worked in the puppet ministry.



Chuck Gallo leading worship at an outdoor evangelistic event.

Jenna and Louis had lots of friends and they did puppet shows with their parents.

We thank God for Calvary Chapel in Petaluma County in California for sending the Gallo family to us. Receive them back home with a victor's celebration welcome. - *Jeanne DeTellis*

Construction Update in the Dominican Republic

We are ready to buy floor tiles and one building is ready for doors and windows. Please pray for the finances to come in to finish this project.

During the summer months we have seen explosive growth in our Dominican Church. The visiting teams have preached on the streets and beaches and in the villages – many have accepted Jesus. More news about this new growth in next month's newsletter.

A Day of Renewal in Haiti

Whenever I go to Haiti one of the highlights is meeting with our pastors. It is always a time of renewal. We pray, sing and share God's Word together. We come together in the Lord, showing affection and appreciation. I love listening to the pastors tell of victories in their church and in the lives of their people. Again, this year the pastors surrounded me, laid hands on me, praying for my health and that God would continue to use me for His glory.

- *Pastor George DeTellis*



Adrian Thomas, missionary in the Dominican Republic, and Scott Long, missionary in Haiti, sharing at the Pastor's meeting in Haiti on how God is not finished with New Missions and the vision to reach Haiti with the Gospel of Jesus.



"Hut by hut and village by village is how the Gospel will be preached." Pastor George DeTellis shared to the Pastors of the churches in Haiti.

The last weekend of May I had the opportunity to travel with Pastor George to Haiti to attend this year's Bible College graduation. On Saturday, pastors from all over the Leogane Plain gathered together to honor Pastor George. Looking at these men and women surrounding Pastor George was a moving experience. I realized that every one of them was a fruit of the hard work and prayers of more than 20 years Pastor George and his wife Jeanne had invested into Haiti. The lives of these men had been changed for the better in many temporal ways by New Missions. But the most exciting thing was to see that because New Missions had shared the Gospel with them their lives had been spiritually changed for eternity by the power of God. - *Adrian Thomas*



"God is using you to reach Haiti." Charlie DeTellis shared to the pastors of our Haitian churches.

Two Things for Sure

Of necessity we deal with two worlds, the temporal and eternal. The temporal is this present life, our physical life here and now. We are also aware that there is another life beyond this life, the eternal life. Some people try to deny this life and others the next life. Some people think that unless they totally give up this life they will never enjoy the life which is to come. For them this world is evil and we should not have anything to do with it. Others say there is nothing beyond this life and they try to get all they can from this life. Christians understand that God wants us to be useful in this world and to enjoy the good things of His creation. Also, He gives to us eternal life and assures us that at His right hand there are pleasures forever more.

I love my work, my family and friends. I enjoy good food. Watching the sun set or following the moon and planets as they cross the sky brings me great pleasure. As believers we have the best of both worlds; we enjoy God now and we'll enjoy Him forever.

Someone said, there are two things that are certain: death and taxes. There are some people who do not pay taxes because of their lack of income, the country they live in or by shrewd manipulation. What

is certain is death and judgment. The Scriptures depict this life as being short at best. It is spoken of as a vapor, quickly dissipated. Isaiah 40: 6 and 7 says, "All flesh is as grass. . .and the glory of men as the flower of the field. The grass withers and the flower fades."

The Scriptures tell us that we will be held accountable. All of us one day will stand before God to give an account of what we did on earth with our talents, time and our fortune. The Bible says we will give an account of every deed done while we were in the body.

The Scriptures tell us of two judgments. The first is called the Great White Throne Judgment. It is found in the twentieth chapter of Revelation. All the dead small and great stand before God. And the question that will be asked at this judgment will be "What did you do with my Son?" The book of life will be opened and those who have received Jesus, their name will be written there. They will go in to be with God. And those whose name is not found will be sent away.

The second judgment is called the Judgment Seat of Christ. It is found in 2 Corinthians:5. This is the judgment of believers. These are those who received Jesus as Savior. Their sins have been forgiven. Jesus

died for them. They have eternal life. For them the question will be, "What did you do for my Son?" In this world we are called to serve God. God gives us gifts and opportunities of service. We can speak for God. We can help the less fortunate. We can work with people showing them God's love through our acts of service. To know God is to love Him and to love Him is to serve Him.

In both of these judgments we stand before God. Revelation 22:4 We will see His face. We will look into the face of God. And God will look into our eyes. When we look into someone's eyes often we look into their inner being. We discern who they are, what they are thinking and what they have done. God will look into the depth of our being and nothing will be hid from Him.

What a day that will be – everything revealed. And there before God we will receive His smile of approval and words of commendation, "Well done good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord. We will be ushered into the city of God, where God is the light. There, there is no darkness – no sorrow, sickness or crying. God will change us and forever we will be the sons of God.



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Planting a New Church in Bombita

Dear Friends of New Missions:

A few years ago, George was out on the streets of Sosua inviting people to church. He met a woman named Nancy. Nancy started coming to our church in Mulata I. She came with her three children. My husband gave her transportation to Bombita, down a narrow dirt road in a rural area.

Because of Nancy, we started visiting the neighborhood of Bombita, doing medical clinics and evangelism. This year, we were asked to begin a school for many of the children. The nearest school is five miles away. The families cannot afford the cost of transportation. Now we have a school with a Dominican teacher. Volunteers help teach English and Math.

The children love when teams come and do days of sports. This week a mission team brought a baseball glove, baseball and bat for each of the children. They were overjoyed. I saw a few of them with their baseball gloves on their heads in church!

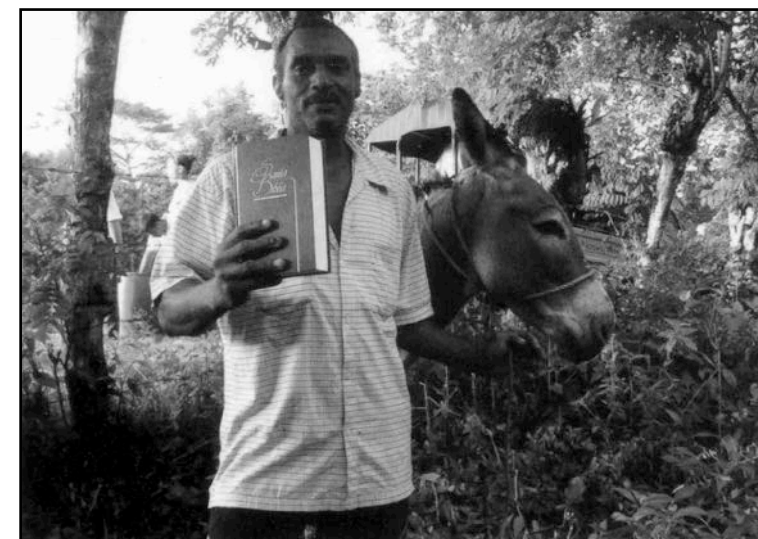
In May, we had our first church service in Bombita. It was raining. Along the road we picked up children and adults all dressed up for this occasion. All we had was a 10 x 20 tent. The rain stopped. Over 200 came for the service. One of the older woman that we gave transportation accepted Christ along with many others.



The first service in Bombita.

George and I were praying for a Dominican Pastor to minister to the people on a regular basis. He met with our school director's husband, Daniel. Daniel has been a preacher for more than 10 years. He came and went to Bombita. Daniel went from home to home visiting the people. On Sunday night we started church on a regular basis in Bombita. In an open field a crowd of people sat – we ran out of chairs, and the sun was like a blazing torch, but the people sang, praised God and listened to the Word.

Our hearts are full with the blessings of God in seeing this new church begin in Bombita. Now we are looking to purchase land. We also want to buy a tent to accommodate 200 people. We thank you for your prayers to see God establish this new church in Bombita – Iglesia Nueva Vida de Bombita.



The team gave out hundreds of Spanish Bibles to the people of Bombita.

Jeanne and I are enjoying good health. Groups of short term missionaries will join us through the summer helping us in construction, singing, preaching, and ministering to young and old by sharing the love of Jesus. When God is the center of your life – life is full. Always, we are thinking and praying for you that you may know and enjoy the blessings of life in the Spirit.

Love,



George and Jeanne



Missions Teams in Haiti Working Side by Side with our Students



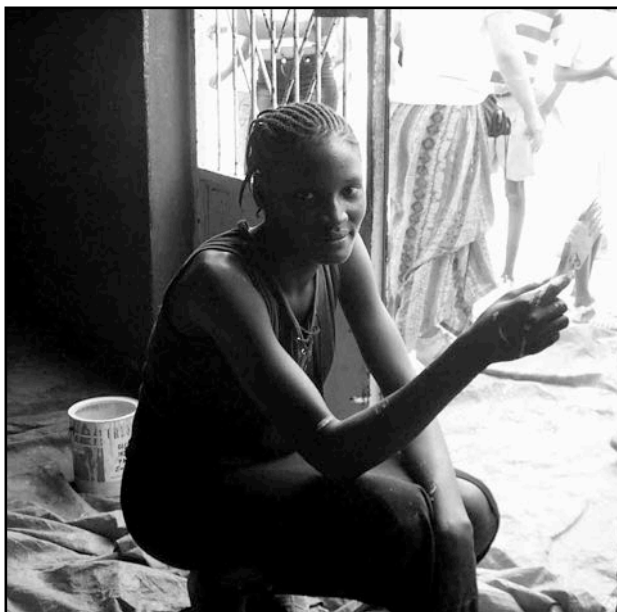
Chevanie Paul is sponsored by Lisa Skeels from Upland, California.

Short-term mission teams going to Haiti spend the entire week ministering in one village. One group spent the week in the village of TiRiviere, doing medical work, painting the school and church, and giving the students uniforms.

Chevanie Paul came to enjoy the activities taking place in her school and church in TiRiviere. Her aunt brought her that day, and she was excited about getting her school uniform. Chevanie also got a medical checkup. She is sitting with Sheila Flowers, missionary with her husband Paul from Vermont.

Gerthie is from the village of TiRiviere. We started a school there in 1987. I remember when we photographed the 50 children for Kindergarten that we used the numbers 1800 to 1850. I also remember that when we registered 50 children, there were more waiting.

In 1987, George and I met Jim Loomis, a businessman from California, at a coke stand on the highway going west in Haiti. Jim shared with us his dream that He believed was from God that he was to find 50 children to help. With Jim's dream, we began registering children for school. Jim took all 50 photos with him to California and he was responsible for their sponsorship the first year.



Gerthie Senat is sponsored by Paul and Nancy McCullough from Monroeville, Pennsylvania.



Gerthie started school in 1987. She is now in her 5th year of high school (there are seven years of high school in Haiti). Gerthie would love to sit with you and tell you the stories of the past years how she struggled academically, how she suffered with illnesses, how her family went through crises and sorrows.

Gerthie accepted the Lord through the ministry of her pastor at New Missions church in TiRiviere in 1999. She worked side by side with our mission team, repairing and painting the facilities in her oceanfront village of TiRiviere.

Explosive Growth in the Dominican Republic

We are always amazed when we get a glimpse of what God is doing. God is certainly at work in the Dominican Republic. Our church is full of youth, adults and children. At every service, our two transport trucks and our pickup each make two runs, but we still have transportation problems. People are getting angry that they cannot come to church. Some people are crying. A young girl came up to my husband last week and said, "I was standing on the sidewalk and I waited and I waited to come to church." No one picked me up." At one service, a few families were so desperate that they put money together and came to church (we took them home). For some poor families, transportation to church is the cost of their food for that day. Imagine, people so hungry to hear the Word of God.



A team doing a vacation bible school in the neighborhood of Policlinica.

How did this explosive growth happen? God has the plan, and He has the answer. We have tried to be faithful in our personal lives with Him, and work to invite people, and prepare for ministry to them. Short-term missionaries have come along side, creating high levels of enthusiasm with puppet ministries, vacation Bible schools, beach evangelism, house to house personal ministry. One group visited every house in Bombita, asking them what they needed and how they could help. They prayed for people. They brought food to every house. They invited people to church. The mission is paying for a transport truck to give the people in Bombita transportation to church.



Philip Turley, from Rutledge, Tennessee, with a little girl in Bombita.

I was visiting with one mother from Austria who was thanking God for our ministry to her son. The father of her son is Dominican. The mother had problems with the father and she has been alone since the boy was three months old. She has a small street side shop of not more than 8 feet x 8 feet, where she does mending and sewing. But New Missions is there for her son – an outreach center where he is safe, and where he can know the joy of the Lord. One by one, people are being touched and their needs are being met.

Our mission teams have an exciting ministry going door to door in a neighborhood called Charamicos. That night there were no lights in the neighborhood – the streets were full of people. It was as though God had them all ready for us. The short-term missionaries bring candies and balloons for the children, and it helps to open up conversation with their parents. It is great to be in the open among the multitudes speaking for Jesus. The special part of the event is when my husband preaches a Gospel message and invites them on the street in front of their neighbors to come to Christ!



A team doing a Vacation Bible School in Bombita.

Explosive Growth! People here are hungry to come to Him and be part of His family. Please, urgently pray for God to send us Spanish-speaking workers and the resources to catch this harvest for the Kingdom of God.

The Favor of God

Christians love talking about the grace of God. For us, it is the foundation of our faith. One of the earliest verses that we learn from the Bible in Ephesians 2:8 "By grace through faith are we saved, not by works. . ." And we learn the meaning of grace as young Christians. Grace as the unmerited favor of God is etched early on the mind of Christians.

Jesus, when He came to earth, to do the will of His Father, laid aside His glory. Jesus is coequal with the Father. The splendor He had is beyond description, yet He emptied Himself. He became a man and when He did, Phillippians 2:8, He gave up the glory that was always His. II Corinthians 5:9 says, "He who was rich became poor that we who were poor might become rich. The riches and poverty here do not speak of financial or material possessions. Regarding Himself, God never measures wealth – it's all His. As the songwriter said, "He holds the wealth of the world in His hand." The riches and poverty spoken here refer to stature and position. Jesus was rich because He enjoyed the glory of being the one, unique Son of God. When He became a man – comparatively – He was poor.

We on the other hand, because of the Fall, we lost our high standing with God. We were all morally born corrupt. We were nothing. An

exchange took place. Jesus became poor that we might become rich. We went from 'rags to riches'. We are the sons of God. We are now under the favor of God.

God has given us gifts, intelligence and abilities. This, too, is the favor of God. Imagine, if you will, that as men all we know how to do was hunt with a bow or fish with a spear. I've seen, as you have, pictures of primitive hunters shoot a monkey with their bow, take it home, while roasting it over an open-fire, scrap the fur off, and have barbecued monkey for dinner. How blessed we are. We are favored. Intelligence comes from God. He has given to us abilities of business, technical skills, teaching and administrative talents only to mention a few. We are under the favor of God.

Gabriel appeared to Mary in Luke 1:30, and said you have been chosen to bear the Christ child. Do not be afraid – you are favored of God. When I was eighteen years of age, God spoke to me in my bedroom. That night I came to faith. God told me that I was to be a missionary. That was not my choosing. That was ordained by God. His favor, for ministry, came upon me.

God's favor extends to every area of our lives, our schooling, family, finances, health. Everything we touch is touched by God. Yet, there is a

wonderful secret to receiving God's favor upon our lives. When we give, we set in motion the law of reciprocity. Luke 6:38 says, "Give and it shall be given unto you." With the measure that we give, it will be measured back. Jesus said, "The poor you have with you always." Some people never learn to give – others love to give and feel that they cannot give enough. Stingy is a strong word. May it never be said of us. Generous, is the word for Christians growing in God's favor.

The main emphasis of our life can be thought of as someone looking into a mirror or looking through a window. We all need to look at ourselves as in a mirror, and plan for our lives. We need to think of our education, employment, financial security, and family only to mention a few things. However, for the believer that is not all we do. Self-centeredness will drain us of spiritual vitality. We also need to look out – as through a window and see the needs of others. God wants to use us as channels of His resources. We need to look out, see, then give and work to bless others.

How rich we are in God. The potential of who we can be in God is limitless. I want not partial favor but the full favor of God. I want all that He has for me – to not come behind in any good thing.

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Back To School

Dear Friends of New Missions:

From many mud huts, and narrow pathways to wider roads, and finally to the New Mission schools, will be thousands of children making their way back to school this year. For hundreds of little ones, this will be their first school experience, their first school uniform, their first time away from home, and the time to begin their academic life. There are 20 new classes of preschool children, and a total school population between Haiti and the Dominican Republic of 6400 students.

Throughout the summer months, in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, maintenance of school classrooms, school benches, and additional classrooms have been prepared. Hundreds of gallons of paint have been brushed and rolled on desks and school classroom walls. For one school alone, 8 new tables and 48 new chairs were ordered for a preschool and kindergarten class. There will be a desk and a place for each child. Every child is important in our hearts and in the heart of God.



Blandine Innocent is in the second grade. She is sponsored by Ron Johnson of Rancho Santa Margarita, California.

School directors are meeting with returning teachers, planning curriculum, lesson plans and beginning to pray for the incoming classes. New teachers are ecstatic that they have found a position to use their gifts and education. Everything is coming into place as the day of school opening approaches on September 6th.

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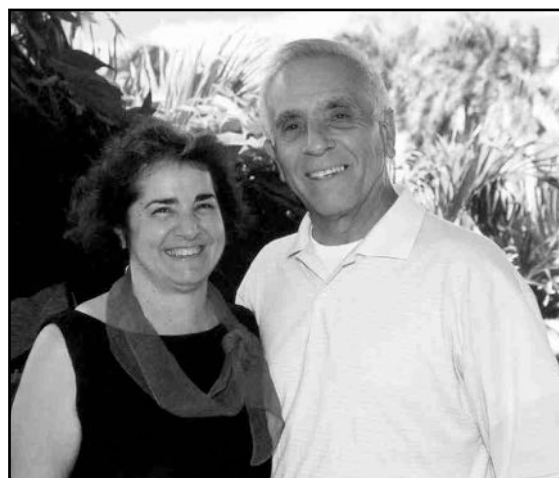


Some of the school books being distributed.

Every day we pray. Our needs are enormous. Often we pray through much of the night. We pray for the new people coming to join our mission team, for the finances for the work to progress, but most of all for the Gospel to have liberty and that the Word of God will penetrate the hearts and minds of those who hear. God loves to do the seemingly impossible. He is at work in our hearts, and here with the people of the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Love,

George and Jeanne



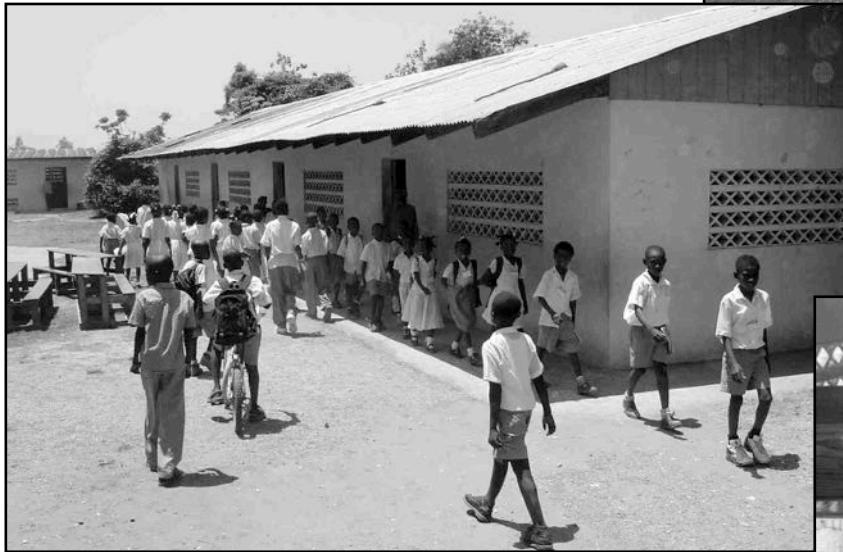
Back to School - continued

In Haiti, already, truckloads of books have come to the mission office. The office staff are assigning books to students. Our photo identification card gives us a system to identify students. The task is enormous, but our Haitian staff is anointed of God to touch each child, as they perform their work.

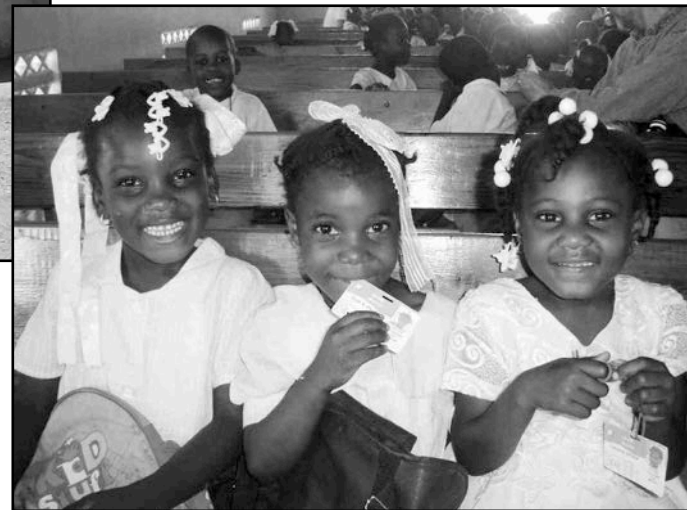
When mothers are struggling for the existence of their children, physically, they are full of gratitude to know that the mission is there to provide for the academic needs of their children. The mothers feel their children are safe, loved, and will develop at the mission. Parents live in hope as they watch their children go through the mission schools; many of the children will later find lifelong vocations.



Our trucks are always busy - now they are distributing school supplies.



I know that you are praying for your sponsored child as they return to school, that this year will be the very best year for them, in their health, and in their spiritual growth as well as their academic achievements. Please pray for our school directors and teachers who are working to touch one life at a time at our New Missions schools.



Our Explosive Growth Now Requires Larger Facilities

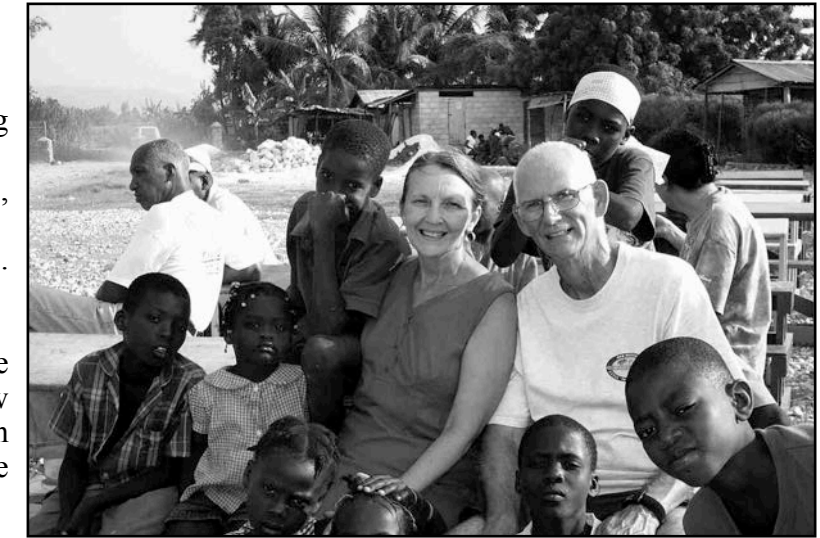
New Missions has purchased two tents to help establish our work in the Dominican Republic. One tent is large. It is 60 feet by 100 feet and will sit 780 people. This tent is being donated by Faith Fellowship Center in Winchester, Massachusetts. They have purchased the tent and will pay the shipping. I'm believing that this tent will establish a strong Christian testimony on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. It is our intention to have the best gospel music and the best preaching possible. By faith I see the tent full of people loving God. This will be a strong center for evangelism. Another tent for our church in Bombita will seat 280 people. The tent cost \$5,000 and the shipping is \$800. The finances for this second tent are needed.



Paul and Sheila Flowers - Missionaries in Haiti

Our first few months in Haiti have been a whirlwind of activities. We have settled into our apartment, and we have begun our training, learning about the ministry and vision of New Missions, visiting the 19 primary schools and the high school, meeting pastors and school directors, visiting different villages, doing office work, planning for and working with mission teams, and last but not least, learning Creole. We are taking one day at a time adjusting to a new culture, a new climate, and a new language.

Some of the highlights of our time so far include attending: the baptism of nine Haitians (two were New Missions employees) in the bay alongside the mission compound; an anniversary celebration of the Leogane church; a worship service at a new church (planted by two elders from the LaSalle church) at the bay village of Bordmer LaSalle. We have had the



Paul and Sheila Flowers



Mariela Gonzalez of Mims, Floria and Tish Soulliard of Glen Burnie, Maryland, holding Vacation Bible School with the children in the village of Birey.

opportunity to work with three mission teams at three different villages (TiRiviere, Birey, and Bordmer). During the team weeks, we did school maintenance projects, clinic ministry, gave out school uniform material, participated in village ministry and crusades, food distribution and Vacation Bible Schools.

We have had the opportunities to do many things, but Sheila has most enjoyed working with the children. She helped to do medical checkups, helped with Vacation Bible School, and she has talked with children when they came into the New Missions office to answer letters from their sponsors. These events have given her an opportunity not only to meet many children, but also to practice her Creole. I, on the other hand, have most enjoyed doing village ministry. Walking through the villages and drawing a crowd is fun and exciting. It's great to see

the enthusiasm of the children as they jump and skip and follow you to the spot where the pastor, team members and missionaries will preach. The highlight of the village ministry was seeing the reactions of the children and adults to the dramas, music, and the gospel message.

Haiti is a land of contrasts; beautiful mountains, palm, mango, banana and coconut trees, blue sea water, naked and hungry children, astronomical unemployment, people living in thatched huts with dirt floors, no running water, electricity or toilets, and political unrest. However, Haiti is not without hope. The hope of Haiti is Jesus. When this country began, in 1791, its leaders dedicated the country to Satan, and in 1991 then President Aristide rededicated the country to voodoo as its 'cultural heritage.' However, the Christians in Haiti have claimed this nation for Jesus and declared the dedication to Satan to be invalid. We are not hopeless about the conditions here because we know God can do anything! Jesus is the hope of Haiti, and He is our hope as we live each day.



Paul Flowers in Village Ministry

There Is A Hereafter

“There is a hereafter Proverbs 23:18.” There are two things that are ingrained in all of us. First, is the idea of God. This is universal. The idea of God may express itself in many ways, yet it is in everyone. Some people have said, “There is no God.” This very statement is a contradiction. First, they admit to have the idea of God and then they say He does not exist. The Psalmist said, “The fool has said in his heart, there is no God.” One of the great arguments for the existence of God, is the argument from being. The argument says, if we have the idea of God within us, then He must exist apart from us. As believers, we know that we were created in the image of God. He formed us and breathed life into us. From that day to this everyone believes there is a God. Yes, I know some people say there is no God. Never, have I ever met a child atheist. A disbelief in God is a learned behavior. There are arguments for the existence of God. I know of no argument for the nonexistence of God.

The second thing that is ingrained in all of us is the belief in immortality. We all love life and want to see it perpetuated. I believe that God wants us to have a long life and a good life here on earth. Then, He promises that when this life is over we will go to be

with Him to enjoy life on a plane so high it is almost impossible to imagine what it will be like. The Bible says, “We will be like Him for we will see Him as He is.” Paul’s words give assurance. “To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.”

David, when he had his first child with Bathsheba, was told by Nathan the prophet that the child will die. David fasted during the child’s illness, but after the child died, he washed and began to eat. His servants were confused. David then uttered these classic words - “The child cannot return to me, but I will go to him.”

Some of the Biblical analogies of the brevity of this life are - “Life is as a vapor. We are as the grass of the field and the glory of man as the flower of the grass.” Both are short lived. As it were - here today and gone tomorrow. Our ex-President, Bill Clinton, had a recent wakeup call. A man relatively young (58), strong and active, and yet it was necessary that he undergo a quadruple heart by pass operation to save his life. When I was a youth I never heard of cholesterol, blood pressure, viruses, abnormal cell reproduction or the immune system. Now, they are often the hot topics of adults everywhere. And most people over 50 are taking vitamins, minerals

and supplements of all kinds to enhance this earthly body and hopefully extend our days on earth.

An analogy that came to me that speaks strong about this temporal life: As a child I thought I saw in the distance of a long room a light. I couldn’t make out what it was, and therefore ignored it. As I got older, the sign appeared closer and therefore bigger. The older I got, the easier I read “EXIT.” Then, I realized it marked an exit door. When serious sickness comes the sign begins to flash.

As much as we love this life and the work that God has given for us to do, inevitably, one day it will be over. However, we are assured that we will not miss a heartbeat. The second coming of our Lord is spoken of as in the blinking of an eye we will be with the Lord. That is true, whether He comes to take His people home collectively or individually.

The Scriptures clearly teach - this body will return to the earth, but our eternal spirit will go to be with God. Jesus in John 10 said, “My sheep know Me, they hear My voice and in verse 28, He said, “And I give them eternal life.” The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. Yes, there is a hereafter.

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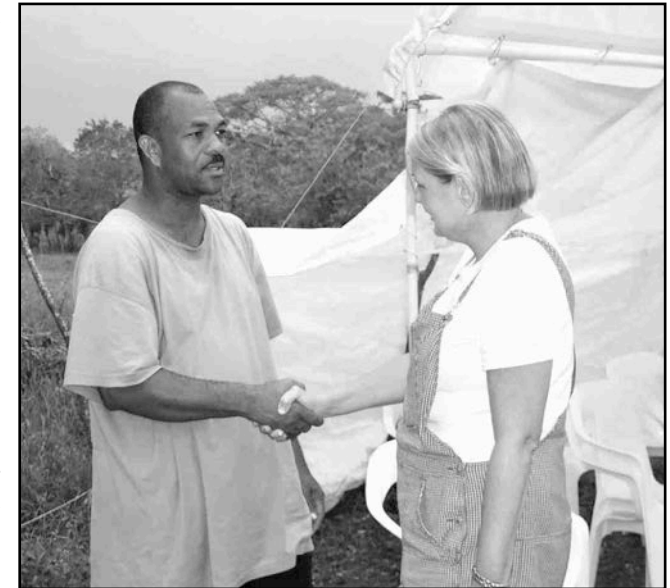
Lana Gabriel - Missionary to the Dominican Republic

Dear Friends of New Missions:

New Missions has had an impact on my life. I was raised a preacher’s kid, attended Bible College, experienced all kinds of mission trips, going as far as Russia, but never have I had an experience like I had with New Missions.

In June of 2004 I made my first trip to the Dominican Republic. It was with Bill Gravel who has “Try God Ministries.” Weeks before we left for the DR, the Lord took me to I Kings, Chapter 19, when Elisha was in the field plowing and Elijah came and cast his mantle upon him. The Scripture says he burned the plow and killed the yoke of oxen. Now he had nothing to go back to. The day we left for the D.R., our pastor, Dan Wooldridge read from Isaiah where the Lord said, “Who shall I send and Isaiah answered, “Lord. Here I am. Send me.”

As we were about to get on the plane in Miami, a mission group got off the plane in bright yellow t-shirts that said, “Here I am. Send me.” When I saw that, God touched my heart, tears ran down my face. Then off we went to serve God. So much happened within the next week I felt like Mary in Luke where she said, “My soul doth magnify the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Before we left for the airport, coming home, Adrian Thomas, one of the missionaries asked me, “Lana, would you ever consider coming back?” I said, “Why? Do you need help in your school?” He said, “Well as a matter of fact, I do.” So for the next 30 or 40 minutes we talked about the school.



Lana praying for Daniel in Bombita.

When we arrived back at our church in Texas, they were getting ready for our Big Camp Crestview. I was tired but had to work at camp. Every night I would think about the conversation I had with Adrian. I finally emailed him and asked him if he was serious, or were we just talking. Back came an email and it said - “Lana, I am serious.” From that moment on I never looked back. I raised my support within five weeks, and on August 10, 2004, I arrived back in Sosua. Then all the pieces began to fit together. I am so thankful for what God is doing.

Lana Gabriel, from Crestview Baptist Church, Georgetown, Texas

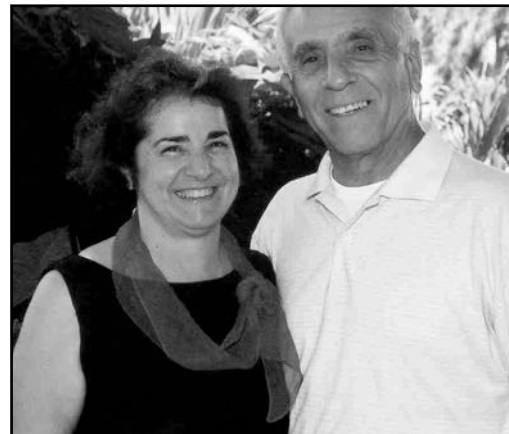


Lana with her sponsored child, Alba.

September 17th, Hurricane Jeanne went right through Sosua. The storm snuck up on me. Generally storms on the north coast go along the coast from east to west and then veer out north to the ocean and never do damage. This hurricane went inland to the city of Santiago and then turned north. For me, it felt that it went right over my house. I could talk about damage - water, trees, electricity, but the thing that impressed my wife and me the most was a chicken. Yes, a chicken that had laid eight eggs by a bush next to our house. The chicken sat on her eggs, as still as could be. The rain soaked her and the wind (80 miles per hour) no doubt scared her. Yet, there she sat, warming and protecting what would be a brood of chicks. The night of the storm we took a large basin - perhaps two feet across and laid it over her and the eggs. We covered Mother Hen with one of our towels. Then in the morning we leaned a piece of plywood against the house for her protection. By sheer instinct she was ready, with her life, to protect her yet born chicks. God by His nature - has us under His wings. I feel warm, secure, and loved by God.

Love,
George & Jeanne

George and Jeanne



Children Have Dreams

Jenderli and Jennifer are two sisters in a family of five children. They are the oldest. Jenderli is 9 years old and Jennifer is 8 years old. They live in one of the poorest neighborhoods in our town, called Policlinica. The families in this neighborhood are displaced people whose homes were washed away in a flood. The government promised new housing, but the homes never came. The neighborhood is mostly one-room with little amenities. New Missions has been ministering in this neighborhood for three years.



Jenderli and Jennifer.

Jenderli and Jennifer's mother Jeny came to faith at Iglesia Nueva Vida this year. Our church, Iglesia Nueva Vida, is located on the campus of Colegio Nueva Vida. It is a beautiful spacious campus with large classrooms, a computer lab and the best of teachers. The school, Colegio Nueva Vida, was built with the vision of attracting the foreigners and middle class Dominicans that live on the north coast of the Dominican Republic, to give their children the best education, to teach them about Jesus, and with the hope that their parents will come to faith. The students do pay something to come to this school. However, constantly we have requests from children in our Spanish church - "Please," they say, "Let us come to Colegio Nueva Vida." Now we have made it a policy that, as God enables us, we will bring some students, - at least 25 percent of the enrollment into the school - free.



Girls with a dream.

After a Friday night service at Iglesia Nueva Vida, Jeny talked with me about her two older girls, Jenderli and Jennifer. "Would it be possible?" she asked, "For my two daughters to enter the school?" The girls were excited - their eyes lit up. For them this would be a dream come true. The mother looked at me - saying almost nothing. This is an extremely poor family. The mother already has four children and was large with child. How would it be possible, she thought, that I of humble background could ever have my children in such a good school.

The girls, Jenderli and Jennifer, are now in school and attending classes. They are full of enthusiasm, and the mother gave birth to Jennilise on September 20th.

One by one, New Missions is helping a child. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, call our Orlando office, at 407 240 4058.



School Chapel in Mulata I.

Land For Tent In The Dominican Republic

Evangelism is a natural part of my life. I love pasturing, planting new churches and organizing the work of God. Yet, what I enjoy most is bringing people to faith in Jesus Christ.

Sosua is a tourist town. People come here to vacation, and many to try to fulfill every fantasy of the mind. To accomplish this, most have put God out of their lives. As John said in his Gospel "Men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil."

God loves to shine in a dark place. We have planted two churches here in Sosua, one Spanish and the other English - New Life Church. Along with the churches - three outstations have been started. Each of these we want to see develop into full fledged churches. These are in Los Castillo, Bombita, and El Batey. As time goes on many more churches will be started.

We would like to establish a strong Christian presence in the area. Already, a tent



Land for sale.

seating 800 people has been purchased. Our vision is to establish many churches in the area and then all of them come together in the tent once a week. In the tent we will endeavor to have the best music and great preaching in the tent. When this happens a movement for God will have been started that will bring the knowledge of God to Sosua.



Please pray.

Now we are praying! We are asking God where to buy land for the tent. We are looking at land in El Batey. This will cost \$75,000. The land we are negotiating for is located on Calle Alejo Martinez. In the town of Sosua, there are two principal streets, Pedro Clisante and Alejo Martinez. Both of these streets are full of hotels, restaurants and tourist attractions. The side streets house communities and neighborhoods of both Dominicans and foreigners. The land on Alejo Martinez is located about one half of a mile from the hotel most often used by New Missions to host mission teams.

I feel like Joshua when he was about to enter the promise land. He sent in spies. He waited on God. Finally, one night, a Man met him - the angel of the Lord saying, "I am Captain of the Armies of the Lord and I have come to fight." Once Joshua had a Word from God, he was invincible. He then - led Israel into the land of promise.



Hotel where teams stay.

Give Me This Mountain

After leading Israel out of Egypt, God brought Israel to Kadesh Barnea, the border of the promise land. There, Moses sent twelve men to spy out the land, to see if the people who lived there were weak or strong. And Moses wanted to know what the land was like. Were there forests and was the land good for cultivation. Moses asked the spies to bring back some of the fruit of the land. When the spies returned all Israel congregated to hear the report. The spies said, "The land flows with milk and honey Numbers 13:27." They brought with them huge clusters of grapes, pomegranates and figs.

But, the men who had gone up said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we (verse 31)." They gave the children of Israel a bad report. "We saw giants who devour people. We were like grasshoppers in their sight (verse 33)." Then all the congregation cried and wept. They murmured against Moses. "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! (verse 2)"

Only Joshua and Caleb encouraged the people. "If the Lord delights in us, He will bring us into this land (14:7)," they said. Because of Israel's failure, God caused the nation to wander in the desert for forty years. During that time every adult from the age of twenty and older died and was buried in the wilderness. Only Caleb and Joshua remained alive. Moses, too, died in the wilderness and the leadership of Israel was given to Joshua. Now under His

leadership – Israel entered the promised land and subdued it.

Each family through the twelve tribes were given land as an inheritance. In the book of Joshua, chapter fourteen, Caleb went to Joshua to claim the land that Moses promised him. "This day," he said, "I am eighty five years old, and yet I am as strong as the day Moses sent me. Now, give me this mountain (verse 12)." Caleb was in the desert – wandering for forty years. He was saying, for me – no more wandering – I'm going to the top of the mountain for the Lord.

How do we in our lives, spiritually stop wandering and go to the top to realize all that God has for us. First, Caleb said, "I wholly followed the Lord (verse 8)." Most Christians do not have problems with their theology – they believe in God and in the person of Jesus Christ. The area of difficulty for many is the heart. It is easy to lose our passion for the Lord and for His work. We are admonished to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, strength and mind..

Second, our attitude must be right. We are not passive in our relation to God. The attitude of the world may be 'que sara, sara' (whatever will be will be). In other words, our fate is predetermined. Some say our future is written in the stars. The Christian says, our future is in God. But, we don't expect God to do everything. We are active. And we help to determine what happens in our lives. Caleb said, "I am well able to destroy the enemy and take

the mountain for the Lord." God puts His plan in our heart; it then becomes ours, and we are to work to see God's will accomplished.

A young man succeeded in college and upon graduation was offered a well-paying position in a growing company. One night a friend came to the home to visit. The father met the young man at the door. As they chattered, the young man said to the father, "Your son is very lucky." The father answered, "Yes, the harder he works, the luckier he gets."

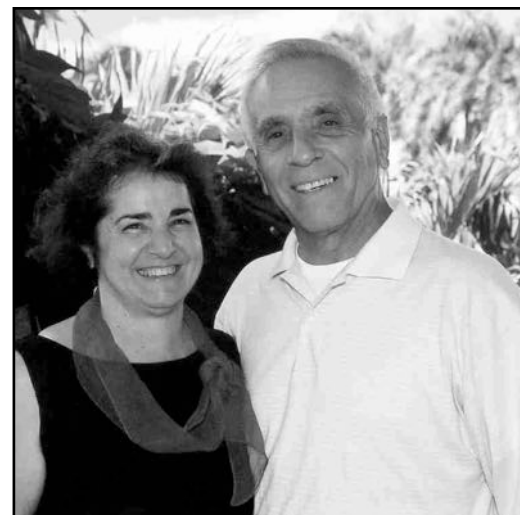
Caleb, also recognized that good things come from God. God loves to give, but sometimes we need to give first. Luke 6:38 says, "Give and it will be given unto you." At my home here in the Dominican Republic, I have a septic tank that holds water. The town does not consistently provide water and when the tank goes empty, the pump drains of water. When the septic tank is filled, the pump will not work. Air has gotten into the line. Then it's necessary for me to prime the pump. Cupfuls of water are poured into the pump until the pump can begin drawing water. I pour in a little and then when the pump is working, the water gushes into my home. God has an abundance. He wants to supply our every need. Sometimes we need to give before we can receive. Lastly, Caleb knew that his strength was in the Lord. He said, "I am able" to take the mountain. Of ourselves, we can do nothing. With God all things are possible. Draw on His strength for your every need.

God often asks me to do what in my eyes is the impossible. In the natural, I fear and tremble. The task is more than I can bear. I cannot see how it will be accomplished. Then, I have seen God's hand work in my life a thousand times. In the midst of my fear and trembling comes a deep security. God has always been faithful to provide and bring about His purpose for my life. Much has been accomplished in Haiti and now in the Dominican Republic. No one is more surprised than me. I have learned that God is all that I am not. Paul said it best. "When I am weak, then am I strong. 2 Corinthians 12:10."

Jeanne and I are blessed. We have the Lord. We have each other. And we have enough work to keep another 100 people occupied. Thank you for believing and working with us. We truly love you.

Love,
George & Jeanne

George and Jeanne



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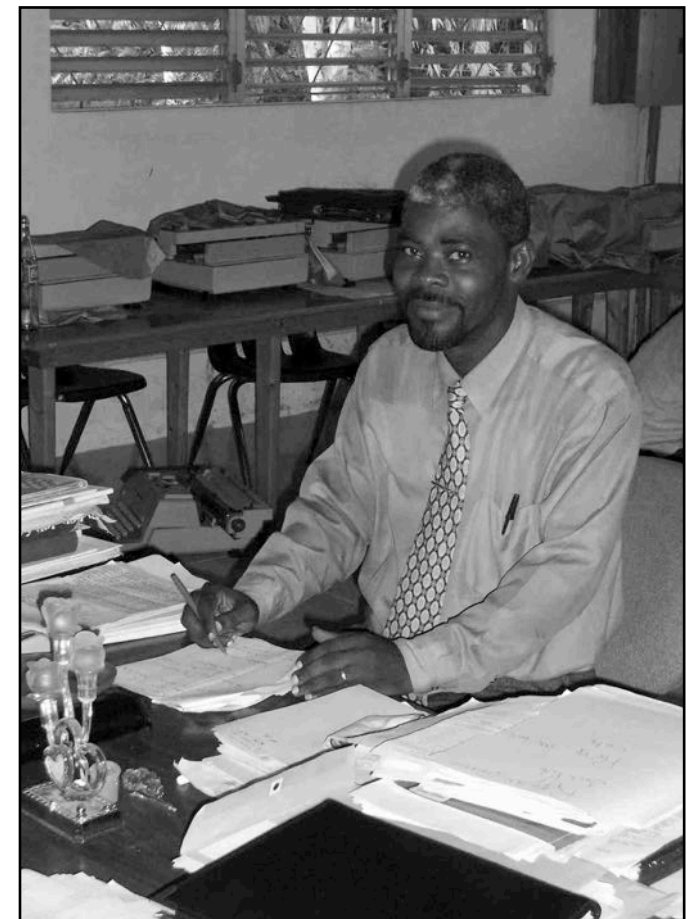
Training Leaders

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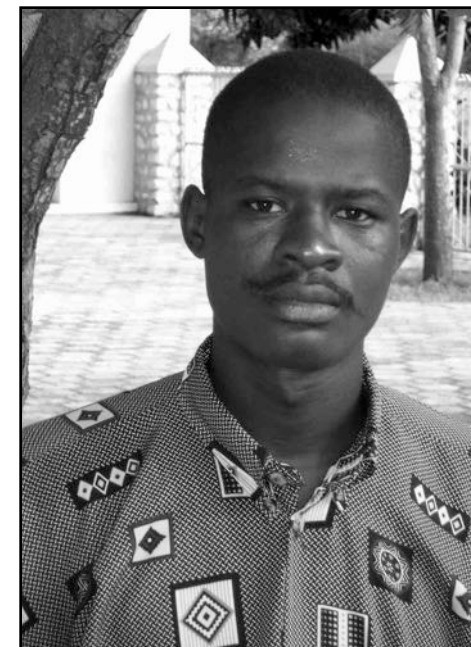
Fifteen people are intensely listening to Professor Eustache as he lectures about Abraham and other giants of the Old Testament. These 15 are young Haitian men with one common goal—to learn. At the same time, a class of 11 is next door where Professor Leroy is teaching the practical aspects of doing Christian education. These are two of many classes taught at the Royal Caribbean Institute to 55 men and women in Signeau, Haiti.

The Royal Caribbean Institute began nine years ago with New Missions' on-going vision of changing lives. We are preparing men and women in Haiti to serve God in ministry. The classes at The Royal Caribbean Institute provide a well-rounded education and include such courses as basic computer, accounting, law, evangelism, homiletics, theology, and various Bible courses. At the present time, there are 22 teachers of which five are New Missions pastors.

The director of the Royal Caribbean Institute, Guerrolain Jean, is 44 years old, married and has three children. He brings with him many years of experience. His background includes teaching Bible, French, and Social Sciences, operating a school as principal, and serving as an associate pastor. His education includes four years of seminary training. Director Guerrolain has plans for the Royal Caribbean Institute's future. He wants to employ the best teachers, institute practical training in the areas of evangelism, and build a library.



Director Guerrolain Jean



The Royal Caribbean Institute has students like Saint Fort, a 35-year-old man who lives and teaches in the village of TiRivierre. While a young man of 15, he heard God call him to a life of service. His future has not been fully revealed by God, but he feels that graduating from Bible school will prepare him for God's plan for his life.

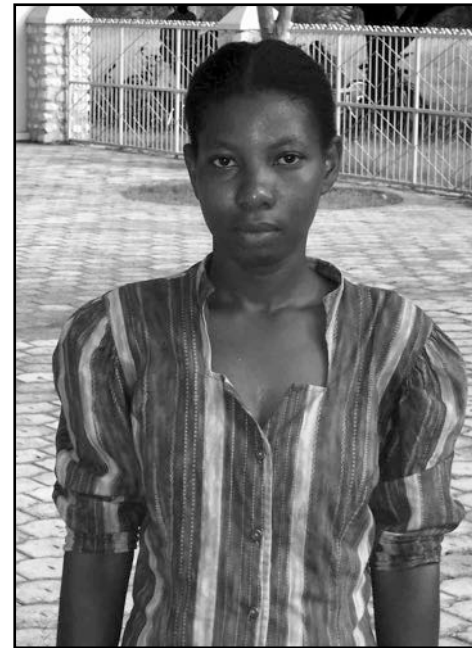
Jean Saint-Fort



Jimmy Francoise

Then there is Jimmy Francoise, age 27, who is married and lives in Darbonne. He is in his second year at the Royal Caribbean Institute. Jimmy felt God tugging at his heart as a young man. After graduation, Jimmy believes God would have him work with an older more experienced pastor and then allow God to lead him to pastor a church of his own.

There is also Marie Francaise Funelus, a young single woman in her second year at the Royal Caribbean Institute. Marie is no stranger to New Missions schools. She was a student at the Signeau primary school and is a graduate of the New Missions high school. When a young girl of 11, she received a cross from an anonymous person and felt it was God speaking to her, and calling her to service for Him. Her goal after graduation is to be a teacher in both the church and a Christian school.



Marie Francaise Funelus

The Royal Caribbean Institute is a place for equipping the Christians of Haiti for service to God. The school can only be effective and succeed, as people pray for the director and teachers.

Paul Flowers, missionary in Haiti at New Missions

News From Charlie DeTellis In Haiti

At our main mission in Bordmer, a woman called me over to the fence. She was a young mother with one little boy in our school. Her son had a broken arm. It was a compound break with a piece of the bone unattached. The mother was referred from one hospital to another. A second hospital in Port-au-Prince told her to go clear across the country of Haiti to visit another hospital. A month had already passed since the little boy broke his arm. I knew from past experiences in life that time is of the essence. I told the mother to come with the little boy in the morning. We brought the child to a private hospital and the mission paid the bill. In my heart I thanked those who support our clinic ministry.

Last month in Haiti we built a beach pavilion. The concrete floor is 21 square feet. Our tractor had a main hydraulic line that had burst. I decided to have the Haitian men move the concrete in wheelbarrows. I added four more men to our labor crew. After an hour I added two more workers. After a little more time, I called the yardman to give coconuts to the workers to drink. Before the job was finished, they had lunch and cold cokes. I wanted the job completed. Needless to say, we have a new beach pavilion where teams can rest or enjoy a morning devotion.

Our additional high school building is now completed. We will also begin construction on a church building on the mountain top of Ti-Boukan. The church building will also be used for a school. There is always work to be done in Haiti.

All of us like being rewarded for our work. As a young boy, I sometimes worked with my Italian grandfather, Charlie DiPietro. He is an amazing worker who could do any kind of work. He was never afraid of a task, especially a big one. He built his own homes, a Christian campground, and he is an excellent mason. His big tools scared me: the large metal bar for moving boulders, the heavy sledge hammer, and the big metal tanks that powered his torch. He would ask me to pass him a tool. The work was often hard and dirty. He would tease me a little and say, "You do good work, but not enough!" Many times my grandfather worked alone.

The word recompense means to make payment or return to, as for work done, injury sustained, or favors received. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6)." I reasoned with myself that it

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Charlie DeTellis In Haiti

would be worth serving God when I came to faith. Our God is the Maker of heaven and earth. Many of our visiting teams in Haiti don't mind getting a little dirty or wet. Missionaries see the little hardships as part of the cost of serving the Lord. I am thrilled with the increase of missionaries and teams coming to Haiti and going to the Dominican Republic. The work is not done yet. The day is not yet over. Let's complete the task.

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. (Hebrews 10:35,36)." We are saved by faith in the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. We are also called to do the will of God. Let's not loose confidence, for we will soon receive a reward that goes beyond our imagination.

Charlie DeTellis

Do You Know Another Good Man?

Last Friday night, I waited for two hired chauffeured trucks to arrive for our church service. The clock was ticking, and none of the people from two of our villages, Loma Bajita or Bombita had arrived. My heart was concerned. The music was almost over and still no trucks. I could only imagine what had happened.

My husband stood before the congregation and expressed his heart, how he felt about hiring people to pick up people for church. "I want our ministry people to provide the transportation, to love the people, to be on time and encourage them to come to church." It was not the first time that our hired trucks had disappointed us. A surprise to all of us, Pastor George said, "Who will give me 100 pesos to plant a seed, prime the pump, for our third transport truck." One by one, 10 people came forward with a 100 pesos. Later that evening, a widow grandmother came to our home with another 100 pesos. We now had 1100 pesos for our third transport truck.

At the Sunday morning English service, my husband told the story how we needed a new truck and took a special offering. This offering brought our total to 10,000 pesos – about \$315 (US).

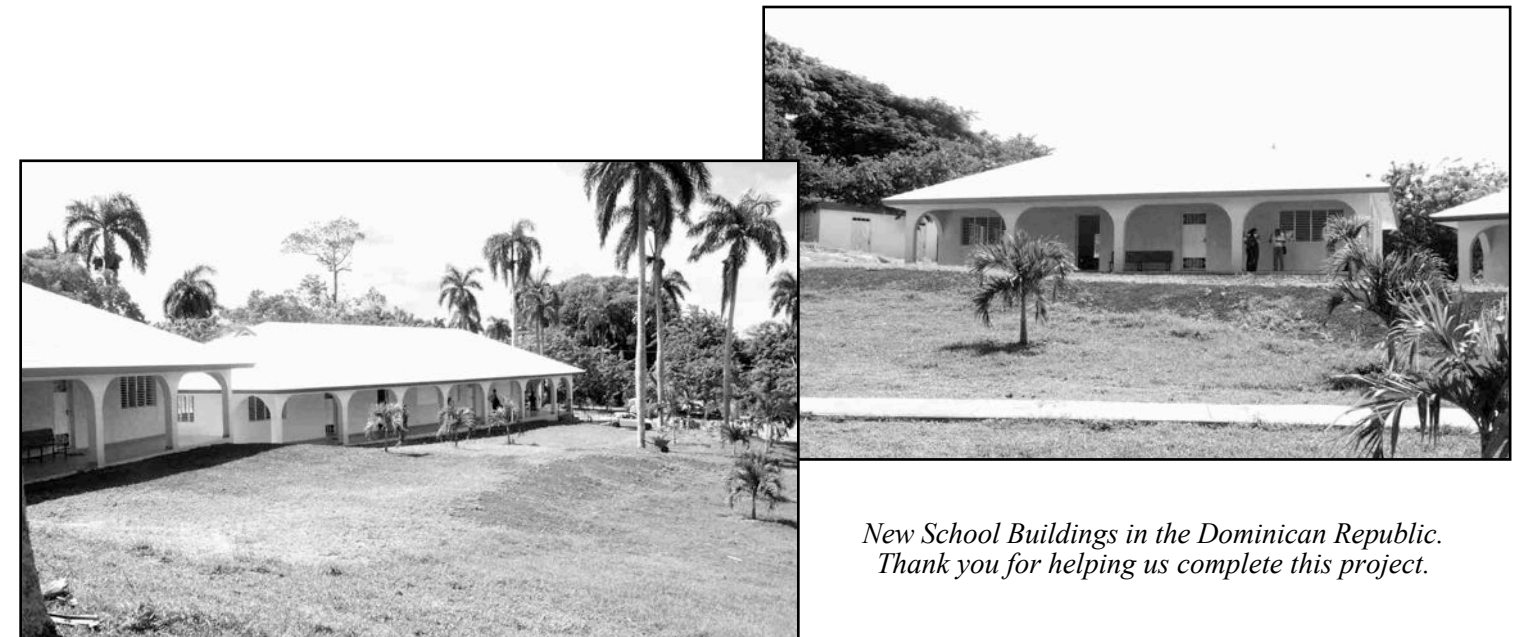
The next day I emailed a friend who had helped us buy the second truck. My email was like this – "Do you know of another good man like you who will help us buy our third transport truck?"

The poorest of people are transported from villages in and around Sosua to come to our church. Our last Friday night attendance was 275 people. Many of us made several runs to get everyone to church – and several runs after church.

The next day I got a reply from the good man who helped us buy the second truck. His response was, "I'll help you buy the truck. I think I can get you some money by the end of the month.

Our school secretary called and the price of a 14-foot diesel 2005 Mitsubishi transport truck is \$22,300. I know that there are some that want to help. We believe that Iglesia Nueva Vida in the Dominican Republic will have their third transport vehicle for the glory of God before this year ends.

Jeanne DeTellis



New School Buildings in the Dominican Republic. Thank you for helping us complete this project.

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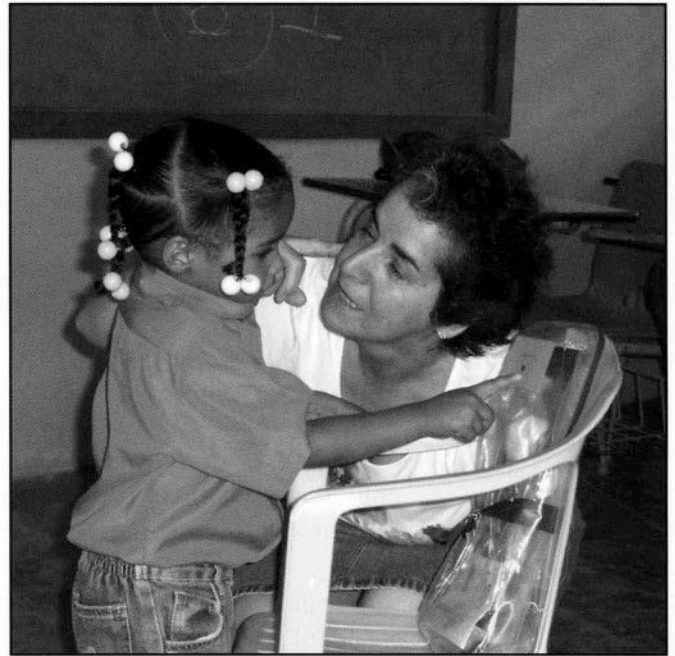
Making Christmas Special For Our Children

Dear Friends of New Missions:

I can remember the first Christmas Eve in Haiti. I walked down the road to Neply and tucked a doll next to a sleeping little girl. And the next Christmas, we gave out sneakers to all the children – there was the measuring, then the fitting and the hopes that they would get the color and design of sneakers they wanted. Now with thousands of children in Haiti to get Christmas gifts, it takes a few months to get the work done.

In the Dominican Republic, we started Christmas on Tuesday afternoon, November 9th. A team of 24 short-term missionaries made Christmas happen. The team prepared a Christmas play and the message of Christmas was brought to surprised children. Gifts were given to every child.

Rosmery could not stop talking about her gift – and very own chair to take home. She chatted with me, “That’s my doll, that’s my heart, that’s my candy, that’s my cookies. . .” I could feel her heart beating as she received our love. Rosmery is not sponsored, but at New Missions each child is precious and every child is blessed at Christmas.



Rosmery with Jeanne DeTellis

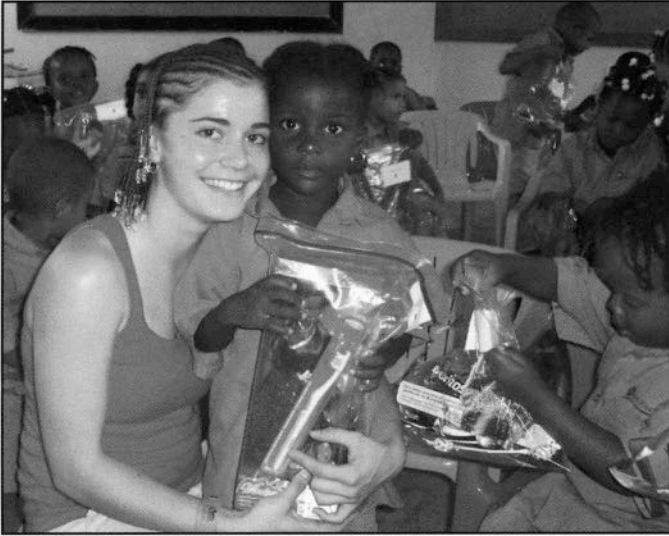
In the Dominican Republic, a woman Pam Freeman in our New Life Church took on a project to create and make 855 lightweight drawstring backpacks. Hours have been spent at Pam’s home cutting and pulling strings through the bags. The real work will be done when Pam has collected books, marbles, small toys, cookies and candies to fill all the bags. One item in the bag is a roll of fabric that says “Por Madre” (for Mother) and inside the material are a few household candles.

I ask God to bless you for giving to the children this Christmas.

-Jeanne DeTellis



Faviola Maria Bonilla is 11 years old and is from the village of Redemption. Faviola is sponsored by Heather Mairs from Creston, Ohio.



Ali Hanson from Maranatha Christian Church in Williston, Vermont, giving Christmas presents.



The children say, "Thank You" (Muchas Gracias – Merci Anpil)

Tents for Sosúa

After working hard with customs for more than a month, our two tents finally arrived. The tents were ordered in July, shipped in October and then held in customs. From October 7th to November 16th, we were negotiating with customs and doing paperwork.

Let me give more details. At 11:00 am Tuesday November 16th we received a call at the mission office to go immediately to customs in Puerto Plata to get the tents. Missionaries Adrian Thomas, Jim Tunnicliffe, our secretary Miguelina, church member Luis Alvarez, and a local Dominican Pastor, Christian Rivas, hurried to leave Sosúa for Puerto Plata.

We were expecting to walk in, load the tent and leave. We soon discovered this would not be the case. For more than four hours we went from office to office re-doing papers and negotiating for the release of the tents.



The students are happy to see the tents.



Miguelina our secretary, Kent and Luke Thomas with our tents.

At one point in time we were told that we would have to pay more custom fees. But God intervened. We stopped and prayed and within 5 minutes we were informed that there would be no additional fees other than storage. We found a truck to transport the 4,200 lb load. As the driver was tying the poles to the bed of the truck 4 long poles rolled off the side of the bed and came within inches of falling into the harbor. The water is so muddy that we would never have found them. This was the last scare of the day. We finished loading and drove for the mission. When we arrived at the mission all was quiet, and nearly dark. All in all it had taken nearly seven hours to retrieve the equipment. Praise God that the tents are here safe.

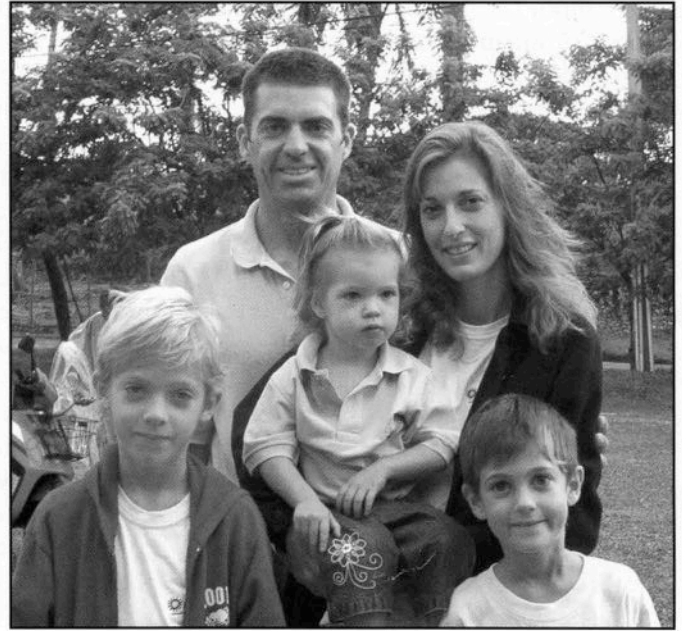
-Jim Tunnicliffe, Missionary in the DR

We Say 'Yes' To Missions

Four years ago I returned from the Dominican Republic after a short-term mission trip that I led with a passion to become a cross-cultural missionary. After much prayer, tough decisions, long discussions, tearful farewells, my wife and I found ourselves boarding a plane to the Dominican Republic this past January with our three children. We left Canada with the blessing and the support of family and friends, as well as the church I pastored for 10 years.

The last 10 months have been a whirlwind of activity. Pastor George is a man with a God-given vision and it is a joy to be a part of the team that is helping to bring that vision to fruition. The missionaries in the Dominican Republic are willing to do whatever we are asked. The sense of unity among us is rich.

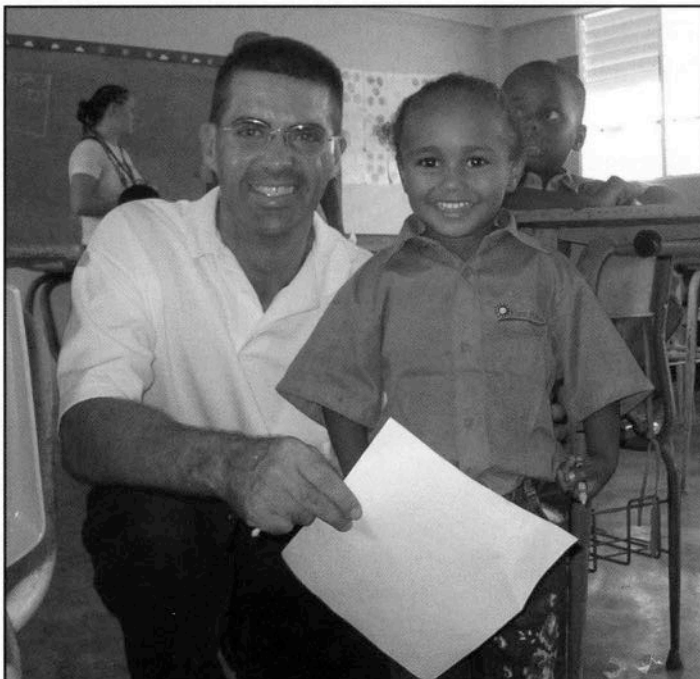
At the present, I am director of the English speaking school. Planning and directing as well as teaching at the school has been a new experience for me. Over the summer, I made a number of changes to the school which included changing the curriculum to a classical Christian education. The school is doing well and I encourage you to pray for the students and teachers that make up this lighthouse.



*Adrian and Sharon,
Kent, Courtney and Luke*

For our family, the afternoons and evenings are filled up with services and administration duties that make the days zoom by. Wednesdays and Fridays I, along with Jim Tunncliffe, drive the mission trucks picking up people for church from different areas of the city of Sosua. We usually have to make two or three trips to get all the people who want to come, packing the trucks with 40-60 people each trip. By the time we are done, we have two to three hundred people packing out every service. Then we drive them all home!

We spend the majority of the week teaching at the school and preparing for classes as well as administrative work. Sharon and I try to visit different village ministries once a week, getting to know the people who make up the church. Kent and Luke and our daughter Courtney enjoy visiting the campos (neighborhoods) with us, and they are effective missionaries boldly handing out invitations.



Adrian at a village school.

Another highlight for me is planning the schedule for the visiting short-term mission teams. One of the primary motivations with the visiting teams is to allow them to work hand in hand with us to further the God-given vision of the ministry. The teams have helped us accomplish much by planting seeds and building relationships.

My wife and I are looking forward to what God has in store for us, believing the verse in Ephesians that states, "Now to Him who is able to accomplish all things in a measure far beyond what we ask or conceive". Already we have seen God do miraculous things in our lives and in the lives of those around us. A tent seating eight hundred people will soon be pitched in Sosua, a new mission truck is on its way, land is being purchased, new churches are being opened, schools are bulging at the seams with students. We are glad to be part of what God is doing here in the Dominican Republic.

-Adrian Thomas, Missionary in the DR

God Cannot Lie

We have a relationship with a God who cannot lie. Many of us have had friends or business relationships who have lied to us. And we know that the devil is the father of all liars.

Romans 3:4 says that “Though everyone else in the world is a liar, God is true. Titus 1:2 says, . . .and He cannot lie.” Remember Eve in the Garden of Eden. Everything at that time was perfectly beautiful. What a life!

It reminds me of a vacation my husband George and I had two years ago. We took a boat from Boston to Provincetown with our daughter Mary and her two children. The town seemed like something out of a fairy tale book. The streets were spotless, each house neatly painted, the fences in repair, and the gardens in front of the homes decked in brilliant colors with flowers in endless arrangements. The sun was shining, and the ocean breeze gave us a seawater scent, along with other smells coming from the Portuguese bakery or the lobsters steaming in pots at sidewalk restaurants. It was a perfect day, a perfect scene.

God created this world beautiful and perfect and we messed up – someone lied. The devil hissed at Eve and said, “You won’t die.” (Genesis 3:4) After Eve messed up, she met with God and blamed it on the devil – “He tricked me.” (verse 13)

I can remember in Haiti, one of

our missionaries sent her worker every week to the marketplace and one of the items on the list was 5 oranges. Every week the worker told the missionary the 5 oranges cost \$1.00 and it wasn’t until three years later that the missionary learned that 5 oranges only cost 20 cents.

We have known politicians to lie. There is a feeling that every politician says what the people want to hear. In the Dominican Republic, they have colors to represent the political parties. The question always is who is telling the truth? The red party, the purple party or the white party? A friend sent me an email about people that lie. It says that in heaven there is a clock and every time a person lies, their clock ticks and the handle on the clock moves forward. Someone pointed to a clock and said, That is the clock of Mother Theresa – it has never ticked. She never lied. Someone asked for the clock of a politician. “Oh we use his clock for a ceiling fan,” they said.

The Bible tells us the story of a man and woman who lied. Anaias and Sapphira sold their home and they decided to give the money to the church. But later they agreed between themselves not to give all the money. In Acts 5:3, Anaias is addressed with these words, “You lied.” And his lying caused him to drop dead. And his wife who came later, she did the same.

The devil is the father of all liars.

He’ll tell you that when you do wrong, it won’t hurt you, and nobody will see you. But he is a liar. He’s out to kill, destroy and defame. Ephesians 6:11 warns us to be strong with God’s power to stand against the tricks of the devil. We are told that the devil is a murderer from the beginning and that he hates the truth – he is a liar and father of all lies (John 8:44).

There is a popular children’s story about a wooden boy whose nose grew every time he said a lie. His nose grew and grew. Everyone knew when Pinocchio told a lie. They saw his nose grow longer and longer. Then one day, Pinocchio changed and stopped telling lies – and the wooden boy with the long nose turned into a lovely boy with a normal nose.

We have great security, and the utmost comfort. We believe in a God whose words are true for He cannot lie. He tells us: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in Me. I have a home prepared for you. God is for us – who can be against us. He will never leave us nor forsake us. He is with us always even until the end of the age. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of a sound mind. He is the God that heals us. And He tells us He’s coming again. God cannot lie. What a truth. What security.

-Jeanne DeTellis

On the mission field I have listened to many dreams of my husband, George. God is the Dreamer and He puts His dreams in our hearts. His dream becomes our dream. Then, we need to plan and work to fulfill that dream. The latest dream is to put a large tent seating eight hundred people in the center of town, fill the tent with the best of music and great preaching. The dream requires a lot of thinking and working. George and I are believing God to see this dream come true when the tent ministry is established. In our heart and mind we see the tent vibrant with the life of the Spirit. We ask God to bless you with His presence of peace and protection. This holiday season enjoy your family and friends.

Love,

George and Jeanne

