

I Can Only Imagine

Our walk with God is one day at a time. The Haitians say, "Si Bondye vle," (if God wills). Whenever they talk of the future it is, if God wills. "Tomorrow belongs to God," they say. In the immediate we experience God. Today, we have the sunshine and the rain. Life in the present is a mixture of good and bad. For us to understand our present existence we need to understand the Fall. The disobedience of Adam and Eve caused the Fall. When God created the Garden of Eden, He said it was good. He did not say it was perfect. It was not perfect, because the devil was there. The devil will not be in the future Kingdom, and it will be perfect. Now we experience God's salvation. His grace, joy and peace. Now we have the Holy Ghost. Today is the immediate – now we experience God.

Tomorrow is the future of our life on earth. It is the intermediate. Amazingly, we as humans can transcend the moment, and in our minds, enter into the future. Animals, we know, have memory. My dog remembers me. We talk about the memory of elephants. Yet, animals cannot enter the future. They have no calendar. They have no sense of events to come.

We now dream of the future. I have a dream, that God has put within me for the work in the Dominican Republic. You are encouraged to dream. Dream big! God will be with you in your desires. Nothing is impossible with Him. He promises, to give us the desires of our heart. Joel 28:8 says, "Young men shall see visions and old men shall dream dreams."

Our dreams give us purpose for our

time on earth. We have plans for the future. And now we work – with all our heart, mind and strength to bring to pass the dream God has given us. This makes life exciting. I have something to live for. Abraham dreamed of a city whose Builder and Maker was God. He dreamed of a people for God, as numerous as the stars of the heavens, and the sand of the sea. His dream came true. God's dream is that all men would come to faith in His Son and be with Him in the Kingdom. My dream is for the north coast of the Dominican Republic, that thousands will come to faith and that a work will be planted that will vibrate with God's presence and that the people of the Dominican Republic will know that God is alive and working.

Then there is the infinite. This is time in eternity. Life does not end on earth. One day I will go to be with God. For now, I can only imagine what eternity will be like.

First, the Bible says "We will all be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:52" And, "Now we are the sons of God but it does not yet appear what we shall be – " What will we be like in the Kingdom? Then we will have a spiritual body. No longer will we have the limitation of a body with blood, bones and flesh. I don't know I can only imagine. But, I do know that we shall shine brighter than the stars in the heavens.

With humor, I have often said, I've worked – worked hard on earth. And when I get to the Kingdom I am going on a vacation. I love sailing. I owned a boat when I was a pastor in the States. I had to give it up when I went to Haiti.

Some of my best memories is sailing in and around Cape Cod – the Elizabeth Islands. I've already put my order in. "Lord," I've said, "I want a small ocean, dotted with many islands that have sandy beaches. Lord, I want a sailboat about 50 feet long. Then I'm going sailing for the first 1000 years." Now, I cannot experience the Kingdom, but I can imagine. However, before I go on vacation, I will fall prostrate before my Lord and say, "I served you on earth and I will also serve you in heaven."

Who will be with God in the Kingdom? I'm not sure. I am not the Keeper of the Gate of Heaven. My task is to proclaim the unsearchable riches of God's grace found in Jesus, God's son. Then, I am called to invite men to believe in Jesus. But, for certain I cannot say who will go there. I am not the judge of men. I do not know for certain a man's heart. God is the Keeper of the Gate. Jesus said, "I am the door. If any man is to come to the Father, he must come by Me."

The writer of the book of Revelation had great imagination for life in the infinite. Listen to what he said, "Behold God is with men, and He will dwell with them. They shall be His people and He will be their God. God will wipe away every tear; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there will be no more pain. For behold said He who sits on the throne – I make all things new." (Revelation 21) What a day that will be – I can only imagine. But one thing for sure, I want to be there.

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Looking Back and Looking Forward (1983-2005)

Dear Friends of New Missions:

Twenty two years ago, George and I boarded an American Airlines flight to Haiti with a team of missionaries to plant a mission. Our spirits were pulsating with excitement. Our bodies were trembling, but faith kept us strong and focused in a dream to bring hope to the Haitian people. We got our tents up before sunset, and they were our home for three months until more permanent buildings were constructed.

We arrived in Haiti on January 6th. On Sunday, George preached. On Monday, two women Cindy and Diane, who were nurses on our team, were caring for the sick and organizing the children for school. The men were busy with building plans, but within the first week they were able to plume up a makeshift bathroom, using a toilet, a barrel of water, and a palm-tree thatch wall. This was a remarkable improvement from the sugarcane fields.

For months our team had no vehicle. All of us knew how to wake up before dawn to walk the 3-1/2 mile dirt road to reach the highway and take the public transportation to the city. We had to consider every purchase for we knew that we had to carry it on our backs on the journey home. When it was possible we would rent a vehicle to buy larger supplies. They were pioneering days, but days filled with the wonder of God's love.

Although, mostly children came to our church in the beginning, those children are now parents, and many are leaders and workers at the mission. There is now an army of people who have said 'yes' to Jesus and they are hoping in God for Haiti. Thousands have received



(1983) George DeTellis preaching. The banner says "Haiti. Hope in God."

an excellent Christian education. And more than 6000 are now in our 19 schools. Our 4-year Bible College continues to raise up men and women with the call to work, or open new churches and change their communities.

Five years ago in January, George and I went over to the Dominican Republic. We saw the need. We stayed. And this January, with our spirits soaring, and our humanity shaking, we go forward in a dream to pitch a tent on the main street of the town to seat 800 people. Thank God for His call on men and women to join the army of God bringing love and change to the island of Hispaniola. Thank God for your faith and finances to see this happen.

Excitement runs high. My body is beginning to show signs of age – but my spirit is as young as ever. I want to run with the dream that God has given me. Often, I have said that the greatest joy on earth is to be used of God. In January we will put up a tent in the Dominican Republic seating 800 people. I'm believing God to fill it. Already, a wonderful team of workers, American, Canadians and Dominicans is coming together. I want you to be part of this dream. Jeanne and I think of you. We are grateful to God for you, and pray for you.

Love,

George and Jeanne



(1983) Left to right, Cindy and Diane (nurses), George and Jeanne, Connie Goddard

Medical Clinic Saves Souls

By 6:00 a.m. people began arriving at the New Missions medical clinic in Bord Mer. The clinic sees patients Monday through Friday, and each day there are many people waiting for the clinic to open at 8:00 a.m. Approximately, 1500 people are seen at the medical clinic each month.

The New Missions medical clinic has impacted the lives of many Haitians on the Leogane Plain. It provides low-cost healthcare in an area where people are poor and medical care is in short supply. However, the greatest impact of the clinic has been on the lives of our school children. Every New Missions student can go to the clinic and receive free medical examinations and free medicine. Because of this, the general health of the children in our schools has greatly improved.

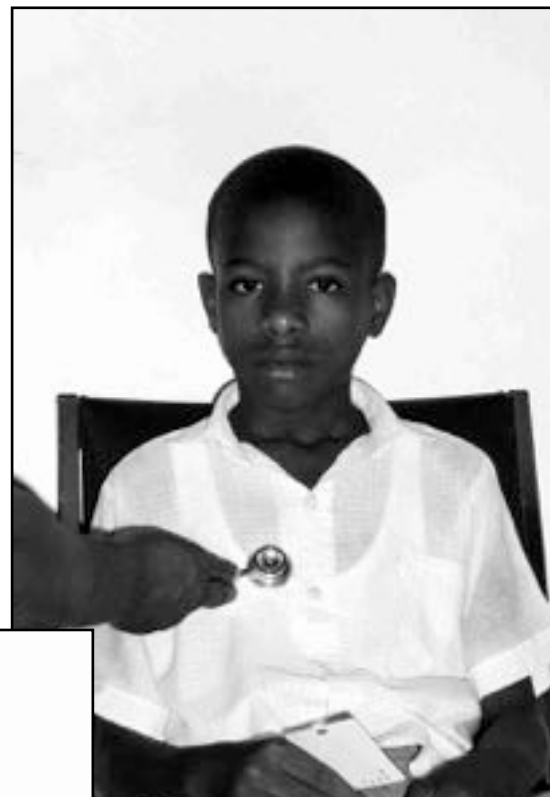
Jonas Decime, a 5th grade student at the New Missions school in Concrab, came to the clinic complaining of fever and a cough. He was examined, and given medication free of charge. Claudine Abellard, the head nurse at the clinic, says that the most common problems she sees in the students who come to the clinic are cough, fever, and skin problems. Anemia is also a common problem in Haitian children, as their normal diet does not contain enough iron-rich foods.

The New Missions medical clinic is a lifeline for the soul as well as the body. All the medical personnel in the clinic are Christians, and they have many opportunities to talk with patients about God. Although they focus on the medical needs of their patients, there are often times when they address the spiritual needs as well. They encourage everyone by telling them how God can help with any problem, and they are always eager to share the gospel with those who do not know Christ.

-Sheila Flowers, Missionary in Haiti



Nurse Claudine examining Jonas



Jonas Decime is sponsored by Chuck Burich from Brillion, Washington.



The waiting area of our medical clinic. Each morning there is a devotional.

What Can I Do To Help?

The first time I went to Haiti, I knew it would change me and change my world view. My heart was broken at the extreme poverty, spiritually and physically, that I saw in this 5th world country. After that trip, my ministry, Images Creative Group, partnered with New Missions. As I traveled and spoke across the country, I began speaking out for New Missions and sponsoring several trips with our ministry each year. Each time I went to Haiti, I would ask myself the same questions. What can I do to really help these people? What real difference can I make? I had all of these ideas for projects and special trips; from what I understand most people feel the same way. We see a need and then we try to “fix” it.



One to one - village evangelism.

This past November I spent the week of Thanksgiving with a team in the village of Fond Jacques. While there, God changed my perspective once again. For so long, I had asked myself, “What can I do?” I believe that subconsciously I wanted to be the one to do “great things” and be the “great hope”. I was convicted of my selfishness. It’s not about what I could do or bring, I can’t “fix” anything. It’s about God’s love changing the hearts of the people in Haiti.

This realization changed the way I see New Missions. I’ve always loved what they do through the schools, churches, and medical clinic. But now I really see the vision they have for Haiti. My job is to come alongside them in their efforts and link my heart to theirs for the long haul. Taking a short-term mission trip to Haiti is a wonderful, life-changing experience. It’s not about me or you, but it’s about the people we meet while we’re there. The question we should ask ourselves is not “What can I do?” but, “Lord, what are you doing through this ministry and how can I be involved?”

I’ll see you in Haiti. -Brent Gambrell, Nashville, Tennessee



A blind woman receives a blessing.



Brent gives his love to the children of Haiti.

Amazing Grace

One of the ways that the goodness of God is shown to us is in the word grace. The Greek word for grace is charis, meaning – gift. It is God’s first and greatest gift to us. From the gift of grace comes all of God’s other gifts. The word speaks of favor, enabling, and endurance.

Paul the Apostle often spoke of God’s grace, how it worked in his life, and he wrote of it often in his letters. In Ephesians 2:8 he shows us God’s grace as favor. He wrote, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. A man by an accident was in the ocean and about to drown, when a boat approached and he was plucked from the water. When the man got on the boat he was saved. For us when we believe in Jesus we are saved. I am a strong believer in water baptism, and in partaking in communion, the sharing of bread and wine, on a regular basis. However, just the mere function of these cannot save us. It is when we believe that we are saved. Paul used the word faith ; it is when we have faith that saving grace is given to us. And once we receive saving grace we will never be the same again.

Paul was always thought of as a great man of God. On the other hand, Paul said, “I am the greatest of

sinner.” In 1 Corinthians 15:9 and 10, he wrote, “By the grace of God I am what I am. I am the least of the Apostles, because I persecuted the church.” Paul had been a religious ruler in Judaism. He saw the teaching of Jesus as a false cult that was dividing the true faith of the Jews. Therefore, Paul arrested, persecuted and had Christians put to death. Now, Paul was saying, I was a nobody, but God by His grace made me somebody.

I had a humble beginning. My parents were immigrants from Italy. As a young woman in Italy my mother would ride a horse-drawn wagon with other workers to the tomato fields, the grape vineyards and the olive groves to work in the fields. Her mother and father could not feed all the children in the family. When her brother, who already had gone to America provided the money, she crossed the boot of Italy and went from Bari to Naples, and with her sister boarded a boat to America. She landed in Boston where she married a man from her home town in Italy. Then, of course, I was born – the son of poor and ill-educated immigrants. I was born in South Boston and grew up in Dorchester. They were both, than, all white – poor people, immigrants from Europe, mostly Italians, Irish and

Polish.

At eighteen years of age, in my bedroom, when going to sleep for the night God spoke to me. I knelt by the side of my bed and prayed the Lord’s prayer. That night God came into my life. He saved me, called me to serve Him, gave me gifts of ministry and within weeks He had me in a Bible college preparing for my life’s work. The night I received Jesus, God told me that I was to be a missionary. I did not know exactly where, other than south of North America. Then, after four years of Bible college, a Master’s Degree in Biblical Studies, and twenty-five years of pastoring in Massachusetts, God sent me to the mission field. First in Haiti for eighteen years and now in the Dominican Republic for five years. These have been years filled with wonder.

Many churches have been established and thousands have come to faith. For me, all I can say is, “I am what I am by the grace of God.” Who would have thought that God would take the son of poor Italian immigrants from Boston and use him for His glory. But, I know this – what God did for me, He can do for you. His grace enables us to become all that He wants us to be.

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Two New Trucks



New truck in Haiti


Two new trucks have been purchased. In Haiti, a 2005 Daihatsu truck with a 12-foot bed will be outfitted with seats to bring missionary teams to different villages for ministry. At other times, the seats are removed and the truck is used for purchases of school food and clinic supplies, and also for construction.



The youth going to a service on the beach.

In the Dominican Republic a new Daihatsu with a 14-foot bed will be outfitted with permanent benches. This is our third transport truck. James Tunnicliffe came in 2003, and he drives the 2003 truck. Adrian Thomas came in 2004, and he drives the 2004 truck. Jim Larson came in 2005, and he drives the 2005 truck. The transport trucks in the DR are used to transport our people from the campos and villages around the town to our church. They are also used for our mission teams and special church events.

For hours my wife and I have watched the reports of Tsunami in South Asia and our whole beings hurt because of the loss of lives and the trauma of those left behind. When tragedy or sickness comes, what can we do? Paul spoke of having a thorn in the flesh, 2 Corinthians 12:7. He said, three times I prayed to God to remove it. The nature of Paul’s thorn has been discussed since Paul wrote about it. No doubt it was an infirmity. God’s answer to Paul was “My grace is sufficient for you.” I am convinced that there is nothing in life that we go through, but that, God will give us grace to endure all things. Colossians 1:11

Love,

George and Jeanne



Madame Hercule's Daughter Comes To Faith

Charlie DeTellis wrote to us about Madame Hercule's daughter. Madame Hercule is the wife of one of our pastors in Haiti who died. Since his death, we built her a comfortable home and help support her. Her children are in our school. Charlie told me that Madame Hercule's daughter, Marie Hercule St. Fleurant, accepted the Lord as her Savior. A meeting was held at Madame Hercule's neighborhood. The missionaries sang and did some skits. At the meeting, Madame Hercule's daughter came to faith. With tears flowing, she sang a song of praise and thanks to God. Everyone sensed the strong presence of God.

Marie Hercule St. Fleurant is 13 years old and is sponsored by Cheryl and Mike Leigh from Ruskin, Florida.



Madame Hercule's daughter, Marie, comes to faith.

God's Dream – The New Land

Two acres of land have been purchased on one of the principle streets of Sosua, the town where we are ministering in the Dominican Republic. Then, on January 8th, both our English and Spanish church worked clearing the land. The people came with their own tools. With machetes they cut tall grass and brush. Some pushed wheelbarrows all day. My husband George and James Tunnicliffe, one of our missionaries, measured and staked out the site for the tent, bathrooms and storage building.



Working on the new land.



Our first service on the land.

God's Dream – The New Land - continued

During the day, we never noticed, but someone cut down the only tree on the property. Here in the DR, you need to have a permit to cut down a tree, even on your own property. A few days later, a town official came to investigate. George, teasingly, told the man to arrest him, that he had never spent a night in jail. And that he wanted to be like the Apostle Paul. His answer led the official to leave and not return.

For two days, January 17th and 18th, George was on the site, with a Christian friend, Pietro, from Montreal. Seven hundred and eleven yards of fill called 'caliche' was delivered and a tractor hired to spread the fill on the construction site.



Who cut down the tree?



James Tunnicliffe, Missionary; Ronald Blissett, Businessman, and Pastor George.

On January 20th, George, with Luis Alvarez, a Christian from the church, met with the mayor. George explained his vision to bless the community with a church, school and a health center. The mayor gave us a letter approving construction and exonerating New Missions from all building taxes. When God is at work, we have favor with men.



Enjoying the work.

Filled with His Glory

Some people say, "God is not available. I've knocked on His door and He doesn't answer." Perhaps He's on a long journey, some say. Or, as far as I'm concerned, God is as good as dead. For me, however, God is the Creator and He is involved with His creation. A man could help conceive a child, but he is not the father unless he is providing for and protecting the child. Likewise a woman could birth a child, but she is not the mother unless she is loving and nurturing the child. The very idea of God supposes involvement. How could God be God and not be involved in His creation. The God of revelation is always coming, looking and loving. There are two examples of God that I especially like. One is God, with Adam in the Garden. It is said, God would walk with Adam in the cool of the evening. After Adam's disobedience, he went and hid himself. God came down, calling, "Adam, where are you?"

The other example of God's nature is found in the Bible story of the son who took his inheritance early, went and spent it in foolish living. When he ended up penniless and eating pig food, he decided to go home and ask his father for a servant's job. Upon nearing home, his father who was looking for him, ran and kissed him. Then the father ordered new clothes,

shoes and a ring to be brought. "My son," he said, "who was lost has been found."

God is not the God who is going. He is the God who is coming.

God wants to be close to His people. He wanted to be in the midst of Israel, the people that He chose to bring Christ, the Messiah into the world. To Israel came the revelation of who God is. Through the Patriarchs and prophets God spoke to His people. When Israel was in the wilderness, after fleeing from Egypt, God instructed Moses to put up a tent where God would tabernacle with Israel. The tent was placed with three tribes on each side of the tent. When the tent was finished, "The cloud covered the tabernacle...and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. All through the 38 years of wilderness wandering, God showed Himself by a cloud over the tabernacle by day and fire was over it by night. Exodus 40:34

Later when Solomon built the temple, a more permanent house for God, the same thing happened. 1 Kings 8: 10, 11 "...The cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord." Numbers for me are important. I like to see the house of God full of people

worshipping. Finances are also necessary to accomplish the work of God. But these are not what is most important. The thing I look for and desire in my life and ministry is the presence of the Lord.

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would not only be with His disciples, but would live within them. Do not depart, He said, from Jerusalem...for you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

When the Feast of Pentecost came, the disciples were in an upper room in Jerusalem. "And suddenly, there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing might wind...then tongues of fire sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2: 1-4" That day changed everything. The church was baptized with the Holy Spirit. The mundane become special, the natural became supernatural and the human became godly. That day heaven came down and glory filled the believers.

Moses cried out to God - show me your glory. Exodus 33:18. God hid Moses in the cleft of a rock. Then God passed by, God placed His hand over the rock, for He said no man can see my face and live. As God passed by, God removed His hand and Moses saw the backside of God.

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Tent News

THE DAY OUR BIG TENT WENT UP!

On Monday, February 7th, we put up the big tent. Twenty men were on the property. They had put up all of the outside poles. Now, with many men on each of the main three center poles, they strained and struggled, but they could not lift the poles to get the tent up. The tent is 60 feet by 100 feet and seats 780 people.

One of our faithful Christian Dominican women, Amelia, began calling out to people passing by to come and help us. She even stopped men on motorcycles, pleading for help. I watched the faces of the men turn red - I felt they would burst hernias as they pushed and struggled. I quickly prayed, "Oh God. We need a wind to blow up this tent." The last word of my prayer was not spoken when suddenly, a great wind came and up the tent went like you would push the button on an umbrella. We were all ecstatic, and shouting praises to God - we knew we couldn't do it. We witnessed a miracle.

On Thursday, February 10th, we had a parade in the town. With our three transport trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, people walking, our dance troupe performing, and the band playing on the bed of one of our transport trucks, we passed out invites to the tent.

On Friday, February 11th, we had our first tent meeting. It was perfect weather. The men built a platform, and the electrician put up big spotlights on the center poles. The chairs were in place, and we watched with awe as God drew people to the tent. The tent was full - every seat filled. The music ministries led the people in worship. George preached as he did 30 years ago - it was all we could have ever asked God to give us.

Bombita, a small village has a tent to seat 280. We have not been able to purchase land in Bombita, yet, but a Christian woman, Nancy, has allowed us to use her land. The day the tent was put up, it was raining. Everyone who worked got a good soaking, but they continued to work, and the tent went up. Both tents are beautiful - the tops are alternating yellow and white, with a blue valance around the perimeter.

When you pray for the tent ministry, please pray for the preachers and musicians. Also, for the days of evangelism when we invite people to the tents, and for the finances to pay for this added ministry.



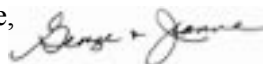
Our big tent in Sosua



Inviting people to the tent

Here in the Dominican Republic, we recently put up a tent seating 780. I believe God will fill the tent. But most of all, I want the presence of God pulsating in the ministry of New Missions, in the US, in Haiti and now here in the Dominican Republic.

Charles Finney was known not only as an evangelist, but a revivalist. His life and ministry had a great influence. Charles Finney one day sat on the ground to pray. He drew a circle around him and said, "When revival comes within this circle, it will have come to this town." I, too, have drawn a circle around me and my prayer is Lord, let your glory shine on me. For then, I know the glory of God will be seen here on the north coast of the Dominican Republic.

Love,

George and Jeanne



Medical Teams in Haiti and the Dominican Republic

Thirty-seven medical people came to New Missions in Haiti last month. A Christian radio station in Orlando, Florida, organized the trip. One of the DJ's, Teresa Ross, came with the team.

We asked the doctors to organize the group into three teams. Each day each team had an assignment and knew what to do. Free medicines brought in by the medical team were freely given. In a third-world, poor people often buy one pill at a time or they do not buy the full dosage they need to treat the illness, because they do not have the money.

We did medical clinics in the villages of Bordmer, LaSalle, and TiBoukan. A dental assistant taught the school children the proper way to brush their teeth. We did a medical clinic at our high school and in the village of Flonc. The medical team treated familiar illnesses, and some not so familiar - one little girl in Flonc had ants living in her ear. They climbed a mountain to reach TiBoukan. There they found 7-year old Luvensky Fortune (student #16891). Luvensky had a head injury, abscessed, with new skin growing over an old gauze pad. Both the little boy and the visitors cried during treatment. The pastor sends a good report that Luvensky is now fine.

It's amazing how this group of thirty-seven people, most of whom did not know each other before this trip, bonded as friends and worked together as a team. God always puts Haiti in the hearts of those who come. Many are planning to return. God did a great work.

Sheila Flowers



Theresa Ross and Theda Llewellyn praying over a sick baby in the village of Bord Mer LaSalle.



Team members sorting medical supplies.



Physicians Rachel Eyma and Tammy Demko, RN, examining students in the village of Flonc.



Physicians Annie Klega, Melanie Eskew and Rachel Eyma.

In January, New Missions had 7 medical people from Orlando, Florida, come to the Dominican Republic. In February, we had 22 people on a medical team from Mifflintown, Pennsylvania. Shane and Tiffany Baumhardt from East Ridge Covenant Church in Damascus, Oregon, have been directing the medical ministries.

Last month we did a clinic in Playa Laguna. As we arrived, a little girl got hit by a passing car. Our medical team gave first aid, packed the leg with ice, prayed, and gave the parents instructions how to care for their child. We had no place to do the clinic, but a woman, Oliva, offered us her house. Her house had two doors, and the people entered the front door and left by the side door. As our medical team worked with the people, the woman of the house made coffee. Oliva is a New Testament Dorcas.

Another day, we went to the neighborhood of Policlinica. The children were lined up and each one was given a liquid medicine to treat them for parasites. A young boy continually vomited his medicine, but a little girl kept licking the medicine cup after she drank it. The team treated close to 1000 people for parasites. The symptoms of parasites are often a lack of appetite, weakness, and alternating diarrhea and constipation. If not treated, it can become serious.

In 1987, Pastors Dave and Diane Demola, promised to build a clinic for New Missions in Haiti. They built the clinic for \$25,000.



Clinic in Playa Laguna



Tiffany Baumhardt with baby girl treated for bronchitis.

For 18 years, the clinic has seen thousands of people. The clinic is open every day and our school children come to the clinic free. We saw traumatic positive changes in the health of the people with the establishing of this clinic. The clinic is staffed by Christian nurses who were once hungry needy children in New Missions school.

When we purchased the two-acre site in the Dominican Republic for the big tent, George designated a portion of the property for a Community Health Center. We want to revise the Haiti clinic plans and start construction. I see



Medical team from Mifflintown, Pennsylvania preparing for clinics. One clinic will be done at the City Hall.

this Community Health Center as a place of healing. We will use local medical people and visiting medical missionaries to teach on the health issues affecting this community. I am believing God will use someone to help us build the Community Health Center in the Dominican Republic.

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My Sponsored Child

Dear Friends of New Missions:

It was a blessing to have the privilege to visit Haiti and meet my handsome sponsored child, Dudley, and his lovely mother. I almost missed the chance to meet them. For some reason, they were not able to make it to the scheduled sponsor/child lunch on Thursday afternoon. I was disappointed because I was anxious to meet Dudley and had brought many gifts to share with him and his family.

The next day the medical group was finishing up physicals at the school where Dudley attends. Our interpreter, Arnold, took my daughter and me to his class, which was in a different building. There I met Dudley for the first time. I can't describe how it felt to finally meet him. I gave him a big hug like he was my own son. Arnold drove us to his house to meet his family. His mother, who recognized me right away from a family photo I had sent Dudley, ran out and gave me a hug. They came back to the mission and



Dudly Accelus from the village of Lafferonay, Haiti.

had lunch with my daughter and me. His mother carried my family photo in her hand as we rode the truck back to the mission.

The time I spent with them was precious. All of the people of Haiti are warm. You can sense there is true joy in their hearts even though there is much poverty all around. You can feel it as they praise the Lord and sing with everything they have. Thank you New Missions for the wonderful experience. And thank you Charlie, for all the mangoes! - *Mary Llewellyn from Bible Baptist Church in Kissimmee, Florida.*

Food For The Children

When we arrived at the New Missions school in Leogane, the school yard was crowded with children. A truck loaded with visiting missionaries drove through the gate and into the compound. When the truck was safely parked, four men, along with the missionary began to use school benches to create a rectangular enclosure near one of the doors of the school. Many of the boys and girls helped carry the benches and the enclosure was quickly finished. The enclosure created what the children had been waiting for – a place where the dry feeding would be given.

A dry feeding is the distribution of uncooked food. This dry feeding would include rice and cooking oil to over 300 students. The rice was being generously given by Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church and New Harvest Community Church who were represented by members of the visiting team. The cooking oil was a gift from New Missions. The previous day, all the rice and cooking oil had been transported and stored at the school. It was later learned that the school director, Pastor Guillaume, and his family had spent the night at the school to prevent the possibility of theft.

Inside the enclosure were four clean 30-gallon barrels into which sacks of rice were poured. It is easier measuring out grain from a barrel than from a sack. Each barrel contained a commercial size #10 can, commonly called a marmite in Haiti. The rest of the team was assigned jobs and given specific instructions. Each person took their place, the cans were filled with rice, the cooking oil was lined up beside the rice, and the first two classes of



students were waiting in line. After the children were checked off the class attendance, an escort took each one to a can which held rice, and their sacks were filled with four mamites of rice (20 pounds). They were handed a gallon of cooking oil and moved to the exit. Men were continuously carrying 100-pound sacks of rice and cases of cooking oil to replenish the distribution area.



The scene was one of organized chaos. Many personal relationships were developed in the few brief minutes each student spent in the distribution area. Small children, who were unable to carry the large quantity of rice, were lovingly helped and taken to a waiting parent.

This was actually the second dry feeding of the week. The day before, the team had distributed food at another school in Leogane. The team's hard work and the financial generosity of the two churches blessed the children of two schools. After two days, about 10 hours total, 630 children were given rice and cooking oil. The amount of rice given was a staggering 7.4 tons.

A Nurse...Just In Time

Lynn Dodge, a nurse from Maine, USA, came to Haiti with a team and then stayed an extra week. On February 12, around 2:30 pm, our New Missions employee Sovy Louis talked to Lynn about his wife. "My wife," he said, "is about to have a baby, but I'm afraid she will have complications." He asked Lynn to check on her. Paul, Lynn, Sovy and I headed for his home, which is on the Neply Road. When we got there, Lynn thought the labor was progressing well. However, Sovy was concerned because their first child had been born after only four hours of labor. We stayed until the midwife arrived. After our dinner at the mission, Sovy asked us to please check on his wife again. Paul and I took Lynn back to Sovy's house. Things



Lynn with Sovy and family

were progressing slowly. Madame Sovy was now sitting on a mat on the floor, with her niece sitting behind her helping to support her. Lynn decided to stay until the baby was born. Paul and I left, telling Lynn we would return in an hour. We returned about 8:30 pm. It was amazing to see the crowd that was there – family and friends in the room and on the porch waiting and watching things progress. We gave Lynn a cell phone, we left telling her to keep in touch with us. About 9:20 pm we received a call. Lynn said that Madam Sovy had gotten up and began walking around outside. Lynn followed her with a towel. Finally, Madam Sovy stooped and Lynn caught the baby being born in the yard. The baby is a boy. The mother and baby are doing fine. Of course we got in the truck and drove to see the baby who they named Samuel Charles – since the baby was born on Charlie's birthday.



Nurse Lynn checking baby Samuel Charles

- Sheila Flowers

Evangelism In The Dominican Republic

Every aspect of missionary work is important, but for us here at New Missions, nothing is more important than bringing the message



Pastor Lou Soiles from Holden Chapel, Holden, Massachusetts, preaching at Sosua Beach (Jesse interpreting)

of God's saving grace through Jesus Christ through puppets, skits, drama, music and dance. We tell of Jesus. Here in the Dominican



Victor Gesualdi, upper left, from Montreal, Canada, with puppet ministry at the beach.

Republic we have an open door to preach. The Dominican people greatly respect our evangelism efforts and the local authorities give us the liberty – on any beach or street – by word and printed page to preach God's Word.

What Gives God Pleasure?

Pleasure is a part of life. Our family and friends bring us great pleasure. Many also enjoy work, learning, travel, recreation and food. These are natural pleasures and in their proper perspective are God-given, for us to enjoy. There are also spiritual pleasures, of which, I will say something about a bit later.

But, what of God? He has everything and knows everything. What possibly could give Him pleasure? I'm sure that there are many things that give God pleasure. I would like to mention three of them.

First, there was creation. In five days God made the world suitable for the habitation of man. The first day He called light into existence. Then, He separated the land from the water. He made grass, trees and all the vegetation.

The sun, moon and stars were created. Then all the living creatures of the sea, sky and land. God declared all of this to be good. Then on the sixth day, His crown of creation was man, which He declared very good. Often my wife Jeanne will call, "Honey, come quickly. Look at the beautiful sunset." As a builder, an artist or worker gets satisfaction from what they do – so, too, God received great pleasure from what He created.

Jesus gave His father great pleasure. At the baptism of Jesus by John, the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the form of a dove, and a voice was heard saying, "This is my Son in whom I have great pleasure. (Matthew 3:17)" In Philippians 2, it tells us that Jesus came

in human likeness. He became obedient even to death on a cross (verses 7, 8). Because of this God has highly exalted Him and at the name of Jesus every knee will bow and confess that He is Lord. Jesus was always the Son of God – now He is the exalted Son and has been made to sit at the right hand of the Father. The Father took great pleasure in His Son Jesus.

God also takes pleasure in His people. There was a man named Job. The Bible said he was blameless, upright; he feared God and stayed away from evil. One day when the sons of God came together, satan also came. The Lord said to satan, "have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on the earth like him. Job 1:8" The life of Job pleased God.

The Bible says that the angels rejoice when one sinner repents. If the angels rejoice! What does God do?

When my wife was in the hospital giving birth to our first son, I was at her parent's home waiting word. (In those days the father was not expected to be present at the birth of the baby) That night we waited by the phone. . . another pastor was in the home with us. Suddenly, I heard a baby cry and at the same time the other pastor said, "Did you hear a baby cry?" I knew at that moment my son had been born. What does the Father do when a spiritual son is born into the family of God. I'm sure that there is gladness such as cannot be described. Personally, I like to dance (in the spirit) and in my humor I've said,

"I think God does a little dance around heaven."

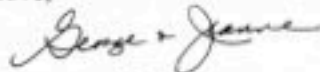
We as Christians do become irritable. We sometimes lose patience. We can become angry. This is due to our human nature, against which we will struggle all our lives. But there are some things we do not do. We do not lie, cheat, steal, kill or intentionally hurt people. And there are some things we do do. We love the church, attend and faithfully support it. We give to missions and help those who are hungry, thirsty, without clothing, have medical needs or have poor housing. To put it simple, we as God's people do not do bad, but we do – do good. We are to live so that our lives give pleasure to our heavenly Father.

God not only receives, but He gives pleasure. The Psalmist wrote, "At your right hand there is fullness of joy and in your presence there are pleasures for evermore (16:11).

For most people, Jesus has gone to prepare a mansion. For me He is preparing a sailboat. I've asked God for a small ocean dotted with many islands and beautiful beaches. I've asked that the first 1000 years that I'm in His Kingdom that I go sailing. On earth I've worked hard – my vacation is coming. This is all said in good humor. Of course, I'll fall before Him and my greatest pleasure will be to do His will. Yet, God delights in giving pleasure. He knows the desire of my heart. I believe He will fulfill it well beyond what I could ever think or imagine.

For years people have gone to Haiti to work at New Missions. Now God's people are discovering us here in the Dominican Republic. Teams are coming! Their presence, love and support are helping to build the work. Our churches, here, are young and, I may say, a bit immature. When the visiting missionaries come, they help bring the presence of the Lord. And the work they do greatly helps the mission. We are asking God to send more teams, more missionaries, and more Spanish-speaking workers.

Love,



George and Jeanne



Explicitly and Implicitly We Show God to the World

Although New Missions may be a non-denominational mission, we are clearly Christian. I am not a deist, not into eastern religions and not into the new age movement. Without hesitation or compromise I declare my faith in Jesus Christ. According to the Scriptures, He is the unique Son of God who was always with the Father. He obeyed the Father, coming to earth and gave His life, dying on a Roman cross to provide the means of salvation for all men. This makes me explicitly a Christian. Paul said, in Romans 10:9, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." When someone preaches the Gospel, I hear God.

Secondly, I believe that all good comes from God. "Every good thing and every perfect thing comes from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, . . . James 1:17" When someone does good, I see God. We as believers are called to good works. "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16." We are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless and visit the sick and imprisoned. For me, all good comes from God and the good not explicitly, but implicitly shows God to the world. When the vaccine for polio or chickenpox was discovered, I saw

God. This could be expressed in the opposite. When I see evil – hating, wars, killing, stealing, drugs, abuse – I see the devil. We as humans have an enormous capacity – for good or for evil. By our actions we bring beauty, peace, and well being into the world.

Some sins are explicit – sins of commission and others are implicit – sins of omission. The Bible says, "He who knows to do good and doesn't do it – to him it is sin. James 4:17" Eli, the high priest in Israel, at the time of Samuel was a good example of this. Eli was the one who raised Samuel and trained him to be a priest and a prophet. It doesn't say anywhere that Eli committed sins of commission. He was a good man. His failure was – he made his two sons priests. The Bible clearly says – they did not know the Lord and that they were corrupt (1 Samuel 2).

The sons of Eli failed by taking sacrificed meat that was not theirs and woman who came to the house of God to worship were made to have sex with them. Eli had been warned by a man of God. "You honor your sons more than you honor God 1 Samuel 2:29." And Eli did not constrain his sons (3:13) Hophni and Phinehas were killed in battle and the ark of the covenant taken by the Philistines. When Eli heard what had happened, he fell backwards from where he was

seated, broke his neck and died.

We too, need to be careful with our children. We are told, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. We instruct our children to wash and brush their teeth, to go to school and how to do chores around the house. When it comes to church, I've heard some parents say, "I want my child to decide for himself if they want to go to church."

We have a woman in our Spanish church. She is out for every service, there for prayer meetings. She shares Jesus with everyone she meets. When the tent went up, she announced to me, "My job is to keep the tent clean." I know she goes to bed in the evening praying and wakes up in the morning praying. She is a large woman and perhaps not physically attractive. But she is beautiful. And every time I see her, I see God.

Most of the time we are careful not to be involved in explicit, obvious sins of commission, but fail in the sins of omission. The Bible says, "He who knows to do good and doesn't do it, "To him it is sin."

We are called to explicitly confess our faith, and proclaim Jesus as Savior. But, the conduct of our lives needs to implicitly let the world know that God is alive and working in this world.



When you touch a life, you touch the heart of God.

The Gift of a Church

Dear Friends of New Missions:

Ten years ago, a young man made the sacrifice to come down a mountain every day to attend New Missions Bible School, Monday through Friday. This young man, Pastor Joseph, graduated in 1997. Many times he invited my husband, Pastor George, to go to his mountain, TiBoukan, to visit his ministry. My husband made the trip up the mountain, eight years ago. There he found a few boards holding up a thatch roof and a few benches on a dirt floor housing Pastor Joseph's school and church. New Missions came alongside. Team after team of missionaries have climbed the mountain. The children in TiBoukan have found sponsors.



Pastor Joseph - New Church nearly completed



Pastor Joseph with some of his students.

My parents, Charles and Anna DiPietro, attended the Friendly Evangelical Church in Lexington, Massachusetts, for many years. Their pastor, Rev. Joseph Mazzola, was a great servant of God. Pastor Joseph went to be with His Father. His congregation who loved their pastor and knew his heart wanted to build a church in his memory. They sent \$10,000 to New Missions to help build the church in TiBoukan. To the congregation of the Friendly Evangelical Church in Lexington, Massachusetts, New Missions thanks you for your gift of the church building to the people in TiBoukan.

I was inspired as I watched the procession of the funeral of Pope Jean Paul II. I became aware of the mass of white-haired men, mature, with many years of wisdom and experience in the ministry of the church. These men were not asked in their 50's or 60's when they were going to resign or retire. These men are respected and appreciated as the strength of the church. I also noticed that these men were wearing some special red hats. I turn 70 years old this month, the 25th of April. In good humor, I said, "I want a red hat for my birthday."

Love,

George and Jeanne



A Woman at the Top of the Mountain Comes to Faith



Our mission team walked to TiBoukan, one of Haiti's mountain tops, to do ministry with Pastor Joseph. We walked house to house with the pastor, and at each house we explained that we were from New Missions and were out with the pastor visiting in the village, talking with people about Jesus and praying with anyone who had needs. At the third house, we visited, there were several people. A lady was sitting in the yard with a basket of millet grain in her lap. As we talked with her, she told us that she was not a Christian, yet, but that she understood and believed the Gospel. She pointed to her teenage son who was sitting in a chair on the porch, and she told us how he had been in an accident in Port-au-Prince several months ago. You could still see the evidence of his head injury. She said that she knew that if it had not been for God, he would have been killed. We continued to talk with her and she told us that she was waiting for God to call her and for the right time to accept Him. We shared with her that God is always calling people to Him, and that the Bible says that today is the day of salvation. We invited her to receive Jesus as her Savior, and she did. Pastor Joseph prayed with her. We gave her a Bible. We saw her several times during the week, on top of the mountain; she was smiling.

Followup on Luvensky Fortune

Luvensky was the little boy who was mentioned in the March newsletter – medical teams in Haiti. Someone had hit him in the head with a rock, and although his mother took him to the hospital for treatment, she had never returned to have the packing removed, and the skin on his head was growing over the packing and it was infected. Dr. Melanie on the medical team had to open up the wound and clean out all the old packing and bandage his head. I looked for Luvensky when we went to TiBoukan and talked to him and his mother. Now his head is completely healed and you can't tell that he ever had a problem.



Luvensky and his mother

Just A Little Smile



Gifts of new dresses to Haitian women

The TiBoukan team had four ladies from Pennsylvania. Barbara Jo Metzler had been to Haiti twice before, and after her first trip, God gave her a special ministry to ladies in Haiti. Her ministry is called, "Just A Little Smile." It is a ministry that brings dresses to ladies in Haiti. This time, Barbara Jo, along with Linda Allen, Linda Good, and Joanne Swinehart, brought 250 dresses for the ladies. They first gave dresses at the mountaintop village of TiBoukan, but had enough to give the women in the villages of Obrey and TiBrache. God gave Barbara Jo the name of "Just A Little Smile because of the way the ladies' faces light up and smile when they receive their new dresses.

-Sheila Flowers, Missionary in Haiti

News from the Dominican Republic

New School in the Big Tent



*Antonio and Eddie
Two Brothers in School*

You would be surprised if you visited our tent in El Batey during the week. Over one hundred children attend school in the tent. They are provided a free education.

Antonio and Eddie Teleron are two of the children in this school. They love to come to school in their turquoise uniforms. The boys live in a small, and very poor neighborhood called Policlinica. Their home is a 12 by 12-foot room with a dirt floor and tin roof. The boys' father was struggling to make ends meet. Often he had to decide between buying food and clothing, or sending the boys to school. Now the boys are being provided with a free education.

You can sponsor a child for \$30 per month and provide a child a great learning opportunity and give the parents hope for the future of their child. Antonio and Eddie do not yet have a sponsor. A small amount of money can change the life of a child.

Bill Gravell, Missionary in the DR

Two of Our Bible School Students

I remember the first time I visited the church in Bombita. Faces met me that seemed nervous, yet eager for the service that was about to begin. Two of our Bible School students, Henry and Nicolas, greeted each person as they came to the tent for the meeting, "Dios te bendiga" (God bless you), they said. We missionaries entered into worship, singing and praising God. Henry led the singing and Nicolas gave a Word from the Lord, reminding everyone that God needs to be first in our lives. We gave thanks to our Father in heaven for the blessing these men are to the people of Bombita, and also to the missionaries.

Each Sunday, Nicolas and Henry change roles, one leading in worship and the other preaching. After hearing that many of the people in Bombita were not water-baptized, instruction classes for new believers was planned and a date when they would be baptized in water. *Suzanne Piersiak, Missionary in the DR*



*Henry and Nicolas
Two Bible School Students*

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Two German Young People in the Dominican Republic

Dear Friends of New Missions:

I was born in a little village in Germany in 1989. When I was two years old, we moved to Miami. Later in my life I met some kids who I called my friends. But the strange thing was, when I got in trouble, nobody was there for me. Those who I called my friends did bad things. I went the wrong way. Soon my parents realized that Miami was dangerous for me, so we decided to move to the Dominican Republic, where we had gone for vacation. At first I was not happy, because my parents took me away from my home, but after a while I understood.

Now I am 15 years old and I know that I have done bad things in my life and that it was best for me to get out of a city with a lot of crime. I always believed in God, but I never really knew anything about Him. When my parents put me in a Christian School, I was happy and I decided to take Jesus Christ as my Savior, because I learned about Christ, and what he has done for us. I am sorry about my past, so I took the opportunity to get baptized.



Missionaries Jim Larson and Adrian Thomas baptizing Connie.

Missionaries Jim Larson and Adrian Thomas baptizing Dennis.



Missionaries Jim and Renee Larson with Dennis and Connie

I wanted to forget about my past. And this is exactly what I've done, and I'm proud to say that I am a child of Jesus. My name is Dennis Bernau Renard and I live in Sosua, Dominican Republic and I am glad to be a student of the New Life School.

I have lived in the Dominican Republic for 10 years. I received Christ when I was 13 years old. Then I drifted away, but now I have renewed my relationship with Jesus Christ. I am not letting go of Christ and I am stronger now. Baptism – it means leaving everything behind – leaving all the bad stuff of my past and starting new again. –*Connie Kobilke, 14 years old.*



It is a privilege to witness God's hand at work. We have been ministering in the English-speaking Youth Group since we arrived in January. It has been during this time that we have seen incredible growth within the teens as their relationship with Jesus has deepened. Two individuals in particular are Connie and Dennis. The Lord has taken them by the hand and escorted them along the path He has determined. Both Connie and Dennis have participated eagerly. They have hearts waiting to know the Lord more. They made the decision to be baptized. We had the honor of celebrating this milestone with them. We look forward to running alongside them as they chase after Jesus.

–*Missionaries Jim and Renee Larson*

A Roof for our High School Building

A team came to visit Haiti from Christian Outreach in Ringe, New Hampshire. Most of the families which attend this church are Finnish and many of the men are builders. They did not know what they would be doing during their mission trip to Haiti. I met Jonah Ketola in the Miami airport and soon found out that he built homes. In fact, he told me most of the men were framers and many of these young men have their own businesses building homes. I quickly thought of how we had been waiting to put a roof on our new High School building. We had numerous problems getting this task completed. In fact, it looked like a good size job with two hundred feet of roof to cover with different hips and valleys where the roof joins two other wings. Our High School has 1000 students attending and these additional four classrooms, and two patios were desperately needed.



A group of fine builders who did a great job.



The roof was desperately needed.

I myself could not go on the job site Tuesday morning; I had to return to the city to bring some visitors to the airport. I was able to get to the site in time to bring the men their lunch with cold cokes. I was amazed at how fast the job was progressing. Most of the trusses were built and put in place. These Finnish men knew how to work. The construction site buzzed with excitement and noise. A small generator and an electric saw were adding to the noise with the sound of hammers banging. The job was done in two and a half days. I was thrilled the job was completed and the men were thrilled to have been able to contribute their skills on a mission trip. We all have gifts which we can contribute. *-Charlie DeTellis*

I asked Pastor Bob about the project, and the team was willing and very much wanting to do the job. We went to Port-au-Prince to purchase the building materials. The first large supplier we visited did not have any of the materials. We quickly left and went to a preferred lumber supplier where we found pressure-treated lumber for the same price as the regular lumber. We made the purchase. We continued visiting three more construction supply stores to find the materials. We rushed, and we found our transport man to haul the materials to be delivered that night.



The work was quickly done with excellence.

Gifts of Goats to Haitian Children



Arnold Guy and Per Heistad from Discovery Church in Orlando, Florida, passing out goats to sponsor children.

Children were invited to have lunch at the mission with their sponsors. Each of them went home with a goat. One Haitian mother who walked five miles to meet her sponsor, was the last to leave and went home with two goats.

Giving goats to Haitian families was the highlight of my trip to Haiti. If ever you plan to go to Haiti, think of buying a goat for your sponsored child. —Per Heistad

Last December I began to plan my visit to Haiti. While there I knew that I wanted to do something for the children. I was told that when I went to Haiti, I could do a special goat project. For me this was great - a goat for poor Haitian families.

Once our team arrived at New Missions, the word was sent out. "If anyone has a goat for sale, please come to the mission." The goat buying was a frenzy. One young man rode his bike while leading a goat on a rope. In the end, forty goats were purchased, and my worries about caring for them disappeared, when I realized that the lush grass within the mission was perhaps the best food these goats had ever had.



Leland Klassen with his sponsored child, Fablentie Jean-Baptiste from the village of Nepty.



Above: Michael Robison from Celebration Church of Blountville, Tennessee; Douglas Dunkles (Runks) from First Baptist Church in Levelland, Texas; Mitch Grissim from First Baptist Church of Hendersonville, Tennessee



Right: Leland Klassen from South Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada and Dr. Bobby Jackson from First Baptist Church of Hendersonville, Tennessee

Reason and Revelation

The Bible is not a book about God alone. It is not a systematic theology. The Bible speaks of God in relation to man. All through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, it is a story of God interacting with man. In Genesis, we have the story of creation, the fall and the redemption of man. In the book of Revelation we have God's final triumph over evil and the restoration of man, eternally, to God.

How do we come to know God? We do not reason ourselves up to God. Man by searching cannot find God. 1 Corinthians 2:14. Whenever man has set out to find God he has gone astray. Rather God comes down to man. God speaks, He discloses who He is and what He wants of us. This we call revelation. Hebrews 1:1 says, "God who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son. . ." I love when God spoke to Abraham about becoming a people as numerous as the stars of the heavens or the sand by the sea. I love reading how God spoke to Moses from a burning bush - This was God coming to man. This is revelation. And reason is subject to revelation.

Because of the Fall, our reasoning is faulty. All of us, at best, have blind spots in our thinking. We have all made foolish judgments. The classic example of this is Adam, when he said to God, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate. Genesis 3:12" Adam shifted the blame of his actions back to God. Ultimately, we need to know what God has said, and

align ourselves to it. I have put it succinctly, "God has spoken, what He has said has been written in a book. And that book has authority over my life."

Here are some examples where reason must be subject to revelation: Some people say as all rivers run to the ocean, even so all roads lead to God. This is an analogy where one thing is being likened to another. The first part of the analogy is true - rivers may form a lake but the river still flows out from the other end of the lake to the ocean. The only exception is the river Jordan which runs to the Red Sea - also called the Dead Sea. Here the water is evaporated and does not run out. The second part of the analogy - all roads lead to God is not true. "There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end is the way of death. Clearly, John 3:17 says the world would be saved through Jesus, God's Son.

Another example is from Shakespeare. Perhaps his most favorite quote is, "There is nothing that is good or evil. It is thinking that makes it so." From this statement it is deducted that everything is relevant - there are no absolutes. God's Word is in stark contrast. John 14:21 says, "He who has my commandments and keeps them, it is He who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father and I will love him and show Myself to him."

When some people look up at the night sky, they see nothing beyond the physical universe. When I look at the night sky, I see the wonder of God. If there is no God, then the world is lonely and life is meaningless.

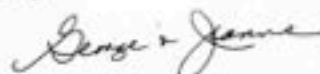
Some people reason: how could a loving God allow evil in the world. A man bought his teenage son a motorcycle for his birthday. A week later the youth accidentally went under the back wheels of a truck and was killed. The father wailed the loss of his son and mentally was never the same. Informed Christians understand the presence of evil in the world. They know that since the angelic rebellion, evil has been present. God tolerates evil. Because of evil, men must make moral decisions. Each of us must decide - who will we be? And we choose our eternal destiny. The believer hears the words of Jesus, "In this world you will suffer tribulation. Be of good cheer. I have overcome the world." Problems come, but for the believer, regardless of how dark it may get, there is always light at the end of the tunnel. There is always the presence of God.

Some people reason: only good people go to heaven. Revelation says that those who are saved go to heaven. "Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved. Acts 16:31"

Others reason that I have moral failure. I've done evil. I've committed a violent crime. I've been unfaithful. I've had an abortion. Now, God cannot forgive me. Remember reason is subject to revelation. Listen to what God says in Isaiah 1:18 (NLT), "Come now, let us argue this out. No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can remove it. I can make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are stained as red as crimson, I can make you as white as wool."

It is with joy that on July 23rd, I will have the privilege of ordaining two of my sons, George, Jr. and Charles, to the Christian ministry. The service will take place at Camp Woodhaven in West Boylston, Massachusetts at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Love,



George and Jeanne



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The Miracle of A Child

Dear Friends of New Missions:

Marie Varda had been coming to the prenatal clinic at New Missions. When it was time for her to deliver her baby, our midwife saw that Marie was having complications. Quickly, she was brought to the nearest hospital where on April 18, 1994, she gave birth to a girl, whom they called Rose.

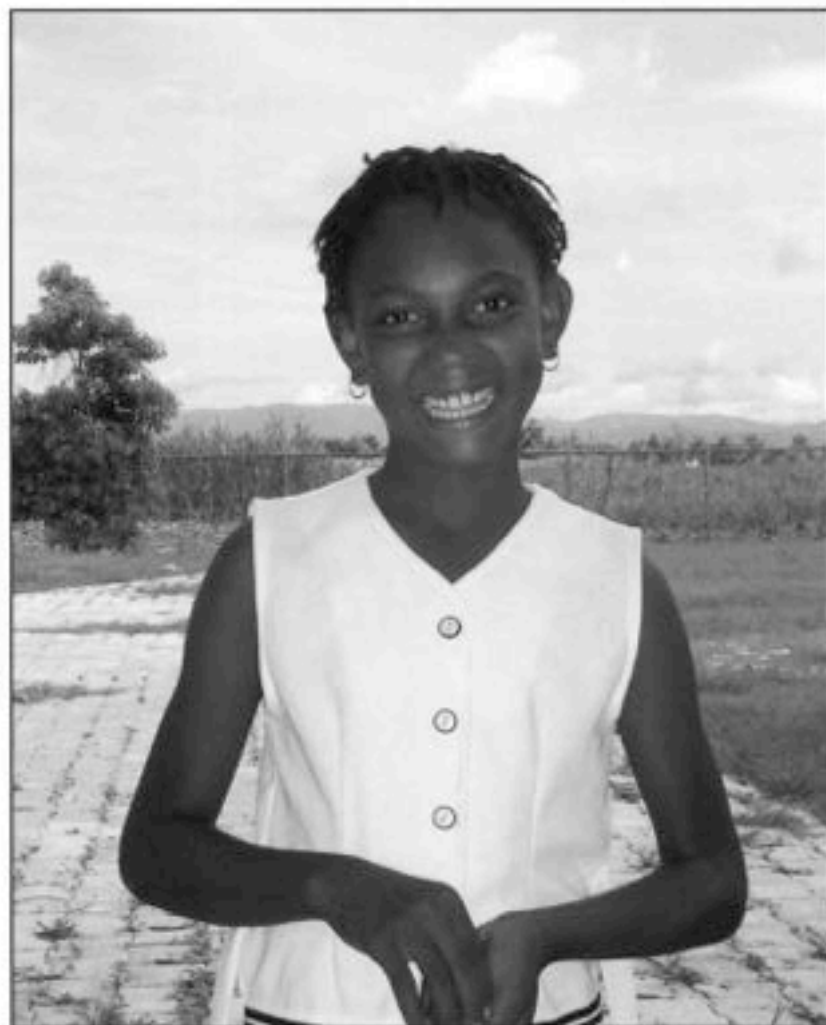
At the time there was great unrest in Haiti. The Haitian military had taken over the country. The United States responded by placing an embargo on the country. The planes were not flying and the tanker ships had stopped coming. Needed supplies to run the country quickly ran out. Marie was in the hospital and needed a blood transfusion. When I spoke to the administrator at the hospital, his response was, "I don't have the plastic bags or the tubing to give a blood transfusion." The baby was born, yet they could not save the life of the mother. Shortly after the father also died.

I looked for a nursing mother, who would nurse Rose Varda as well as her own child. I was unable to find one. During all of the political upheaval in Haiti, short-term missionaries kept coming every month. And every month I arranged for them to bring baby formula with them for Rose Varda. We saw Rose grow from an infant child to a young girl, now eleven years old. All through this time, New Missions cared for her. She came to our school, was fed every day, and was given gifts of clothing and personal items. Rose especially enjoyed playing with the dolls that were given to her.

Rose loves to cook. She cooks over a wood fire, built with three stones to balance her cooking

pot. Charlie, my son, wrote to me about Rose this week. He said, "Rose is poor, but she is a happy girl, and shows a lot of spunk." Recently, when Charlie was ministering in her village, he gave an altar call and Rose walked forward and accepted Christ. "Immediately," he said, "Many of the other children followed Rose to the altar."

One of the greatest blessings I know is child sponsorship. It is wonderful to be used of God, to walk in God's destiny, and be a blessing. -Jeanne DeTellis



Rose Varda is sponsored by Theresa Horn from Clear Brook, Virginia.

Making Disciples

Over the past 24 years, George and I have encouraged our team of missionaries to train up Haitians and Dominicans for the ministry. From the first day that we arrived in Haiti, my husband began discipling young men to work in the ministry. At first disciple classes were held every Sunday afternoon. Then in 1995, we opened the Royal Caribbean Institute and offered a two-year degree in Bible, Business and Education. Many of our students graduated having completed the courses in two majors.

In time the program became a four-year college with a major in Bible and minors in education or business. Many of our graduates have become pastors, teachers and administrators in New Missions. We have some elementary schools where every teacher has graduated from our Bible college.

Some of our graduates have been able to make their way to other countries. Many of them are working in the United States and in France. From the first graduating class in 1997, Jude Prosper, Manise Joseph and Julene Ysme went to France. And, now these men and women are active in the churches, in the countries where they have gone.

We went to Haiti to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ to the people. God has also led us to educate. In Haiti today, there are over 5,000 students in elementary schools and 1,060 students in our high school. These are God's special army to bring about change in the nation of Haiti. These are the soldiers on the front lines ready for battle.

New Missions is reaping good fruit. This is the result of hard labor and the faithful support of our friends. Together we are making real change take place in Haiti.



Robenson Geffrard graduated from New Missions High School. He attends the New Missions church of Sigueneau. He enjoys preaching and teaching Sunday School. Robenson works as a school teacher and is looking forward to the day when he is pastoring his own church. Robenson is sponsored by Douglas and Linda George of the Friendship Inn in Needham, Massachusetts. They have sponsored Robenson since January of 1994.



Mario Bijoux says that he thoroughly enjoyed the Bible College and his favorite subjects were eschatology and pastoral counseling. He was saved at the church in Sigueneau. Mario is the president of the church committee and leads a Christian singing group. Mario was sponsored by Brian & Rebecca Sutton from Grand Blanc, Michigan from November 1991 - May 2004.



Pastor George with Camille Cazeau

Bible School Graduation In Haiti

On May 26th, I went to Haiti. I went with four other people from the Dominican Republic - John Bommarito, Jennifer Brechtefeld, Karen Levy and Debra Tunnicliffe. It was one of the best experiences I've had of returning to Haiti. We were there for the weekend. Friday morning, I spoke at the chapel service at our high school. Saturday morning we had breakfast with all our pastors. Sunday morning we were in church at Bordmer and Sunday afternoon I spoke at the Bible college graduation. Everywhere we went the outpouring of affection was overwhelming. The Haitian people truly love New Missions and appreciate the change that has been brought to their lives.

On May 29th, eleven students graduated from the Royal Caribbean Institute in Haiti.



Pastor George with Wideline Richard and Jean Guerrolain, the Bible School Director.



Ilophene Jean Francoeur has a vision to be a pastor of a church. He is a New Missions school teacher and lives in Chatuley. Ilophene is the Sunday School Superintendent at the Sigueneau church and also a Sunday School teacher.

Royal Caribbean Institute School of Theology 2004-2005 Graduation Sunday, May 29, 2005

Director: Jean Guerrolain
Graduating Students:

*Mario Bijoux
Camille Cazeau
Jean Herold Dantes
Gilbert Dupuy
Nelcius Fabrice
Robenson Geffrard
Bertholain Germe
Ilophene Francoeur Jean
Marcus Laforest
Andy Jean Paul
Wideline Richard*



Double Blessing

I've called this message our double blessing; but, in fact, the blessings we receive from God are numerous and multifaceted. Yet, let me speak of two great blessings. First, each of us has a personal relation to God. Each of us must believe. Our parents, relatives or friends can pray for us, but they cannot believe for us. Only you, or I can do that. As it were, God has no grandchildren - only children.

In the Old Testament, God dealt with his people both individually and collectively. Each Israelite was required to go to the Temple annually and there offer a sacrifice for his sins. God also dealt with His people collectively - as a nation. God established a covenant with the nation of Israel. At the time of Moses, Leviticus 26:12, God said, "You will be my people and I will be your God." Wonderful words are written in Ezekiel 34:30, 31, "They shall know that I, the Lord their God am with them, and they, the house of Israel are my people. You are my flock, the flock of my pasture...and I am your God, says the Lord." The people of Israel enjoyed a double blessing. Individually, they knew God and collectively God was with them.

In the New Testament we, too, know and experience God collectively. Paul said you, your body

is the temple of God. 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19. He also spoke of the believers collectively as the Temple of God. "We are the temple of God (2 Corinthians 6:16)." Jesus said, wherever two or three of you are gathered together, there I am in the midst of you. There are no lone rangers in God's Kingdom. We, God's people, come together - we congregate and there together we experience God. We feel His presence. We hear His Word. He gives us direction and we worship Him. Jesus is the great Pastor, the head of the church. But the Holy Spirit is faithful to raise up leaders for His people.

God places in the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to lead and bless the congregation. Life flows from God, by the Holy Spirit directly to every individual. Yet, every believer needs to come together and be part of a local body, where the life of God will flow through the leaders, He has placed in the church to each member of the body of Christ.

We have a double blessing. We experience God individually. Then we experience God collectively. Hebrews 10:25 says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." Let's face it - we need each other. We do not go to heaven alone - we go together.

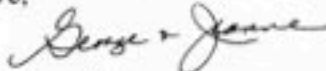
Watchman Nee was a great church leader in China. He led a movement called "The People's Church." When the communists took over China he was arrested. His Bible was taken away. He was in solitary confinement for years - no church, no family and no Christian fellowship. For me, one of the most horrible things to imagine would be to be cut off from all Christian activity and fellowship. For our spiritual well being, we need each other.

In both Israel of old, and the church of the present there is government. Israel as a nation always went the way of their leaders - good kings - good times. True prophets - good times - faithful priests - good times. The reverse was also true - some leaders in Israel were not only bad, they were wicked, and the nation suffered because of it. This I call representative government. The life of Christian leaders is just as important to the life of the church. Hear me - the church goes the way of the pastor. A man of faith, with a heart for the people, faithful and always in prayer will bring life and blessing to the church. Christian leaders have a great responsibility. Our lives - lived for God is our gift to the church.

Here in the Dominican Republic, we need Christian school teachers from maternal to grade 8. Besides teaching from 8 am to 1:15 pm, there are many opportunities of ministry. There are church services in the villages where you can assist. Spanish is not necessary, but helpful. You need to be self-supported or supported by your church and loved ones. Call the Orlando office for more information.

Jeanne and I are experiencing good health and days of enjoying God's boundless love. We love you. Please keep praying.

Love,



George and Jeanne

P.S. If you have a used lap top, consider donating it to New Missions for use overseas. Simply ship the lap top computer to our U.S. office. Thank you.



August 1, 2005

New Missions

When you touch a life, you touch the heart of God.

Buying New Land

Dear Friends of New Missions:

Bombita is five miles from Sosua, where the base of our ministry in the Dominican Republic is located. For the past year we have been conducting church services, a small school, and outreach activities in Bombita. For the past six months, church services have been in a tent, on land that is the property of a church member.



Prayer walk on the land



Now a piece of land has come up for sale on the highway and at the entrance to Bombita. By locating the tent on this land we'll be able to minister to people over a much larger area. The location is perfect.

On June 29th, long and short-term missionaries gathered on the land. These were 60 people from America, Canada, Scotland and the Dominican Republic. We came together to pray and believe

God for the 1,209 square meters of open land with one grand palm tree and a large cluster of trees.

One of the pastors in the group recommended a prayer walk over the land. The people spread out and began to pray and thank the Lord for the land. At the conclusion of our prayer time, we came together, and someone shouted out, "Let's sing a song." We asked William from Scotland to lead us. He asked, "What should we sing?" Two ladies at the same time, (one from Texas and one from Canada) said, "You are Awesome in this place Mighty God."

We began to load the trucks to leave when I saw a lady by the name of Julie. I could tell that she had been crying, but now she had a big smile on her face. I asked if she was okay and she said that she was great! She asked me if I believe in visions, and I said, "Sure." Julie said, "I just saw a boy in new jeans and new shoes with a New Missions school uniform sitting under that tree reading a book!"

We desire to see this vision fulfilled – but we need your help! The land cost is \$39,000, and thus far we have raised \$13,600. We have 60 days to pay off the land. Please understand that this does not include bathrooms or a storage depot or anything extra. This is just the amount to pay for the land. Will you join us in this dream? Give today by sending a check to New Missions and watch as lives are changed. -Bill Gravell

I Believe Prayer Changes Things



Hurricane Winds

I watched the CNN news report on Hurricane Dennis going by Haiti on its way to Cuba. There was a photo I could feel and understand. It was a picture of a grass roof of a Haitian hut on the ground. Next to the grass roof, a young girl no more than 10 years of age was going through a pile of wet clothes and draping them on the roof to dry. That was all she had left after Hurricane Dennis had passed.

My son Charlie told me that 10 miles from the mission, Haitians were standing on a bridge watching waters rise and rush towards them. Suddenly, the bridge went. The lives of the people were lost as well as a loaded truck. Every day, most Haitians are stressed with the struggle to survive. Having worked there as a missionary for 18 years, I know that Haiti needs to be spared a hurricane. Thousands of Americans can tell stories about damage, loss, and suffering due to the recent hurricanes. But in Haiti, there is no telephone, no number 911. There are no evacuation plans. There are no food banks or water deliveries or ambulances. There are no insurance policies or welfare systems. There is no place to go. Haitians that know God call upon Him. We, too, need to call upon God for Haiti to be spared.

Monday morning a missionary called me to his computer and said, "Look, there's another hurricane coming, Emily, and it is headed straight for the mission." I felt the Spirit rise up within me and say, "Pray. Pray that Haiti will be spared." The next day I was leading a morning devotional for a team of 24 from Pennsylvania, and I closed with only one request – pray that Haiti is spared any additional

suffering. Day after day, I prayed, and I watched CNN, and I thank God, I saw Emily go further south and then west, until only a little rain fell on Haiti.

I know that you believe that prayer changes things. Pray for Haiti and the Dominican Republic to be protected during the hurricane season. Thank you. *-Jeanne DeTellis*

Charlie DeTellis writes from Haiti: We thank God for protecting us in Haiti. During Hurricane Dennis, we evacuated the mission for one night with a team of thirty people. We went to our High School. Our main compound is located by the ocean and near a river. The mission can easily be flooded by severe storms. We have been flooded two times in the past twenty-two years. My father told me many times, if there is any threat, to evacuate. We have had the floods take down buildings in the past.

The High School compound is at least eighty feet higher in elevation than the main compound. The team slept on the tile floor in the office. I felt bad for them, but no one complained. I had it better sleeping in the front seat of the truck. We had a wonderful service of testimonies and prayer in the evening. There were also Haitians praying in the church on the compound. We then returned to the mission in the morning. We were glad to be back. Everybody likes the mission food, especially the pizza.

Please pray for the safety of the missionaries in the country. Pray for a good leader to be elected this fall. The poverty is increasing and crime and kidnappings have also increased. Haiti continues to be a country of contrast. Rural Haiti remains beautiful and peaceful. Many Haitians are loving and kind. Our churches and schools are full. Our area has been very peaceful. We have not had any threats against us. We are still having one team come to Haiti each month. "We need to keep our eyes on Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith. Hebrews 12:2"



Mission Oceanfront in Haiti

Mission Team Activities - June 23rd-July 6th

- Medical clinic for 155 women at the tent – 55 accepted Christ
- Crusade – 1000 plus in attendance with 100 plus accepted Christ
- Bible School of four days with 850 children and adults – 50 children accepted Christ
- 300 pairs of new shoes given to children
- Every home in Redemption Village received a gift of food
- 20 homes in Redemption Village painted
- Prayerwalk over the land in Bombita – blessed with \$3,600 offering
- Lucie Myre (Canadian Boardmember) – led seven women to Christ
- Men put up shelves in new tent storage building
- 500 Bibles given



Short Term Missionary Rachel Hutcheson from Scotland



- 8-year old Michael got a new roof on his house, electricity, plumbing, and a new bed
- Evangelism – two nights walking through the village of Charamicos
- Basketball game – missionaries versus Dominicanos
- Ministry done and clothing given in Trinity Village



- Mississippi team left all of their belongings
- New sound equipment for the tent
- A young boy is helped with second degree burns
- Paid for medicine for child with high fever
- Nicolas (Bible School student) preached in Bombita – two accepted Christ
- \$12,300 giveaway gifts along with ministry to 5 villages
- 4149 people touched in 13 days
- Haitian church service started in big tent
- New outreach opened in Cabarete

I Can Run Through A Troop!

David was a soldier. He knew what it was to face the enemy. He also knew the strength that comes from God. A troop, no doubt, was an organized group of soldiers. In the United States Army, they are organized into squad, platoon, company, and etcetera. Whatever the number, David faced them and said, "Lord, by You, I can run through a troop! This is mentioned only twice in the Scriptures: first in 2 Samuel 22:30 and then in Psalm 18:29.

As Christians we are engaged in spiritual warfare. What do we need to have the ability to run through a troop? In the garden, after Adam and Eve sinned, they saw their nakedness. Genesis 3:7 says that they took leaves and covered themselves. Before this, I believe they were covered with the glory of God. No doubt, they were beautiful. God came to them and asked, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree, of which I commanded you, that you should not eat?" Then in verse 21, the Bible says, "God made tunics of skin and covered them." The first one to sacrifice an animal was God. Hebrews 9:22 says, "Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin." The high priest in the Old Testament entered the tabernacle once a year, on the day of atonement. With his thumb he sprinkled blood on the mercy seat. In Hebrew it was called a 'kaphar' a covering for the sins of the people of Israel.

In the New Testament, 1 Peter 1:2,

we are sprinkled with the blood of Christ. When any individual comes to faith in Jesus, the blood of Christ washes away his sins and he is clothed in the righteousness of God. When God looks upon us we are either naked or clothed. I'm thankful – I have a covering – the blood of Jesus, and I am clothed in the righteousness of God. Now I am ready to run through a troop!

Second, we have the Word of God. Psalms 119:89 says, "forever your Word is settled in heaven. In Matthew 24:35, Jesus said, "Heaven and earth may pass away, but my Word shall never pass away." "Tomorrow at this time," Elisha said, "Hear the Word of the Lord. 2 Kings 6" There was a great famine in the city of Samaria. So much so that mothers began eating their babies. Sure enough the next day – the enemy army that had surrounded the city fled, leaving all their possessions, and there was food in great abundance. God had spoken through His prophet. God has also spoken to us through His Son. We have the Word of God. Hebrews 4:12, "The Word of God is living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the soul and spirit, to the joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." We go, preaching the Word of God, and with it we can run through a troop!

We have the Holy Spirit – here and now. The Holy Spirit was given to give us life. We were once dead –

spiritually – now we have been quickened (made alive) by the Holy Spirit coming into us. He comes and fills us with love, peace and joy. We are comforted and given assurances. Jesus said regarding the Holy Spirit, He is with you and shall be in you. The Holy Spirit also fulfills two other tasks. He works in my life, giving me the ability to live for Him. We are saved by God and we are kept by God. When I was a young man, I often went horseback riding. As a beginner rider – one day I was galloping a horse on a dirt path in a wooded area. I came to a clearing where several riders were sitting on their horses and chatting. When I approached them, it was clear that I was not in full control of my horse. A man yelled to me, "Neck reign him, neck reign him." I learned that day that when the reins are allowed to rest on the neck of the horse, he – the horse knows who is in control and simply by slightly tightening on the reins, the horse will stop, or by gliding the reign on one side of the neck or the other, the horse is easily turned. What a spiritual lesson for me. I can feel the Holy Spirit in my life and He neck reigns me – controls me.

The Holy Spirit also works through us to accomplish His work. We have received power to do the work of God. "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord." We are well able – we are equipped to run through a troop!

The Lord is working in our lives, bringing us into conformity to Him. He gives health and strength for the work. We stand in awe – waiting to see all that God will do. Every week more people are coming to the big tent. And this week, an agreement was made to purchase land on the main highway of Sosua along the coast. Another tent will be put up. This location, Bombita, is a strategic location between Sosua and Cabarete. Who knows what God will do. My prayer is, "Lord, keep me close to You, speak to me and use me for your Glory." We need you. We need your love and support. Your love and prayers sustain us and your financial support makes it possible to do the work of God. We thank you and love you.

Love,
George & Jeanne

George and Jeanne



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God Made You Special

Dear Friends of New Missions:

In 2001, my wife Sheila made a one-week mission trip to Haiti with other members from our church in Vermont. During the week she had prayed about sponsoring a child, and on the last day, she sponsored a young boy. She brought his photograph home and told me about what she had done. I thought it was a good idea "helping a poor child from Haiti." After all, we could afford it. Then in 2003, she made another trip, again without me, and on that trip she had lunch with him. When she returned home, she was filled with excitement over meeting him. I listened and was pleased with her pleasure, but deep down I didn't get it. It was just a kid. Then in June 2004, we finally traveled to Haiti together, not for one week, but as missionaries for New Missions. On Thursday of our first team week, we had our sponsored child come for lunch. I met him for the first time and suddenly "I got it" and instantly fell in love.



Marandona in front of his home in the village of Lafferonay, Haiti.



Missionary Paul Flowers with his sponsored boy, Marandona.

Let me introduce our sponsored son, Marandona Figaro. Marandona was born December 1, 1993 to Andre and Carole. He has 4 sisters and 3 brothers ranging in ages from 3 to 23. He lives in the village of Lafferonay and goes to school in the village of Flonc. Marandona will be in the fifth grade this school year which is an answered prayer because he was afraid he was not going to pass. He lives with his grandmother. Both his parents live and work in Port-au-Prince. Marandona and his family are Christians and attend church in Flonc.

You Are A Special Child - continued from front page

Over the past year, we have been able to see Marandona on more occasions than just team week. We have visited him at his house on three occasions when we went to check on him and his family. There has been a lot of sickness, and we have been able to provide them with some food and medicine. His house is typical of the poor in Haiti -- thatched with a dirt floor. We pray for God to protect him and his siblings and his elderly grandmother from sickness and disease.



Missionaries Paul and Sheila Flowers with their sponsored boy, Marandona and one of his sisters.



It all started with photograph of a small boy who, at first, I only pitied. Now it has become personal. It has become a love affair. I have touched, hugged, prayed with, and been a part of Marandona's family. For all of you who are reading this and sponsor a child, I have something for you to do. Go get the picture of your child, look at it, and know that he or she is a real, flesh-and-blood child. The \$30 you send each month is a wonderful gift, but the real gift is your love. Pray for your child, write your child letters, become a part of your child's life. Come to Haiti and spend a couple of hours with him or her and start your love affair.

Marandona with his grandmother and two sisters.

Bombita Update

We will pass papers to purchase the land in Bombita, Lord willing, the end of September. After the land is purchased, water and electricity will need to be brought onto the property. A concrete slab needs to be poured for the tent; a storage building and bathrooms need to be built. Your help for this work is needed and greatly appreciated. The visibility of the tent ministry on the highway has created a lot of excitement! We need your help.

The tent on the highway in Bombita - their first service July 31st.



Graduation - A Day of Victory and Celebration

We had a great day of celebration at Colegio Nueva Vida in Sosua, in the Dominican Republic. Our school director, Gloria Ruviera, says, "We give thanks to God for many victories. We are proud of our students and congratulate them on their academic achievements." Gloria has been our school director since 2001. She is a Pastor's wife. Our school director has been registering more and more children for this new school year which opens August 29th.

This school year New Missions will have well over 7000 students. Our son Charlie in Haiti is opening new schools and registering 500 more children.

Each child has a story. And as you listen to the story, your heart beats with the heart of God knowing for sure that He has made each one special.

Our kindergarten students reading – from left to right, Paula, Valentine, Rosie and Rach'ele. Paula and Rosie are sponsored by Robert and Myrna Sumpter from Flowery Branch, Georgia.



Our Colegio Nueva Vida Marching Band



Karla Brown awarded the best student of the year in the first grade class.

Karla is sponsored by Chuck and Mia Gallo from Calvary Chapel in Petaluma, California.



Nelly Teresa Nivar receiving the best student award for eighth graders with her Science Teacher, Anna Teresa. Nelly is sponsored by Craig Hart of Quinque, Virginia.

How Should We Live?

We receive new life from God the day we received Jesus as our Savior. Then, however, we are to live the Christian life. I would like to give you three essential ingredients of the Christian life.

The first is a sense of eternity. Abraham believed that God would give him children, as many as the stars in the heavens, and that God would give him a land in which to dwell. All of his life Abraham was a nomad. He lived in tents. He was looking for a city, whose builder and maker was God. Abraham was the first spiritual pilgrim. He knew that this world was not his final resting place. Abraham spent most every night looking at the stars and wondering about his home – beyond the stars.

We live in the temporal world. And some concern for this life is natural. We need to plan for education, employment, housing, food and clothing. Some things are essential for this life. And the wise Christian prepares diligently for life here and now. However, the believer holds on to the things of this life – lightly. He knows they will soon pass away. Treasure instead is laid up in heaven where moth, rust or thief cannot take them away. When we are faithful to God, worshipping Him and serving Him as He directs our lives, we are storing up treasure that will last throughout eternity. Personally, I enjoy watching the phases of the moon, follow the planets Venus and Mars as they go across the night sky.

When I watch the stars twinkle, it

reminds me of the many nights sitting around a campfire at Camp Woodhaven, in West Boylston, Massachusetts. We know that the stars twinkle because of varying intensities of heat as they burn many light years away. I feel that the stars are my fireplace. I enjoy watching them, and then my mind goes beyond the stars to the One who created all of them and I know – one day I will go beyond the stars; I will go to be with God. As Abraham, within me, I too have a sense of eternity. Jesus said, "If the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He will bring to life your mortal body. John 11:26" The day I came to faith in Jesus, God's Spirit came to live within me. Eternity has been planted within me. Jesus said, "He who lives and believes in me will never die."

Christianity is not only a set of beliefs. It is a life lived. This is the second essential for the believer. Recently, while in the United States, I watched the history channel. They showed what I call – some of the tyrants of history – Saddam Hussein, Hitler, Stalin. I was appalled at the level of violence of these men. Often they enjoyed torturing their prisoners. The scenes that I watched were graphic – they were horrible. How could men, I asked, treat other human beings with such cruelty. I said, in my preaching, I need to address the depravity of men and tell the believers. We are different. We cannot lie, cheat, steal or in any way hurt another human being. Yes, our belief is fixed firmly in

God and in His Son Jesus Christ. But, we are known by how we live. Men should be able to see our good works and glorify God.

We live in a world effected by the disobedience of Adam in the garden. Now, there are natural calamities, there is sickness, sorrow and death. How do we as Christians handle the problems of life. This is our third essential ingredient. Every month my wife and I receive between 200 and 300 prayer requests. We pray for each one of them. And we have heard of marvelous answers to prayer. Yet, I would like to speak of the struggles of my life. I grew up strong and healthy – never knowing sickness. Yet, at the age of eight, I began stuttering. I could not speak. Socially, it was painful. Through the rest of my childhood, and through my teens I stuttered. At the age of eighteen I went to Bible College and all through school – only with great difficulty could I speak. In Bible College I spent hours reading the Bible out loud – never did I have a problem reading Scripture. And I prayed – without ceasing. I knew that God had called me to preach and I wanted to be effective for Him. Ministries prayed for me, friends and family. It was strange that as a boy I spoke clearly until 8 years old. I cannot recall exactly when, but just as quickly as my problem came, it was gone. We all have struggles in life. Yours could be family, marriage, cancer, diabetics or a heart condition – for whatever – believe God. Hold on to Him – never doubt. God will give you a miracle.

About a year ago, I began praying and encouraging our team of missionaries to believe for New Testament explosive growth. Thank God it is happening. Our services, including our tent, are full – people are streaming into the church. At every service in the tent, the altar is full of people coming to faith in Jesus Christ. These are days of harvest. Our prayer is Lord help me to so live that I will experience the full potential of your blessings. Day and night, we pray. We first worship God, then we pray to know Him better. Then we pray for the work and for our friends who love and support us. Bless you.

Love,
George & Jeanne
George and Jeanne DeTellis



Be Wise, Be Safe

In the Scriptures our life is likened to a building under construction. A house is not built for the good weather. When the skies are blue and the wind breezy, almost any house will do. All buildings, however, are built with the storm in mind. Every good builder thinks of the worse possible scenario – wind, rain, floods, earthquakes – all are taken into account. Jesus in Matthew 7: 24-26 compared the building of a house to our spiritual life. He said, he who hears my Word and does it is like a wise man, who built his house on a rock. The man who hears, and does not do, Jesus said, is a foolish man, who built his house on the sand.

Wisdom is not knowledge or intelligence. It is a sense of what is right, good, proper and best. It is the ability to take information and apply it to life. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom Proverbs 9:10.”

The man who knows that God has all power and that the events of our lives are shaped by Him, such people reverence God. They know God is serious and that He expects us to conduct our ways honorably. They know that to live contrary to God will bring serious consequences. This is a holy fear that works for good in our lives. Jesus said, “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after can do no more. But fear Him who after He has killed, has power to cast into hell. Luke 12: 4,5.”

The foolish man, on the other hand is confident in himself. He is arrogant and proud. The Bible gives an apt description: “The fool has said in his heart, there is no God. Psalms 14:1” The wise man begins with God – He builds his life on the rock Christ Jesus. He

believes, and by faith he lives his life “in the Spirit.” The heart is the source of life. As a man believes in his heart – so is he. The man who denies God cannot prove that God does not exist. How can you prove that something does not exist. His denial of God comes from his heart. He is the man who builds his life on the sand – His confidence is in self.

In Medieval times men often built a strong tower, thinking that when the enemy came, the town people could run to the tower for safety. Often this was done to their own destruction. The enemy often starved the people or little by little beat on the tower until it crumbled. “Proverbs 18:10 The Name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous run into it and they are safe.”

In the story of the two houses, one built on a rock and the other on sand, they eventually experienced the test of life. The rain, the flood and the wind came and beat on the houses. The house built on a good foundation stood, while the house that had no foundation fell. This tells us that the storms of life will come. Four years ago – two twin towers in Manhattan were attacked by planes. The heat of the fire was so intense that it literally melted the steel frame on which the tower stood and both buildings collapsed. That tragedy will live forever in the minds of all Americans and most of the world.

Last December, the day after Christmas, there was an earthquake in the Indian Ocean. It was one of the strongest earthquakes ever recorded. It registered ‘9’ on the Richter Scale. The plates in the region that usually move two inches a year, moved fifty feet. One Teutonic plate slid under the other causing

a huge drop in the ocean floor and a tidal wave of enormous proportion was created. They called it Tsunami. Over a great distance the waves moved, bringing destruction to India, Indonesia, Thailand, and Sri Lanka. Two hundred and fifty thousand people died by the tidal waves when it came ashore.

Now the Gulf Coast of the United States was hit by Hurricane Katrina on August 27th. It hit Louisiana and Mississippi. When it reached shore as a category 4 hurricane, it was not only the velocity of the winds, but the huge size of the storm. The storm was 400 miles across and the eye was 36 miles across. It destroyed most of the Mississippi coastline. The levees protecting the city of New Orleans broke and 80 percent of the city was flooded. Who could ever imagine that a major city of America could be destroyed?

The Bible warns that in the last days, perilous times would come. We may well see the frequency and the acceleration of calamities come upon the world. In the day of trouble, what will we do? God’s people know they are safe. Our treasures are not of this world. We are safe.

Much of America and of the world want to live like there is no God. Live and let live is the motto for many. God may be giving the world a wakeup call – “Here I am,” He is saying. When everything that can be shaken is shaken, what will the world do? I trust that the world will not harden their hearts, but will call upon the Lord and be saved.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the Name of our God. Psalm 20:7



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Trip Of A Lifetime

Dear Friends of New Missions:

How to you put into words what we experienced on our missions trip to Haiti in August? I’m still thinking about it in my dreams. Our whole team of ten people was impacted. It was the best faith-building experience we have ever had!

Our faith was tested by the comments said to us by well-meaning friends and family. “Why do you have to go over there? There are needs right here! It’s too dangerous. Think of your family,” were some of the comments. Two nights before we left, an upset parent called to tell me that they had found a disturbing article on the internet about the violence and unrest in Port-au-Prince. I reassured the parent that teams went every month to New Missions, and that their daughter would be safe. After I hung up the phone, I panicked as I realized the responsibility Pastor Joe and I had for the safety of our group. I cried out to God, and opened my Bible for counsel. The first thing I read was in 2 Chronicles 22, “With your help, I can advance against a troop, with my God, I can scale a wall.” I also read in verse 3. . .”He is my stronghold, my refuge, and my Savior – from violent men you rescue me.” Peace flooded my soul, as I realized that it was God’s job to watch over us.



Susan Bahlatzis with a group of Haitian children.

From the moment we landed at the Port-au-Prince airport, we felt the peace and presence of God. Our group wept as we passed through the city of Port-au-Prince, and saw such poverty, pollution, and devastation. We felt the love and compassion of God for these people living in a hopeless state. My husband Billy still can’t get out of his mind the stark picture he saw of desperate men and women trying to survive by selling a few pieces of wire or a few pieces of wilted fruit.

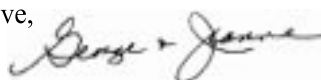
We arrived at New Missions tired and sapped by the intense heat and humidity. We immediately were treated to an outstanding meal, the comfort of resting under the mango tree, and the fun of meeting new people. We happened to come the same week that some Christians in the entertainment ministry had come. They ministered to



Children with joy sing to the Lord.

us in jokes, laughter, and encouragement. That week, though our comfort level was stretched, God made up for it in rich relationships. We were refreshed by Charlie and Rachel’s beautiful children and the Haitian people.

The call of God is always “Come closer.” For those of us who have been used of God, we desire to have God do more through us. To the extent that we surrender, I have found is the extent that God will use us. Do you want more of God? He wants more of you. My prayer is Lord help me to surrender fully to you, so that I may enjoy the fullness of your blessing.

Love,


George and Jeanne

P.S. Many thanks for your financial gifts to help us buy the land in Bombita. The land was purchased on September 5th. Mission teams are coming to help us begin construction. There is a beautiful growing congregation in this tent on the highway in Bombita.



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When Rachel DeTellis found out that I run the children's programs at my church, she asked me if I wanted to do a Vacation Bible School at the village of Brache. With trepidation, I said okay. We did two days of Vacation Bible School with crafts, games, a Bible lesson, puppets, music and refreshments. We made up 120 bags filled with toothbrushes, toothpaste, toys, snacks, and clothing, which we gave out at the end of the day. I brought enough craft items for every child to do two crafts. We all felt joy as we sang and worked with the children and played games with them. Because of limited space and resources, we had to limit the ministry to 120 children, and there were children peering longingly into all the windows of the church throughout the time we were there. In all my years of working with children, I never saw children sing with such joy and enthusiasm even though the heat made their clothes stick to their bodies.

The rest of the week's highlights were meeting our sponsored child, who had a smile that lit up his face. Walking through the village one day with Rachel DeTellis, we prayed with the women we met along the way. As we walked, children held our hands. We met an old Haitian lady who sang us a song in Creole with her hands gently swaying, "You pray for me and I'll pray for you. You carry my burdens and I'll carry yours." I carried home with me that song, and my husband and I are praying for the people in that village, trying not to forget their burdens as we live in the wealthiest country in the world.



Thank you, West Hempfield Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania, for feeding the Haitian people.

On our last day in the village of Brache, we came with huge bags of rice for the people. We did some skits and several of us gave testimonies. As we were ready to leave we noticed Leah, whose parents were anxious about her coming, without shoes. She had given her shoes to a child who had none. She had already given all her clothes away during the rice distribution. She walked through the mud to the truck saying, "If this little girl can walk through this mud, so can I." Others on the team took off their shoes and gave them away.

We're home now, and back to our daily routine, but there is a part of us that is changed. We are more thankful, and more willing to 'listen' to the cries of the needy. We have more faith in God's ability to use us. God took our hearts and enlarged them to fit in the people of Haiti. We will not forget them. I know God will never forget them. – *Susan Bahlatzis, Trinity Christian Church, Albany, New York.*



Christopher Delaney, from the Numinous Church in Orlando, Florida, cutting material for students.



Times of Rejoicing – God Provides

The Heart Of A Missionary

Sometimes working in Haiti, it is easy for me to become overwhelmed with the endless needs. No single person or organization can meet the needs. During the days before school opens there are always parents who do not know how they will get their children ready for school, how can they buy the underwear or shoes. Recently, I found comfort in the story of Hagar, Abraham's Egyptian maidservant. She ran into the desert to escape mistreatment by Sarai, Abraham's wife. The Angel of the Lord found her and comforted her in her distress. In response she said, "You are the God who sees me." I am thankful that it is not just me that sees the distress of the poor. I can do very little on my own. The God who sees, - sees Haiti! When we are powerless, He sees, comes close, and helps. - *Rachel DeTellis*

My son Charlie, emailed me from Haiti and told me how his wife Rachel was ministering in one of the villages. When Rachel was ready to close, she asked, "Who will pray?" Elissa Rose, their 3-year old daughter shouted, "I will. I will. I will." - *Jeanne DeTellis*

God is Preparing Workers

All my life I've trained men and women for the ministry. When I pastored in the United States, I always had Discipleship Training Classes where I taught theology and ministry. When I went to Haiti, we immediately started a Discipleship Training School. All of our pastors in Haiti have gone through our four-year Bible college.

Then, of course, when I came to the Dominican Republic, we opened a Bible School. One evening I was fellowshiping with the students and I asked a young man when and how he got saved. He answered, "In December, 2001, you held a meeting on the beach in Sosua. That day I accepted Christ as my Saviour." I was shocked. I remember the service and the sermon I preached. That day several people accepted Christ, and now standing before me was one of the young men – studying in our Bible College.

The young man's name is Paulino Santos, but he is called Nicolas. Nicolas said my life was empty. I did not want to give up my life of drinking and women. Nicolas told me of my message that day. I preached on giving up your own will, to do the will of God. An illustration in the sermon was of a man who wanted to take his cow to market to sell it. "Where are you going?" a friend asked. "I'm going to the market to sell my cow." "You mean God willing," his friend said." The man answered, "This is my cow and I'm going to sell him." On the way to the market he was beat up and robbed of his cow. His friend found him in a ditch by the side of the road and helped him get back up. "Where are you going now?" the friend asked. "I'm going home, God willing." At the end of the sermon, Nicolas raised his hand and came forward to receive Christ. He will graduate from our Bible School this spring.

I recently asked Nicolas, "What do you want to do upon graduation – be a pastor or evangelist?" Nicolas answered, "I want to be a minister with New Missions." What a surprise, the fruit of my labor, preparing to work with us in the ministry – thank God. Nicolas is 36 years old and is married to Karina. She is pregnant with their first child. Nicolas preaches at the New Missions church in Bombita every Sunday evening. We hope to bring Nicolas on full time staff in the future.



Nicolas in front of his beach shop.

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Haiti Update from Charlie DeTellis

Dear Friends of New Missions,

The mission in Haiti continues to run with excellence. The high school has an attendance of 1,100 students this year. All of the schools are functioning. School books were distributed at the beginning of the year and school food purchases are coming in on time. We will soon purchase Christmas gifts for the children.

There is a full time Haitian construction crew involved with new buildings and renovating old ones. A new church is being built in the village of Santo, and we will be renovating our dining hall at the Bordmer school. New Missions has excellent Haitian workers, teachers, directors and pastors who are serving God. We need to continue to keep them in our prayers.

Haiti needs a good national leader. This has always been the case. Haiti needs a leader who will serve the people. My Dad often said, "Haiti needs a leader with a good head, a good heart, and a strong arm." A good leader would make a world of difference for Haiti. Haiti can change. I do believe it can happen. The motto of New Missions is "Hope in God." Man will sometimes disappoint us. God will never disappoint



School Books



High School Campus

us. Twenty-five percent of the people are Christians in the country of Haiti. This is making a positive impact upon the country. Christianity brings morality, and a greater measure of prosperity. Christianity is bringing a revolution of change in Haiti.

The country of Haiti is controlled by the United Nations police force. In our area there are UN soldiers from the Sri Lankan army. These men are peaceful men. You can tell by the smiles on their faces. I offer them coconuts to drink when they visit the mission. They also bring gifts for me of Jack fruit trees from Sri Lanka.

In the book of Revelation it talks about two witnesses of God in the last days – Revelation 11:3. God always needs witnesses to proclaim his truth and the way of salvation. This is what we must do! We must continue to let our lights shine. God has provided a great salvation for those who believe in His Son Jesus Christ. The call is to battle. We will surely have the victory. - *Charlie DeTellis*

Short Term Missionary In Haiti

I grew up in Liverpool, a small town in Pennsylvania. As a boy, I attended Sunday Schools that were within walking distance of my home. But, when I became a teenager, I forgot about church. When I was nineteen I had a motorcycle accident that should have ended my life, but God spared me from entering eternity in my lost condition.

In my early twenty's I was working for a trucking company and got to work with an older black man named Bill. He had a beautiful voice and would sing hymns while working. There were several occasions when Bill would ask me to read the Bible to him, because he could not read. Over time, I began to think I needed to get more religion and I got involved with a cult that would send people to my house every week for Bible study. Things seemed to be going pretty good until they told me that God would never send anyone to Hell. Well, that was the last time I invited them, because they laughed at me for saying that the Bible said whosoever's name was not found written in the book of life would be cast into the lake of fire.

But God's timing is perfect. By this time, I was 25 and I was helping a friend build his house. My friend's dad witnessed to me and invited me to church. One Sunday morning in January, 1980, I went to Evandale Bible Church. Everyone was glad to see me. (I found out later that they had been praying for me.) That morning I came under conviction and I could hardly sit still. During the pastor's closing prayer, he asked if anyone would like to talk to him



George giving a gift to Jacqueline Dessourcer, student in Leogane, from his sponsor Tom Brubaker.



George with Chantale Jean, from the village of Sarbousse. Chantale is sponsored by the Niemons Life Savers Youth Group in Richfield, Pennsylvania.

about a personal relationship with Jesus. "Slip up your hand." Well, I did, and he asked if he could come to my house the next evening. January 14, 1980, I accepted God's free gift of salvation. By grace I was saved through the faith that Christ Jesus gave me to believe in the work of the cross. I'm also thankful for the work Jesus has called me to do.

In January 2002, I got my first opportunity to go on a missions trip. I visited New Missions in Haiti. That week changed my life forever. I fell in love with the people and my heart was broken when I saw the poverty. The odors, noises, crowds at the airport, traffic, heat and streets full of people were overwhelming. I have made five more trips to New Missions since January 2002, having many opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the people in the villages and at the Bordmer Church and Signeau High School. I'm thankful for the opportunities that Charlie has given me to use my mechanical skills when I visit New Missions. I keep praying that God will prepare a way for my wife and I to serve Him in a greater capacity. - *George Sheaffer*

A Baseball Field of Their Own

The last ball player left the dusty field. He closed and locked the gate behind him. The field sat vacant and quiet while the dust settled and the ocean breeze lightly swayed the large trees which hung over the fence in the right field. The village taxis and motorcycles buzzed by the now empty field.

Cautiously a boy approached the field. He quietly climbed over the fence. With his old tattered sneakers he gently held down the barbed wire fence and jumped over. He looked to see if anyone was watching and quietly started running laps around the field.

Another boy walked by and saw the first boy running. He ran to the back of the field and called out, "quieres jugar" (want to play). The first boy waved to him and signaled to come in. The two of them started a game of catch, only one had a glove so they had to take turns. After 10 or 15 minutes another boy saw the game and asked to join. Five minutes later, three very poor barefooted street vendors stopped to watch. The boy with the glove called out to them to come in; they laid their shoe shine boxes down and climbed the barbed wire fence. One by one they came, timid at first to play on the forbidden school field, (where you had to be a student at the school to play) but eventually



Niko with his friends



Niko and boys in Sosua, DR

climbing over the barbed wire fence for the love of the game. After forty minutes with one glove, two balls and a bat, thirty of the poorest children in the town were in a full-fledged baseball game. Taxi drivers and locals started leaning on the chain-link fence cheering for a "jonrun" (a homerun).

Finally the players of the official town league started to trickle in. When enough of them had arrived the little street boys were kicked off the field. They didn't care, because they were used to it, but the smiles and laughter made it all worth while for the teenage missionary Niko with the balls, the bat and the glove.

In the town of Sosua, going to school is a privilege. Some families must choose between school and food. Thank God for the ministry of New Missions who have built a school and provide these children with the opportunity to get an education. By adding a baseball field to the mission, the sponsored children can have a place to play ball and be included in the official town league. While they attend school and learn about Jesus Christ, they can also participate in a character-building sport that they love.

Prayerfully consider making a donation to New Missions to build a baseball field. It will be a safe place to play, with no barbed wire and no restrictions. Help us show the love of Jesus to the children of Sosua. This story is true. I am the missionary. I promised these boys, my friends, that I would help them build a field of their own. Please help me help them. I would appreciate anything that you can give. Thank you. - Niko Fraser

Thankful

For several years now, I've closed my emails with the signature: Thankful, Tim DeTellis. Why? I believe we can forget to say "thank you" to those around us. Being thankful can be easy during the times we have joy, but what about the times of sorrow?

As you know hurricane Katrina and others have been devastating to many communities. Last year in Orlando, Florida, my family and I experienced three direct hits from hurricanes during a two month period. Did we ask these storms to come our way? Do we have control over the storm's path or levels of destruction? How can we prepare for the storms of life? How can we become stronger because of them? These questions flood my mind.

After the first hurricane that came to Orlando last year, our family was in the backyard picking up roof shingles, tree branches, and other debris. Together, we were doing what ever we could to help life get back to what we knew as normal. My son Luc said to me, "Daddy, I want to go inside. I don't want to help anymore." I could see on his face the tiredness from being up late the night before because we all sat in the bedroom closet, waiting for the storm to pass. To then wake up

to a neighborhood that would take many months to bring back to its original state, was overwhelming for a little boy. It was also overwhelming for me. We then experienced two additional direct hits from hurricanes. When people would ask, "How did you weather the storm?" my response was always the same: "Different storm, same song, it's time to clean up, re-build, and move on."

Often the troubled times become tired times. When our minds become heavy with the challenges to clean up the mess around us, we often simply want to give up. It is never easy to keep on working at something especially when the struggle caught you by surprise.

As we face the battles, even those that arrive unannounced, we stay steadfast, focused, and committed to victory for the sake of changed lives.

I personally ask myself the question, is there any storm too difficult for God? Absolutely not. You could experience a hurricane in your personal life: the death of a loved one, a divorce, a lost job, a financial disaster, or worst yet, falling away from God.

As a father, one of the greatest losses would be to lose a child. They

are precious. Jesus shared the parable of the lost son in Luke and talks of how the father rejoiced when his son came home. "For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. And they began to be merry. Luke 15:24" As a Dad, I can related to the feeling of what it could be like to have a son leave and wonder if he would return. Yes, you love them when they are with you, but you still love them when they are gone. Your love for them is steadfast through the storm of their life.

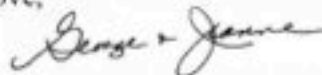
If someone you know was going through a storm, would you love them through it? Or would you wait to love them once they arrived on the other side?

Our heavenly Father's love endures forever. God looks at you and asks, "Have you forgotten that I love you?" Even in your separation from God, loneliness, bitterness, or whatever storm you are facing, God loves you. Most importantly, His love is there for you when you are in the valley or on the mountain.

- Tim DeTellis

God leads New Missions one step at a time. Every day we are trusting the Holy Spirit for guidance. We are always working to improve what we are doing. Putting up buildings that are necessary to do our work. We are ever praying, preaching and believing. Our prayer is "Lead Us On Oh Lord." Jeanne and I are in good health. Our family is doing well. We think of you and are grateful that we are working together for the Kingdom.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis



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Christmas For Our Children

Dear Friends of New Missions,

The Christmas season is a wonderful time to tell the story of the birth of Jesus and awaken the hearts of our children to open their lives to a personal relationship with Jesus.

Children from around the world have an extra sense of excitement this time of the year. They are filled with the hope of something special happening. Their innocence is delicate, yet beautiful.

As adult believers, we remember that something special happened at Christmas. God's Son came into the world. He was born. God's Son was born of a virgin and laid in a manger. Today we celebrate that event with joy and peace. For children, their excitement and hope is for something tangible, like a doll or truck.

Some of our children have sad lives. The little girl my parents sponsor, Rosna Pierre, lost her mother to a motorcycle accident. Another girl lost her mother and father to aids and lives with a relative. A young boy with an amputated leg had his father abandon him. Another little girl of ours was born to a prostitute woman who cannot care for her. Many of our children have only one parent and that one parent is struggling most days.

We thank God for the people who love to bless the children, especially during this holiday season. It gives us joy to fulfill the desire of the child and at the same time sow into their lives the message of the Good News.

In the Dominican Republic we started to tell the Christmas story and pray for each child as we gave them a Christmas present. Our presents in the DR were both practical and fun. The present was a colorful large beach towel. In a poor home, a towel is used not only in bathing outdoors, but also as a blanket. Inside the beach towel were an assortment of gifts, such as a piece of clothing or shoes, peanut butter or canned meat for the family, also cookies and candies and some practical school supplies.



Christmas, Redemption, 2005



Christmas, El Batey, 2005

When the Christmas story is told, the children respond, "Yes," they say, "I will give Jesus room in my heart." Seeing their surprised faces when they open their gifts is a great joy. Thanks to each of you that are sending an offering this month to make Christmas a wonderful time for our children.

Baptismal Services

In Haiti, on December 31st, at midnight, many Haitians go to the ocean for their own form of self-baptism, a shedding off of their actions or unpleasant happenings of the past year. They hope to have a new beginning.

Jesus instructed believers to be baptized, as an outward sign of what has spiritually taken place in their lives. We recently had two water baptisms, one for Redemption Village at Playa Sosua and the other at Playa Cabarete for our people from New Life Church in Bombita.

At our first baptismal, our people were baptized, and then stood wet as we finished our service on the beach. For the second baptismal, our mission purchased new bath towels to wrap each person as they came out of the water.

Our missionary team in the Dominican Republic was encouraged to see how many were baptized. In both churches, our Dominican Pastors taught on Baptism. We're excited for the maturity coming to our new believers.

One woman who was baptized, Alexandria, was having a complicated pregnancy. Our missionaries were caring for her the past few months, but she still came to be baptized. And now Alexandria rejoices, not only in her salvation and baptismal, but God has given her a healthy baby girl.



Pastor Daniel - Redemption Baptismal



Center - Alexandria from Redemption Village



Bombita Baptismal



Jose Repollet, Missionary Jim Larsen, Pastor Chuck Thomas and Pastor Daniel celebrating another baptism.

Plans For Our Community Health Center

George and I will enjoy the Christmas season in the Dominican Republic. The weekend of Christmas will be full of activities with a concert of music in the big tent, Christmas caroling through the town streets on Christmas eve, and then our Sunday morning Christmas service.

Before the new year of 2006, George and I will be finalizing building plans for our Community Health Center. Presently, we are in construction of 4 classrooms and a gazebo at the tent site. We hope to break ground for the Health Center the first of the year.

More than ever we realize the need for this medical ministry. Every time our missionaries are out in the villages to share Jesus, they come in touch with people who are sick. People are asking them for help, for medicine, for operations, and each time our missionaries respond with prayer, and do what they can financially.

Our Community Health Center will have an emphasis on teaching health, and preventative measures to avoid sickness. There are competent medical people living in the area that will assist, and we believe that God will send waves of medical people to be used in this ministry. Already a medical team is scheduled to come January, February and March 2006.

As the new year of 2006 comes, please pray for George and me that God will give us wisdom and guidance in the building plans and that the finances will flow to finish the project by early spring.



Planning the clinic in Haiti in 1987



Medical needs being met in Haiti.



*Haiti Clinic
open everyday*



*Recent Medical Ministry in the
Dominican Republic, Medical Teams
coming in January, February and
March 2006.*

Talk with God

As believers in Jesus Christ we have a special relation with God. We are called into fellowship with God and with His Son Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:3

All of us are acquainted with the pyramid type of command. Most organizations have a flow chart that starts at the top and flows down to the lowest level. Perhaps the greatest example of this is the chain of command in the military. In the Army, at the bottom is the recruit. After basic training, he is a private. Then it works all the way up to the five-star general and then to the Commander in Chief, the President of the United States. In the military everyone knows the pecking order, who is above and who is beneath them.

Christians often think of God the Almighty as above and giving orders to those below who must obey explicitly without question. Many people feel that it would be disrespectful to question God. However, we are given some wonderful different views of God in the Scriptures. The Psalmist said, "The Lord is my Shepherd. He leads me in green pastures and besides still waters." (Psalm 23) Here the view is God, the Shepherd with the sheep – tenderly leading and caring for them. In the New Testament we are called Sons of God. (John 1:12) We have position, privilege and power as God's children.

When Jesus was born He was called Immanuel, which means 'God with us.' The apostles enjoyed being with Jesus for three years. When He spoke to them of His departure, He said I will not leave you alone. I will send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, the One who will come alongside. He will be with you. Later, Jesus said, He will not only be with you,

He will be in you.

The view of the world at the time of the writing of Scripture naturally was three-tiered - the world on earth, another above, and one beneath. Of course, now with modern science that has changed. We know that the universe goes out equally from every part of the earth. God, as the God above us, is the Creator and sustainer of all things. This is a vertical view of God. We also need to see that we have a horizontal relation with God. Because, God is with us, it is not a one-way conversation. He is not the General in the sky barking out orders. We are His sons and daughters. God talks to us and we talk with Him. God wants to hear your heart and listen to your questions.

I've told God, "I need time off." He answered, "I'll give you all the time you want when you are home with me. Now," He said, "is the time to work for the night commeth when no one can work." As a pastor in New England, I enjoyed sailing. When I went to Haiti, as a missionary, I gave that all up. I've told God that in the Kingdom, I want a sailboat with a small ocean, dotted with islands, blue skies and white sandy beaches. And I've asked for just one day off – a God day. We know from Scripture that 1,000 years is as a day with the Lord. I want a God day to go sailing. The Bible says God gives us the desires of our heart. As His son I talk to Him and let Him know my desires. My life has been lived in service to God – joyful service. As a father I enjoy giving to my children. This is also true with God. Jesus is preparing a place, a mansion for each of His children. For me, He is also preparing a sailboat.

One day God awakened me in the middle of the night. I went out and lay on a lounge chair on my front porch. I live on the second floor of my home. There, God talked. He talked for half an hour. I was tired and wanted to sleep. I got up and went to bed, but God kept talking. He kept me up for another half an hour. John said, truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. I have asked God personal things about Himself, the work He has given me to do. I've also asked Him about world affairs, politics, economics, what is going to happen. God does know all things. He and I talk about everything. Many times I have said, "God. Why? I don't understand. Please explain." That is as personal and friendly as you can get. The one on earth that differs with me the most is my wife. She loves me well beyond what I could ever have hoped for in a mate. We know and trust each other. In the morning, I'm a talker, and over coffee, on a small balcony off our kitchen, my wife and I talk. We talk about everything. But, God is the greatest person in my life. Shouldn't my conversation with Him exceed that of every and all humans on earth?

Abraham was called the friend of God. (James 2:23) Moses spoke to God face to face as a friend with friend. (Exodus 33:9-11) Jesus said to His disciples, "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." (John 15:15)

Today, I encourage you, talk to God as a friend with a Friend.

The new year of 2006 will provide great opportunities to share the message of God's salvation through His Son Jesus. We have just gone through a traumatic year with earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes and terrorist attacks. The years of 2006 and 2007, I believe, will bring political and economic upheaval along with more terrorist attacks and natural disasters. Men and women will be shaken from their comfort zones. We need to be there showing that the only place of security is God. The opportunity for God's Word to penetrate the human heart will be enormous. We have a message to bring to the nations – God is with us, alongside.

Love,

George and Jeanne DeTellis

