

## SpREAdiNg LighT iNTo dARKNESS

This year God called me to start a church and school in the village of Amber Pere. I have to admit, I would have had trouble finding this village by road. A Haitian led us down a road that wove through tall sugar cane fields. The Haitian community knows the reputation of New Missions, and appreciates the benefits the children receive. In just a matter of months since God called me to start this church and school, it is now filled to capacity.

When I think of Amber Pere, I think of a muddy village with a dominance of Voodoo. However, this is quickly changing. Forty truckloads of gravel were spread on the road to help facilitate access to this village. The construction is going very well and with the highest standards. These people are so very poor and broken; they do not have the faith to believe the building will be complete. They wonder why people would love them enough to do this for them—as they view their village as small and insignificant.

God has always had a special heart for the weak and poor of the world. The people show a unity of support for the presence of a school and church in their village. Amber Pere is being changed from a village living in darkness... to a village living in "the light." The church building (25 feet x 75 feet) should be finished this month—ahead of schedule.

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39 ~ Charlie DeTellis*



*The children from our Amber Pere elementary school will welcome 2010 with a new church and school building. Located in a village where Voodoo is prominent, this new facility will proclaim the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ into the darkness.*



# oh, god! USE ME!

I've been in the ministry for 50 years—and every day I'm looking for something to do for God.

In 1959, my boyfriend, George DeTellis, opened a church in Medford, Massachusetts. I was 17 years of age. Our Saturday night dates consisted of going to Medford Square to the Colonial Theatre. . . up to a second floor room that we rented for church services. Together, we swept up the cigarette butts, picked up the beer bottles, hung a cross on the red drapery, rolled out the piano and set up the chairs. On Sunday mornings, my father let me borrow his station wagon. I did a transportation route, played the piano, taught Sunday School, and was the secretary and treasurer. My employer gave me permission to duplicate the church bulletins on their stencil machine. It's no wonder that George asked me not to go to Bible School but to continue on in my role supporting his new ministry.

In 1960, I became the pastor's wife. Our big Italian wedding gave us the finances to buy the former mayor's home for the church. We took down the walls on the first floor to create a chapel. After six years of establishing a church, three children and three miscarriages, George gave up the keys and deeds to the house, church building, and a valuable piece of property next to an interstate. George started broadcasting on the radio and began travelling the East Coast as an evangelist.

In 1967, George accepted an inner city church in Worcester, Massachusetts. We opened the first coffeehouse in New England, and had three community houses working with the street people, directed a summer camp, and built a loving, strong congregation.

In 1975, I opened Women's Aglow Fellowship in Worcester, and the following year became the President of New England Women's Aglow Fellowship. Speaking throughout New England was a ride on the edge as I balanced being a pastor's wife and mother to now four children.

In 1977, I went to India. Missions was my breath and passion. I established New England and World Missions.

In 1980, I became the president of Camp Woodhaven and in 10 months dedicated a chapel—my first construction project.

In 1982, New England and World Missions purchased land in Haiti.

In 1983, George and I lived in a tent in Haiti.

In 1984, we resigned from our pastorate. I graduated from Clark University with a master's degree in international development.

In 1992, I turned 50 years old in Haiti and planned a big birthday



party—launching an evangelism event that opened more than 50 Bible studies in local villages.

In 2000, George and I moved to the Dominican Republic where I worked with George to open churches and schools, and was by his side during his nine-year battle with cancer.

In 2008, George rested from his work, and I returned to the DR to resume directing the ministry.

In 2009, this may have been the most painful time of my life, but it has been the most exciting time of being used by God.

After 50 years of ministry, I still want to run alongside my great big adventurous God and see Him do marvelous things. ~ Jeanne DeTellis



*Jeanne DeTellis, co-founder of New Missions, has served in ministry for 50 years. She continues to serve passionately in the Dominican Republic and believes that the best days of ministry are ahead.*





## ARMiES IN hAiTi

Brent Gambrell is a regular in Haiti—sometimes visiting eight times a year. Just recently, Brent returned from Haiti after leading back-to-back mission trips of two teams totaling nearly 75 recruits representing 10 states. “This trip was huge,” said Brent. “We visited more villages in the first week than I’ve ever visited in one week’s time.”

The activities of Brent’s mission trips are always astounding. This time, teams delivered the last of nine generators—making good on a promise to the pastors two years ago to raise funds and buy generators for all 22 churches. But with the help of a small youth group doing big things in rural Kentucky, it was accomplished in two years. The youth group raised \$24,000 for Haiti in one night! With generators checked off the list, Brent has now agreed to provide six ceiling fans to each of the 22 churches—that’s 132 fans.

However, the big thrust was hosting the Fall Teacher’s Conference for the 56 New Missions high school teachers. U.S. educators delivered library books and trained the Haitian teachers on supplemental teaching tools. Each Haitian teacher was also able to order additional materials through a catalog. To top it off, 10 teachers won laptops in a raffle. Is there any surprise that Brent made a promise to purchase 46 more laptops for use by the teachers and a computer lab for students?

It’s a good thing that Brent is a high energy guy. It’s an even better thing that God wired him to love the Haitian people so much. Over the course of the two weeks, Brent’s army was involved in more than 250 Haitian salvations.

~ Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer

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**DOES YOUR CHURCH HOST VBS?**  
Bring a Christian world-view to your church’s VBS program this year and incorporate the Rice for Children program by distributing coin banks.



**SHOEBOX DELIVERY IN HAITI**  
On Wed., Dec. 9, 2009, the first 40-foot cargo container for this season with Christmas shoeboxes arrived at our mission in Haiti.



**LIFE OF A CHILD**  
The 10th anniversary, hardcover edition of the book *Life of a Child* is now available. Order your copy and help build churches and schools in Haiti.



**FISH FOR SCHOOLS**  
70 cases of dry fish were purchased in Haiti for our school lunches. This provides extra protein for the meals prepared.



**Top:** New Missions High School teachers attended the Fall Teacher’s Conference. **Bottom left:** U.S. teachers train Haitian teachers how to use their new laptops. **Middle:** Mission team loaded up and heading out to a village for rice distribution. **Bottom right:** It’s all smiles for a young Haitian boy who will bring home rice and smiles to his family.

# BELIEVE IN MIRACLES

If I can explain it, then I did it. If there is no human way to define how it happened, then it is a supernatural miracle. Do you believe in miracles? When do miracles happen . . . and why? There are three stories I want to share to answer these questions. One story is about my mother, the other about Jesus, and the last is about a New Missions donor.

My mother has been in front of more miracles than anyone I know. She has walked the front line of ministry for 50 years, and has seen the miracle of lives changed through the working power of Jesus. I believe in miracles—mostly because of her example in my life. I remember when we began New Missions in Haiti and I lived in a small, yellow canvas tent with my mom and dad.

If living in a tent was not a difficult enough adjustment, walking down the three-mile dirt road with my mom was a journey to remember. I remember how she and I would then get on a tap-tap (local transportation) loaded down with people and animals—as we traveled to Port-au-Prince (Haiti’s capital city). The tap-tap would stop along the way, as passengers would jump on and off at their destination. It’s not like a bus route which has scheduled places to stop. If you tap on the side of the truck, it stops. The miracle was not just the safety of travel, it was what happened at our destination. We would walk into a Haitian government office to do business for the mission, and my mother without fear would share about New Missions, and find God’s favor. A miracle indeed! At first I thought it was her tasty treats she would bake and pack in her bag to share at the meetings. Then I realized it was God’s favor upon her. My mother showed me that it’s not about looking at what we are doing; it’s looking at what God is doing through us when we see the miracles.

The first recorded miracle that Jesus performed is found in John 2. Jesus and his disciples were invited to a wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to Him, “They have no more wine.” Then, she told the servants to do whatever He tells you. In verse 7 Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” So

they filled them to the brim. Then He told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” After the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine, he called the bridegroom aside and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; you have saved the best for last. Two observations: First, who was most amazed? The master or the bridegroom? Actually, it was the servants. Near the end of verse 9 it says: “He did not know where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.” What role did the servants have in the miracle? Obedience. They did what Jesus told them to do. When we obey, God does the supernatural. The second observation is that after this miracle was performed (at the end of verse 11) His glory was revealed and his disciples put their faith in him. The miracle draws glory to God, and increases our faith.

Just recently I was speaking at a home group during a missions emphasis weekend for the First Baptist Church of Oviedo—located in Central Florida. They welcomed guest missionaries to speak throughout the weekend in their home groups. When I arrived at the first house where I was scheduled to speak, I asked God, “Why am I here?” Within twenty minutes the house was full of guests, and it was time to share. At the end of my message I mentioned two prayer requests. One of them was the need we had for a 4,000-5,000 square foot warehouse space for our Christmas shoebox drive. I closed in prayer and asked God to work in each family’s home and individual lives . . . and for them to be missionaries right where they are. After the prayer a gentleman in the back raised his hand. He responded, “I have your warehouse space!” Wow—what a miracle! Thanks to Jeff Cashion, his company (Labels USA) donated space for us to process shoeboxes this season. He was part of the miracle. Why do miracles happen? They increase our faith in God. I came away from that meeting believing God for miracles in other people’s lives too.

This year, may we look for miracles around us each day. God is at work as we give ourselves to be part of his supernatural work. Do you see a miracle? ~Timothy DeTellis

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When a new day begins, we have the choice to step forward with faith that God will work out the circumstances of life. What is certain is that God is with us and He will work all things together for the good for those who trust and obey Him. We must choose; please choose to do what is right. Today, may we step forward in faith and in action.

Serving Together,



Timothy DeTellis

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*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Colossians 3:23-24*





## THE DAY OF THE hAITI EARTHQUAKE

On Tuesday morning, January 12, I found myself up very early. It was 4:30 a.m. and I was picking up a group of students to take them up the mountain to see the sunrise. There we stood... the morning of what would become a historic day, as the sunrise broke over the mountain range and to our left we could see the entire Leogane Plain, with our mission off in the distance. It felt like just any other day. Yet soon our region would become torn and broken.

After we enjoyed breakfast at the mission we loaded the flatbed trucks filled with Christmas shoeboxes and went to the Brache-Millot school and gave each child a shoebox and spoon. Inside each classroom our team members assisted students in opening their surprise gifts. It was a precious sight. Little did we know that only hours later, the roofs we were under would come crashing to the ground. Thankfully, at the time of the earthquake (just before 5:00 p.m.) no children were in school.

Lunch was served at the mission and off we went to the village of LaSalle for ministry hut by hut. I walked into a hut and prayed with a family to receive Jesus. Less than a few hours later, those thatch homes would be shaken, and the hearts of those Christians would be secure in knowing Jesus.

Looking back, the poorest of the poor living in mud thatched huts had their lives spared—because no concrete would come crashing upon them. Plus, Haitians typically live outside. The only time they go indoors is to sleep. At the moment of the earthquake, I was thrown to the ground... the concrete beneath me began to crack in half, and the earth opened up like a scene from a movie. I was in total shock! When I finally found my balance, I began to run toward the beach, away from the buildings. I called for all of the mission team to gather—wanting to assure everyone was safe. Glory to God, none of us were injured! Shortly after, all 44 of us evacuated to our high school property due to the threat of a tsunami. At the end of the day, I found myself sleeping on the ground, and feeling tremors all night long. The sounds of Haitian Christians singing in the distance removed any fear. I also held strong to the memories of the ministry we shared earlier that day. We are changed forever because of this earthquake. ~Timothy DeTellis



**TOP:** Allison Starcher, from Orlando, Florida, shared the joy of opening a shoebox gift with a child in the Brache-Millot school on the day of the earthquake. **MIDDLE:** In front of his school in L'unit De Viecourt, one of our elementary school students knows the day after the earthquake, one truth remains the same, Haiti: Hope in God. **BOTTOM:** The cries from the villagers all around us were directed to God. Hymns of praise were sung throughout the night of the earthquake. They made it loud and clear who they worshiped—Jesus!  
**Earthquake Caught On Video:** Call or order free at [newmissions.org](http://newmissions.org) the DVD of when it all happened.



# BUILDING A NEW hAiTi

At New Missions, we have over 70 buildings. The damage sustained from the earthquake is beyond anything we ever expected. The process of rebuilding will take time and require financial support. We are immediately erecting temporary facilities so our schools can function and churches can meet. Below is the extensive list of locations and what level of destruction took place.

In the midst of this damage and destruction, we are truly amazed by the lives spared. When I toured our medical clinic, I cried. It tore my heart apart to see the floors and walls split. Stepping outside, I looked across the compound and saw our elementary school sliced into pieces. This was so devastating to me personally, as I remember being there when those buildings were constructed. It's hard to look past 27 years of history and see how today, we are rebuilding; not starting over... but building anew.

More than ever, we need your prayers, support, and commitment to stand with us. After the relief efforts are over and wounds are healed, the ministry of New Missions will still be in Haiti. We are not leaving—and our purpose is stronger than ever. The Gospel must be preached! Children need education, medical care, and food. Together, we are now called to build a new Haiti. The foundation is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and our cause is to serve the poorest of the poor.

~Timothy DeTellis



## LOCATION

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| 1. Ambas-Pere - Damaged                 | 10. Fond Jack - Damaged                       | 18. Masson - Damaged                                   |
| 2. Birey - Damaged                      | 11. High School - 3 Large Buildings - Damaged | 19. Santo, Church - Destroyed                          |
| 3. Bord Mer, Church, School - Destroyed | 12. L'Acul - Damaged                          | 20. Satleo (Leogane LeRoy), Church, School - Destroyed |
| 4. Brache - Damaged                     | 13. L'unite de Viécourt - Destroyed           | 21. Signeau - Damaged                                  |
| 5. Brach Milot, Church - Destroyed      | 14. Lafferony - Damaged                       | 22. Ti-Boukan - Damaged                                |
| 6. Chateau - Destroyed                  | 15. LaSalle - Damaged                         | 23. Ti Riverie - Damaged                               |
| 7. Concrab - Damaged                    | 16. Leogane Guillame - Damaged                | 24. Medical Clinic - Destroyed                         |
| 8. Darbonne - Damaged                   | 17. Marechal - Damaged                        | 25. Office building - Destroyed                        |
| 9. Flonc - Damaged                      |   | 26. Warehouse - Damaged                                |



**TOP:** Pastor LeRoy from our Leogane church prays in front of the rubble. To see his people suffer was difficult prior to the earthquake, now it is beyond words. **SIDE:** The elementary school in Santo is destroyed. Thank God the earthquake did not hit during school time. A building can be replaced—each child is precious. **BOTTOM:** Images from our elementary school in Bordmer, our medical clinic, and our office building show the destruction as if the buildings were sliced into pieces.





# CHARLIE DETELLIS RETURNS TO hAITI

On Sunday, January 24, I returned to Haiti alone—after being evacuated on Friday, January 15. As you can imagine, I wanted to return as soon as possible. Our mission serves thousands of children and families, and now more than ever, they need us. While driving through Port-au-Prince, I saw more of the destruction of the city. I believe the upper class got hit hard with this disaster.

The aftershocks are still very frightening. One tremor hit while I was at my desk in the office—which is damaged beyond repair, and I quickly ran out of the building.

You cannot believe the amount of military personnel on our Bordmer compound! Right now, there are 150 Marines and around 250 Navy personnel based at our mission. There are tents, equipment, and U.S. military everywhere.

A U.S. military vessel is arriving with a delivery of supplies tomorrow. They will begin distributing food to our school locations tomorrow. Our compound is full of men and gear. Even behind the mission are six amphibious vehicles. There are some 20 pallets of ready to eat meals (MREs) in our yard. Currently, the servicemen at our mission are SeaBees. They are the Construction Battalions of the United States Navy. The Seabees have a history of building bases, bulldozing and paving thousands of miles of roadway and airstrips, along with accomplishing other construction projects of a wide variety. God knew who we needed! These are men who can do physical work. There are trucks, hummers, pick-ups, bull dozers, tractors, and forklifts. This definitely is God's timing.

Our schools are opening and the work here will be strong. The country is showing some signs of stability—as fuel is for sale at the gas stations, and I am hearing more banks will open this week. I see a new strength within our Haitian leadership at New Missions. They are proud to serve and know that God is with them. Amen! God is our refuge and strength. ~Charlie DeTellis



**TOP:** Hummers, dump trucks, bulldozers, and amphibious vehicles are based at New Missions. **SIDE:** Food has been distributed to our schools. The military has MREs (meals ready to eat) on pallets and are being delivered by the truck load. **BOTTOM:** The U.S. Military set-up a command center at New Missions and are fully supporting New Missions as we step forward after this earthquake.

# THE LOVE OF GOD

Think about His love. The love of God – how sufficient is God’s love for the people of Haiti now? Is God’s love big enough, strong enough, present enough, passionate enough to meet the needs of Haiti following a 7.0 earthquake on January 12, 2010? Yes!

We know God’s love is big, strong, present, and moves with passion. We know God’s love through His Son Jesus; we look back at His love shown for us on the cross. We look today to Jesus for all the love we need to be energized, to be encouraged, and to be enabled to rebuild New Missions. Of all the photos of the earthquake scenes, the one that shook my heart and corrected my posture is the picture of a woman standing, with her back arched, her arms outstretched to their furthest point, and her head lifted high up to the God of love.

God’s love rescued my two sons, their wives, my four grandchildren, and 38 visiting Americans at New Missions. God’s love safely kept everyone in our New Missions’ buildings. Yes, there was great loss to New Missions – with all of our buildings either damaged or destroyed. My son Charlie responded to the great loss and he says, “New Missions is not the buildings. It’s the people.”

God’s love on the darkest night in the history of Haiti was more than enough to inspire our Haitian people—as they sat on the ground, on the dirt roads, to raise their voices to the loudest decibel to praise and glorify God. Their praises drowned out the Voodoo drums, and the sounds of Voodoo soon ceased. The Christian Haitians continued praising God throughout the night on the Leogane Plain.

God’s love is more than enough. Many of you are calling New Missions to give of your finances to help rebuild. One donor was the owner of Infiniti-Blu in the Dominican Republic where I live. Another church called wanting to help rebuild our medical clinic—which was destroyed. God’s love is moving people to ignore their own needs, to sacrifice their own agenda and projects, giving them faith for the future. God’s love is moving strategic people to be in Haiti with my son Charlie—to secure the basics for our ministry to continue.

God’s love is moving governments and organizations around the world to respond to build the new Haiti. God’s love is amazing! I marvel at His wondrous love. Today, January 20, the United States military is occupying our mission compound in Bordmer, Haiti—

beginning relief efforts by getting food and supplies to the people. In addition, there are Cuban nurses ministering to the medical needs of the people at the New Missions High School.

God’s love is there to wipe away every tear, as He made provision with the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to hold, hug, and give new hope. The Haitian people will wake up to a new morning after their night of crying, grief, pain, and sorrow.

What can separate you from the love of God? Can an earthquake separate you from God’s love? No! When you say yes to Jesus, nothing will ever separate you from His love. Not today, and not even when you close your eyes on earth; to be absent from the body is to be present with God.

God’s love is present in Haiti. Our hearts are shaken by an earthquake of His love. We have a passion... a longing to be with the Haitian people. Now is the time to preach God’s love to the Haitian people. Come to Jesus, and enjoy the eternal safety of the family of God – where nothing, not even a 7.0 earthquake can separate us from the love of God. God’s love will keep our hearts and flesh from failing.

Are you discouraged? Is New Missions discouraged? Never! I keep feeling God’s love, over and over, within me. I see God’s love expressed by His people. I want to see more than just the needs of the Haitian people met. I want to see this nation rise tall – beauty out of the rubble – beauty out of ashes. We will remember the lives of those lost in this earthquake. We will do all we can to honor their memories in the reconstruction of their land.

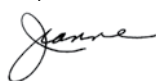
I am honored to be alive for this moment in history for the people of Haiti. My desire is to go quickly, and to be with the people of New Missions in the Leogane area. We will praise and thank God, and by faith see the victory of New Missions built better and stronger for His honor and glory.

God’s love will use our Haitian pastors to minister, and bring compassionate help to their people. God’s love will use our Haitian staff to assist relief efforts. God’s love will move the hearts of volunteers to demonstrate to the people that God has not forsaken them. God is bringing about His plans for a new Haiti.

Think about it... how big is God’s love for Haiti? The answer is unimaginable. His love is broad, deep, wide and high – beyond human comprehension. God loves the Haitian people, and He loves you and me. ~Jeanne DeTellis

I thank God for the ‘heartquake’ in my body, mind and spirit. Again, I say ‘yes’ to His love for me as Savior. Again, I renew my love for Him, to live for Him and to serve Him. I believe in God’s love for Haiti. I believe in God’s love for you and me.

Love,



Jeanne DeTellis

*P.S. During this time of rebuilding a new Haiti, invite your church to collect a special offering for New Missions. We are actively serving on the ground in Haiti through our 22 churches and schools—reaching over 9,000 children and their families.*





## RESpoNdiNg AfTER TRAgEdy

Words cannot express the overwhelming feeling of seeing the destruction in Haiti following the earthquake. However, at our High School campus, an international medical relief team comprising doctors from Japan, Canada, the United States, and Cuba are meeting the ongoing medical needs of those in the Leogane region. The medical needs are great, and the medical staff at New Missions is busier than ever.

Feeding our school children remains our top priority. Thankfully, we have helping hands with the U.S. military based at New Missions in Haiti. From MREs (meals ready to eat) to rice, baby food, and peanut butter, food continues to be distributed at all our 22 school and church locations. Can you imagine the excitement at the school when the military truck pulled up to distribute food? God has sent an army for such a time as this.

On Sunday, February 14, Charlie DeTellis (in Haiti) received 55 tons of food—including rice, beans, and cooking oil necessary to provide one month's supply of food to each of our New Missions schools.

When it comes to tragedy, hope is right behind, and the love of Jesus never fails! Thank you for standing with us. Your faithfulness is truly making a significant difference. Please continue to pray. It's time for all of Haiti to find hope in God. ~ Timothy DeTellis



**ABOVE:** Containers of food and supplies are unloaded right on the beach at New Missions and then pallets are unloaded to trucks. Food includes MREs (meals ready to eat), peanut butter, and baby food. All 22 of our schools have benefited from these supplies.



**MIDDLE:** U.S. Navy distributed food at our surrounding schools. These MREs (meals ready to eat) are a blessing to children and their families.



**BOTTOM:** The U.S. Navy and Marines have established New Missions as their base camp for the Leogane area. This aerial photograph captured by the U.S. Navy shows our campus on the ocean at Bordmer, Leogane, Haiti.



# REMEMBERiNg THE LoST

The earthquake happened on a Tuesday, January 12, and it was not until Thursday night that I was able to speak with my children back in the United States. When my daughter Kate (age 9) got on the phone, I said, "Hi Kate, this is Daddy calling from Haiti." Her immediate response was, "Is Gloria alive?" Gloria is her sponsored child. I began to cry. Kate knew what really mattered. I know for you, if you sponsor a child, you shared the same feelings of concern. The phones rang continually at our office and emails rushed in—as so many of you had the same question and concern for your sponsored child.

This is the hardest message for me to write. We have family members who died as a result of the earthquake. They are eight students of New Missions and one of our school teachers. Personally, I know the ministry of New Missions and the love of Jesus touched their lives. This tragedy hit close to home for my wife Sheryl and me. We were in Haiti when the earthquake happened. However, little did we know that Nadege Bertrand died in the earthquake. She was a graduate of New Missions, a teacher at our Bordmer elementary school for the kindergarten class, and my wife was sending her to nursing school. She died in the nursing school when it collapsed in Leogane. We wept when we heard the news. She was a role model to many, and a shining example of how God can change a life.

To each of the child sponsors who lost their child during the earthquake, my prayers are with you. I know they felt your prayers, love, and support over the years. You were the one used of God to touch this life and they heard the story of Jesus at school and church.

*We remember these who died as a result of the January 12, 2010 Haiti earthquake:*

- Olgens Edouard, age 6, from our Sigueneau church and school.
- Edson Elisma, age 18, from our Brache church and school.
- Manoucheka Calixte, age 20, from our Ambas-Pere church and school.
- Duroucher Mickerlange, age 6, from our Signeau church and school.
- Presumay Lovelie, age 12, from our Marechal church and school.
- Sainthilus Leane, age 4, from our Brache-Gilles church and school.
- Masse Kerrytoine, age 7, from our Brache-Gilles church and school.
- Malise Valliere, age 20, from our Ambas-Pere church and school.
- Nadege Bertrand, kindergarten teacher at our Bordmer elementary school.

May we continue to pray for the children and families we serve in Haiti.

~Timothy DeTellis



*Nadege Bertrand from our Bordmer school and church.*



*Olgens Edouard  
Sponsored by:  
Erin Hammack*



*Edson Elisma  
Sponsored by:  
Dorothy and Alvin Piegols*



*Manoucheka Calixte  
Sponsored by:  
Carol Mead and Chris White*



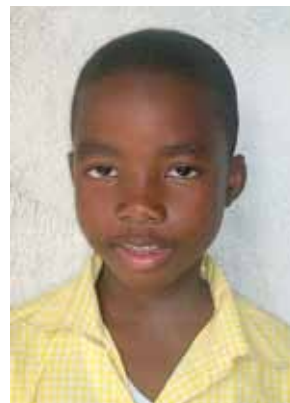
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Sponsored by:  
Sarah and Mark Salum*



*Masse Kerrytoine  
Sponsored by:  
Veronica Matthews*



*Malise Valliere  
Had been awaiting a sponsor*





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### FOOD DELIVERY

Each of our 22 schools in Haiti has received one month's supply of food. Pastor Guy and our staff of Haitians delivered the rice, beans, salt, and cooking oil by truck.



### CHARLIE DETELLIS IN HAITI

New Missions is serving as a base camp for hundreds of U.S. military including Navy Seabees and Marines.



### EARTHQUAKE RELIEF SHOEBOX DRIVE

We are hosting a special shoebox drive. Visit [www.shoeboxdrive.com](http://www.shoeboxdrive.com) for complete details and priority packing list.

## BUiLdINGs dESTROYed

Only minutes after the earthquake, walking across the mission property, I saw our buildings torn apart—sliced like a loaf of bread. The sights ripped my heart. Reflecting back upon the decades of hard work and commitment made me sad to think it could be gone. My father's sacrifices and my mother's love for the poor were at the top of my mind. My mother always gave so much of herself. They started New Missions when they moved our family to Haiti where we lived in tents for our first three months. Only six days prior to the earthquake, New Missions had celebrated the 27th anniversary of ministry in Haiti. In front of me I saw a school, home to hundreds of students, which had been completely destroyed. Starting over seemed overwhelming!

Once back in the states, reports began coming in from Haiti. Inspections of our schools and churches had a growing list of buildings either damaged or completely destroyed. Mother Teresa once said, "What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build anyway." We began building temporary facilities after the earthquake. Our school children and churches need a safe place to meet.

Materials from destroyed buildings that could be preserved and used as supplies for a temporary building were salvaged. The lumber and tin roofing proved to be very valuable. Charlie DeTellis had additional school benches made and delivered to surrounding schools—where roofs had crushed the desks.

We thank God for the pastors of our 22 churches and the teachers who care for and love our students. On Friday, February 12, on the one month anniversary of the earthquake, our churches in Haiti began three days of prayer and worship services. They are leading the way to build a new Haiti. ~Timothy DeTellis



**TOP:** The TiBoukan church destroyed, but the hope of the Gospel is still alive and we will build again. **ABOVE:** The Darbonne Chateau school destroyed. The temporary building at New Missions Darbonne Chateau school. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Brache-Milot church before and after earthquake with Pastor Jean Milot Francois in the foreground; mission team delivered shoeboxes at this location only hours prior to earthquake.



# HopE AgAiNST dEf EAT

In our lives, when a tragedy hits, how do we respond? Do we give up? Hide? Maybe ask God to set us free from the agony?

Galatians 2:20 reads, *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in my body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* We must walk by faith, even when the road is broken beneath our feet. How do we continue against defeat?

Under my feet the earth began to crack open when the earthquake hit. I felt an uncertainty like never before. What was happening? What's next? Literally, the world around me was upside down. I heard screams, people yelling, and then word of an imminent threat of a tsunami. Being right along the ocean, we had to evacuate to higher ground. Would there be defeat? Is there hope?

Personally, the first night was eerie. With only minutes between them, tremors would rock the ground and evoke a deeper sense of shock. The fear of the unknown can destroy any hope. Lives were lost, yet I was still breathing. I was sleeping outside, but I know that I have a home waiting for me back in the states. Thousands here had no home to go back to. The total devastation was still unknown. The shock of Haiti's poverty was overwhelming the day before the earthquake. Now this devastation—added to the poverty—brought a feeling of hopelessness.

The day after the earthquake, I saw God at work like never before. I know He had been working within the hearts of the Haitians, but this tragedy brought a new awakening to His omniscience. When you wake up each day asking what am I going to do—you see what *your* strength can produce. But, when you ask God to show you what *He* is doing, an entire new picture is displayed. I began asking God to work through me; the difference is profound. Is it God or is it man? When we are crucified with Christ, our lives become a vessel for God to work through us. Oh God, please use me!

Team members who were in Haiti when the earthquake occurred were serving the next day with a greater passion—delivering food to villagers, working in the warehouse, and salvaging supplies from the

medical clinic which was destroyed. Even though many did not rest the night before, their hearts were strong in the wake of devastation.

Tragedy was not slowing down the people of God.

Miracles were taking place. My brother George said, "It was God's hand of protection! No one died on any of the New Missions properties in Haiti." Looking through human eyes, thousands of children have been entrusted to New Missions. Yes, we lost some; each and every one is precious. In the larger perspective, thousands of lives were spared that day.

Two nights after the earthquake there were four cell phones on the table—none having a signal. All of a sudden my cell phone rang! It was a divine telephone call at the right time. A team of private Special Ops were coordinating an evacuation plan for the visitors at the mission. The next morning, again we had no cell phone coverage, and all of a sudden my cell phone rang again. It was the U.S. Army telling me that helicopters were on their way. I can honestly tell you that my faith increased immensely!

Since the earthquake, more than ever, I do not want to live apart from God's strength. His will and His power is what make all of the

difference. John 15:5 says, *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."*

Two days after the earthquake, I was walking through a hut looking at some of the damage in the village next to our mission campus in Bordmer. What surprised me was what I saw when I came across two boys playing. They were

laughing! Joy was in their lives. I asked them, "Do you go to the New Missions' school?" They both said yes—which did my heart good knowing the love of Jesus was sufficient for all of their needs.

We are called to serve. *"For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many."* (Matthew 20:28) Our calling is to share the Good News of Jesus with others and to serve in love. The world has seen the suffering of Haiti like never before. This means it's time for us, as Christians, to serve like never before. When we step forward with a heart of service, hope is delivered and defeat has no home. ~Timothy DeTellis

THE WORLD HAS SEEN THE SUFFERING OF HAITI LIKE NEVER BEFORE. THIS MEANS IT'S TIME FOR US, AS CHRISTIANS, TO SERVE LIKE NEVER BEFORE.

Together, we are part of God's army building a new Haiti. We are not finished; we are stronger than ever! *"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."* Romans 15:5-6

Let's stand and shout from the mountain tops that our God is able to do the impossible with those who place their trust in Him.

Serving Together,



Timothy DeTellis

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Watch videos from the Haiti earthquake online at [newmissions.org](http://newmissions.org) or order your free DVD by calling 407-240-4058.



Tim and Sheryl DeTellis in Haiti visiting with their sponsored triplets, Mackendy, Manouchecca, and Magdala—just hours before the earthquake.





# NEW MISSIONS

Building a new Haiti



## MEDICAL CARE EXPANDED

God has placed New Missions in the right place for this time in Haiti's history. The high school campus has become home to an international medical team of 71 professionals. Nurses and doctors representing Germany and Cuba have provided extensive emergency medical care to the Leogane Plain.

The director of the Cuban medical group stationed at our high school campus reports:

- 400 surgeries have been performed on our campus
- 100 babies have been delivered
- 25,000 patients have been provided medical care

Since 1983, New Missions has provided medical care in the Leogane area. During the earthquake, the building that housed our medical clinic sustained damage beyond repair. The construction of a new clinic is at the top of our priority list. We are currently reviewing building plans and designs for the new clinic. God has taken a tragedy and turned it to enable us to better serve the medical needs of the Haitians. A key benefit of building a new clinic is that we can now move it to a more central location in the Leogane Plain. We will now have our medical clinic based in Sigueneau. Temporarily, the clinic is operating out of a church building during the week.

In addition, we have now been able to expand our medical reach by hiring 20 nurses. Nurses will be based at each of our 22 elementary schools. Their focus will be emergency care, first aid, regular health exams, and vaccinations at each school location. The timing of this expansion is critical during post-care for villagers injured during the earthquake who still require follow-up wound care and dressing changes. Furthermore, these nurses are graduates of New Missions and are now equipped to serve their own villages. They are all Christians—sharing the love of Jesus through medical care.

The earthquake has made us stronger as we step forward in faith. Medical care is a constant need, and we are on the front lines serving with greater dedication and passion. God is at work.

~Timothy DeTellis



**Top:** Please pray for the nurses at New Missions. Not all were available for this photograph. However, you may view their names and the schools where they serve online at [newmissions.org](http://newmissions.org).

**Middle:** Charlie DeTellis hears great news from the Cuban medical director based at the tent hospital on our high school campus where more than 400 surgeries have been performed.

**Bottom:** The tent hospital based at the New Missions high school campus has served over 25,000 patients and delivered over 100 babies.







Classrooms



Dining Pavilion



Church



A clinic, office, warehouse, and kitchen multi-purpose building

# Partnering to Build a new Haiti

When you begin to think of constructing 55 buildings, the responsibility can be overwhelming. Then, when the reality of bringing positive change brings the picture into focus, the job is one that is truly an honor.

Building design meetings are taking place to ensure we review all options available for the best construction. Three items that are mutually agreed upon are: no concrete roofs, tin roofs only, and to use more wood for all construction. We are focused on designing a model that can be duplicated in multiple locations.

What is needed? Typically at each elementary school we have four classrooms and a church structure. We are now making positive changes by building smaller buildings which can flex better in case of any future earthquakes. We will separate the classrooms by constructing two-room buildings;

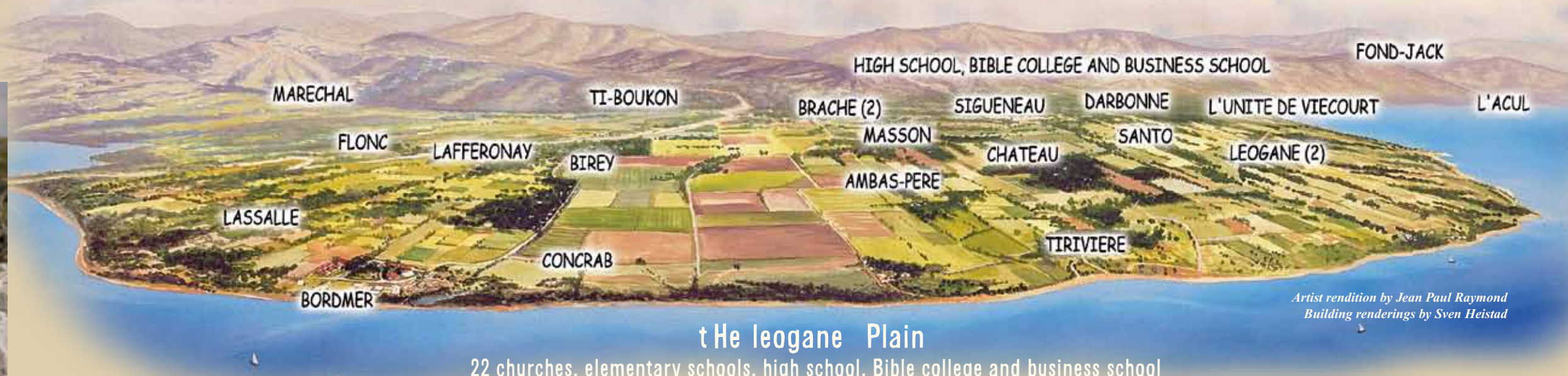


the church will be separate. The original clinic was located at BordMer, but we will now relocate the clinic to our Sigueneau property on the main highway. This will provide greater access for villages all across the Leogane Plain. In addition, we are constructing a mini-clinic at each of our 22 elementary schools and will have a nurse on staff at each school location.

The timeline for all of this construction will take years. However, it is our goal to have the school buildings finished within 12 months so the school children do not have to meet in temporary facilities. New Missions has always built with excellent quality. We will build better, stronger, and with a greater dedication to those we serve. Thank you for partnering with us to build a new Haiti. *~Timothy DeTellis*



*"New Missions will be using steel reinforcement in the foundation, floor, walls, and top beam. I have been meeting with various builders getting more ideas from them and can't wait to begin construction. We are still tearing down some buildings and focusing on temporary repairs. We plan on building practical, strong, and beautiful buildings."* *~Charlie DeTellis*



the leogane Plain  
22 churches, elementary schools, high school, Bible college and business school

*Artist rendition by Jean Paul Raymond  
Building renderings by Sven Heistad*



# God'S GRACe IS AMaZING!

The message that God has given me since the earthquake in Haiti is that God's grace is amazing! God spared our mission in many ways. The first miracle is that not a single person was hurt or killed at any of our ministry locations, which include over 70 buildings. At the time of the earthquake, there were 44 Americans at our mission compound in Haiti. My niece Carita was alone on the second floor apartment. This building has exterior walls now split in many locations with the staircase completely detached. We will have to tear down part of this building due to the significant damage. It was God's grace that protected her during the earthquake. Comically, when I asked Carita why she didn't run out of the building, she said to me, "Uncle George, the earthquake was only for 14 seconds!" A few days later, Carita emailed my mother saying, "Nonna... you still have 10 grandchildren." God's grace is amazing!

New Missions employs 400 Haitians and there are more than 9,000 students attending our mission schools. It was God's grace that the earthquake struck after the schools had dismissed. Our schools have students in attendance until 4:30 p.m. each day, and it was just 28 minutes from the time the schools dismissed for the day when the 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti. Some of those schools completely collapsed. God's grace is amazing!

At the time of the earthquake there were tens of thousands of Americans and foreign nationals who were desperately trying to get out of Haiti. At our mission, we had 44 Americans who were safe, but needed some way to get back home to the U.S. I like to say that if you know Jesus you know everybody. Because there is nobody that Jesus doesn't know. Through our Christian friends and family here in America, calls were made that brought about the

dramatic evacuation of our 44 Americans by way of U.S. military Black Hawk helicopters and a private evac team. Three days after the earthquake, they were first flown to the Dominican Republic, and then to Orlando on a private Boeing 737 jet at no expense to the mission. God's grace is amazing!

Just five days after the earthquake we received a telephone call in the middle of the night from the U.S. military requesting permission to use our mission base on the ocean to unload ships full of relief supplies. We granted the military permission, and soon we were being helped by hundreds of U.S. military personnel. Truckloads of food from the military were readily available to be distributed to our 22 mission schools. God's grace is amazing!

One of the 44 Americans at the mission with us at the time of the earthquake was Christine Webb, a news reporter from Central Florida News 13 in Orlando. Christine was there with a film crew doing a story on our Christmas shoebox project. Christine was one of the first news reporters giving live reports from Haiti immediately after the earthquake. Her story has spread all the way to *Guideposts* magazine, which has interviewed Christine for a story on our shoebox project for the April edition of the magazine. *Guideposts* will be sharing with two million subscribers the story of New Missions' shoebox project in Haiti. God's grace is amazing!

God's grace is sufficient for you. Hebrews 4:16 tells us, "*Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*" Is this a time of need in your life? I challenge you to believe the Word with bold confidence. The Word assures you of GRACE, amazing GRACE, as you believe and receive from the God of all GRACE. ~George DeTellis, Jr.

DO YOU NEED GOD'S  
GRACE IN YOUR LIFE?

As Christians we can boldly go to our Father in heaven and ask Him for His grace for every dimension of our lives. We also have the special privilege to extend grace to people in the name of Jesus. Let's reach out into our sphere of influence and share God's grace with everyone we meet.



George DeTellis, Jr.

*Whatever your trial or circumstances in life—have confidence in God's grace. You can go boldly before the throne and ask Christ to provide for all of your needs.*







# NEW MISSIONS

Building a new Haiti



## 10,000 CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

With great honor I am thankful to report New Missions now has 10,000 children enrolled in our schools. This milestone comes with a history of faithfulness and prayer. We are at this point not because of a growth plan, but a service plan to help children and their families. How do we change the life of a child? First, we establish a church. The Gospel is the root of all we do. Second, we provide food and medical care so their bodies can be strong. Finally, we deliver an education that expands their minds and skills to impact their culture and ultimately their nation.

Numbers don't motivate me, change does. It's not about setting a goal, but seeing growth—real growth—not words on a page or catch phrases and slogans. The Bible speaks of growth as fruitfulness. Where is the fruit of our labor? When my father was alive, we would talk about growth. The common thread in our sentiment was that we would never grow New Missions for growth's sake, but for impact. What difference can we make as we grow? Pastor Guy has served at New Missions for over 20 years. Now his son, Pastor Johnny who is a graduate of New Missions and our Bible College, is pastor of the Bordmer church. Glory to God!

Starting this fall New Missions will teach English to all our students at every school. Currently, we teach English at our high school and have seen the great impact this has brought to our students over the past decade. English speaking Haitians have a greater opportunity for employment. I believe tourism will expand in Haiti like never before. We want our students ready to serve in that industry by equipping them with a quality education, (including the English language) and the foundation of the Gospel in their hearts. Imagine the depth of opportunity awaiting a young preschool student at New Missions! In 10 years they will be able to speak English and begin opening new doors of learning and growth that will impact generations in Haiti. Together, we are building a new Haiti and a generation of Christian leaders. ~Timothy DeTellis



**Top:** Each child is considered family at New Missions. They are taught by Christian teachers, and each school has a pastor and nurse on site. Each school also has a kitchen to prepare their daily meals.

**Middle:** Thank you for praying for the children of New Missions. They are each precious and we believe God is equipping them to impact a nation. **Bottom:** The children from the Marechal elementary school of New Missions find a joy that is unspeakable because it is found in the love of Jesus.





# RAISING CHRISTIAN LEADERS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

In times like these we have Someone—Someone who has a strong arm and miracle working power to do the impossible for us.

Following the earthquake, reports from my son Charlie in Haiti were grim. I envisioned the demolition of another New Missions building, and was overwhelmed by the sense of loss. As they tore down our main school kitchen, I reflected back on many early mornings when I met with the kitchen workers for prayer and song—starting our day and preparing to feed thousands. What a loss...almost like losing it all. I've been reminded of many of you who have felt that sense of great loss; losing your jobs, your homes, your loved ones.

But, in spite of the pain and the loss, I feel that I must be that blade of grass that will stubbornly burst forth through a crack in the concrete walkway. I trust and believe in God. As the founder of New Missions, my present ministry is in the Dominican Republic, where I remain ever so diligent to the task of the day.

I see a need in the Dominican Republic that I believe God can supply. Prior to the earthquake in Haiti, I met with a contractor to get a bid for a new school. This building will add an additional school to Colegio Nueva Vida, which will be on our main campus in Mulata I, and will hold six classrooms. This will enable us to hold preschool through high school all on one campus. We also have an office, library, computer lab and chemistry lab in addition to the classrooms. For many of our students, they will first learn of Jesus and read the Bible at our New Missions school.



In the shadow of Haiti's astronomical need, and with our hurting economy, I wonder if I am foolish to think that God has \$150,000 to build this school. However, my spirit tells me that God is beyond my flesh. He is above economic downfalls, and I believe He can provide for this new school. I am hoping that some churches will commit to provide for one classroom at \$25,000.

Please pray for me as I live by faith, believing in a God who does the impossible. Your words of encouragement are appreciated.

Love, Jeanne



**Top:** The children of the Dominican Republic are hearing the good news of the Gospel thanks to our churches and schools.

**Above left:** The new high school will be constructed on this site at New Missions campus in Sosua, DR. **Above middle:** Sports evangelism strategically connects us with the community and opens the door to evangelize. **Above right:** In the heart of each village where we serve in the DR are children who need hope for today and the education that will shape tomorrow.





## UNSEEN MISSIONARIES

Over the years there have been some special workers who have repeatedly come to Haiti. I consider these men my brothers and my friends. When I first met this group from Pennsylvania, I was overwhelmed by their kind hearts and great trade skills. The jobs would always be accomplished one right after the other. These men also have a strong desire to feed the poor and do village evangelism. We need all types of gifts in the body of Christ. These men want to work and exemplify the true characteristics of servants. This group of men happened to be at the mission during the earthquake. They did not flinch at the immediate and urgent needs, but moved from building to building getting the water restored. Recently, they returned to Haiti with me for several weeks. During that time, two days were spent in evangelism and feeding the villagers. Many people made a decision to come to faith in Jesus, and some were even baptized in the ocean. My son Jeremie was also a part of this trip, and I am so thankful that he is also a willing worker. While it's easy to focus on sharing the Gospel on a mission trip, I am reminded again and again about our responsibility to continually ask people in the U.S. if they know Jesus. My brother Timothy says, "Our mission field is where our two feet are." Are you a willing worker and on a mission right where you are? ~ Charlie DeTellis

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**JEANNE DETELLIS IN HAITI**  
The medical staff from Cuba serving at the international hospital based at our high school met with Jeanne regarding a permanent hospital.



**BECOME AN ADVOCATE**  
How can you help Haiti? Be an advocate and join the team that is making the difference by sharing with others in your church and community.



**HAITI SHOEBBOX DRIVE**  
There is still time for you to send a special shoebox of love to bless children and their families. Visit [shooboxdrive.com](http://shooboxdrive.com) for details.



**DEMOLITION CONTINUES**  
The churches and schools that were damaged and destroyed from the earthquake are coming down. Temporary buildings are up.



**Top:** Austin Fronk operating the John Deere tractor at New Missions as they unload cargo containers and work on construction sites.  
**Above left:** Front row: George Losch, Lonnie Snyder, Charlie DeTellis, Phil Varner. Back row: Austin Fronk, Gary Fronk, Garrett Fronk  
**Above middle:** Gary Fronk has a heart of service and delivered food to families the day after the earthquake.  
**Above right:** From construction to distributing food, these men from Pennsylvania show true Christian servanthood.



# PRAISE HIM IN THE STORM

Our overall feelings are feelings of thankfulness. We experienced a natural disaster and know the earthquake could have brought greater destruction of property and additional loss of life. I have realized that only our faith will remain. We rejoice in seeing the faith of the Haitian people, and it's our desire to do a work which will last for eternity. There will most definitely be various future storms in life which we will each face. Will we have faith and hope in the time of the storm? *"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world, and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."* 1 John 5:4

In the natural, we cannot do the work of God. The task of rebuilding the Haiti mission is overwhelming. However, we do have a plan in place for the rebuilding of the mission. We recently received a container of shoeboxes and relief items. We are now preparing to ship in our first container of building supplies and materials, and are making vital repairs to buildings and land. Our building plans will include use of mostly 4 x 6 pressure treated posts.

My family is currently in Haiti, and we're sleeping in tents. My mother recently flew to Haiti to see the damage first hand. It was difficult for her to see the destruction to so much of the mission, knowing that my father and she had labored so hard to build it. Our focus at this point will be to rebuild 20 churches and schools. While it may not make the news, we are still experiencing frequent tremors from the earthquake. Many people are frightened to sleep indoors—even if their homes were not damaged. The memories of the earthquake are still so fresh in their minds and they do not like to be under a roof of any kind.

WE REJOICE IN SEEING THE FAITH OF THE HAITIAN PEOPLE, AND IT'S OUR DESIRE TO DO A WORK WHICH WILL LAST FOR ETERNITY.

Again, in the natural, the task is overwhelming. But, we just need to concentrate on how much we can do in a day, week, or a month and try to focus on the largest task at hand for each day. Eventually, our plans include the building of additional warehouse space in order to be able to store and secure space for the combination of school food, building materials and relief items.

We were so thankful to have the help of the U.S. military. They were able to help demolish numerous buildings that had crumbled from the earthquake, as well as assist with distributing food to the villages surrounding New Missions. And in my other article this month, you can see what a huge help the team from Pennsylvania has been to us. We so appreciate all of their help—as well as the supplies and shoeboxes you are sending in for your sponsored or unsponsored children. Please keep up the good work. We need each and every one of you to help!

Whether you are in Haiti or another location that God has placed you—we all have battles and worries every day in our lives. Matthew 26:31-34 says, *"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

So, as I remind myself, I remind you that we need not worry about tomorrow. Our Heavenly Father loves us, watches over us and knows our needs. We need to keep our faith and trust in HIM...and praise Him in the storm. ~Charlie DeTellis

Amazingly, God can very often take the bad and make it into something good and beautiful. God is in the restoration business. This is true for Haiti and is also true for us. We realize we do not live in a perfect world, but it is great knowing a perfect God! He understands the hardships we face. Our faith is proven genuine when we are faithful in the storms.

*Charlie DeTellis*

Charlie DeTellis





# NEW MISSIONS

Building a new Haiti



## Construction supplies for a new Haiti

It was a blessing to see all the logistics come together for the supplies on their way to Haiti. Early Monday morning, May 3, truckload after truckload of metal mesh and cases of nails, nuts and bolts arrived at New Missions in Orlando. The lumber, consisting of various sizes of pressure treated boards, will help build new churches and schools in Haiti.

What impressed me the most was the support given by our Central Florida volunteers. Five area churches sent volunteers to serve alongside us, and the help was greatly appreciated!

Pallets of shoebox gifts were placed in cases for their journey to Haiti. Twenty-one pallets of medical supplies were also included in our inventory of this shipment. These resources will quickly be put to use at our 22 school clinics and the hospital at New Missions.

A major rebuilding project will need to take place at our Missions Training Center—where our mission teams have always stayed. For 27 years, mission teams have greatly served our mission. If you would like to partner with us in helping rebuild our Mission Training Center, please contact me directly.

These are exciting days! We are steadfast in our calling. Changing the lives of children is our focus with the Gospel as our foundation. Thank you for standing with us. We are honored to serve.

~Timothy DeTellis



**Top:** Two 40-foot containers filled with medical supplies, construction materials and shoebox gifts were loaded in Orlando, FL on Monday, May 3 destined for Haiti. **Middle:** Lumber consisted of 2x6x16, 4x6x12, and 2x4x12 pressure treated pine boards. Additional construction supplies included 6x6x10 reinforcing wire, 8 foot wall reinforcing wire, plus cases of nails, nuts and bolts.

**Left bottom:** Charlie and Jeremie DeTellis joined Kyle Adamission and other volunteers from Central Florida in loading the supplies for Haiti. **Bottom middle:** Rupert Wood from the FBC Winter Garden recruited some strong young men to help during the moving of construction materials. **Bottom middle:** Matt Harris from First Orlando served with passion as pallets of medical supplies were being loaded for their journey to Haiti.

**Bottom right:** Charlie DeTellis gathered the volunteers for a time of prayer as the day began; serving others was the focus.





# return Visit to Haiti

My son Charlie took me over the highways and “cow path” roads to visit our churches and schools on the Leogane Plain. In the shadow of our earthquake-damaged church in Ambas-Peres (which was our newest building) there rose up tall coconut fans, tied together to accommodate six school classrooms. The smiles of the children were radiant—bigger than ever. The pastor greeted us with open arms. Sadly, our Ambas-Peres pastor lost his teenage daughter during the earthquake.

I soon realized as we went from location to location, that in each village I would hear another story that would rip my heart. What I found were people whom I held with esteem and honor for their faith against hopelessness. The Haitian people know how to degage, a term which means to make it all happen without the means to make it happen. Where our warehouse once stood, there is now a makeshift roof with ten 20-foot containers to act as a warehouse for distributing food and medication. We, too, must learn to degage. I slept in a tent, because the tremors could collapse the damaged family housing.

Pastor Casseus told me how his mother had her leg sliced from her roof falling on her. But, in a tent hospital on our high school campus, a Cuban doctor operated and saved her leg. Pastor Enold told me that the moment he stepped outside his home, the wall collapsed! In another village, Hyber told me how he was able to remove his sister Nadege’s lifeless body out of the nursing school she had been attending.

New Missions was once the pride of Pastor George—with its green grass and flowering bushes along the wrought-iron and stone fencing. Now the mission looks like a ghetto with rubble from



*Jeanne visited the village of Nepty and loved on the children and families after performing a memorial service for our teacher Nadege Bertrand, who died in the earthquake.*

collapsed and destroyed buildings. The beauty of the blue skies and the waterfront dotted with fishing boats contrast the devastation. The sound of live voices worshipping God was truly uplifting.

I was honored to go back to Haiti after the earthquake. My heart was bursting to comfort a people who by faith know how to suffer and smile. I was proud of our pastors and leaders when we met to pray and share the Word. I tingled with rejoicing as the pastors told stories of hundreds of people coming to faith in Jesus Christ. The Acts 2:8 power will make them the best preachers, and they will find the Comforter present to heal their loss.

I appreciate everyone praying and helping us to glorify the Name of our Lord in Haiti. ~Jeanne DeTellis



**Above left:** Working out of a tent, Charlie DeTellis and Jeanne share a moment in Leogane reviewing food needs for our schools.



**Above middle:** At the Leogane elementary school, the school children express their thanks for continued love and care.



**Above right:** Sharing some time with the medical staff at the hospital based at New Missions, Jeanne knows this is a greater mission field than we could have ever hoped.

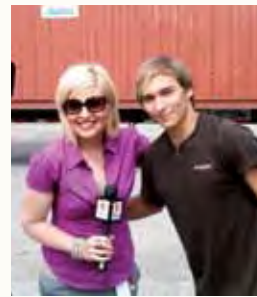




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**FEEDING CHILDREN YEAR-ROUND**  
Your support will make this possible. This summer in Haiti, the children of New Missions will receive food through special VBS programs.



**VOLUNTEER FOR HAITI**  
Central FL News 13 reporter Christine Webb interviews Blake Summers while loading containers. Both were in Haiti with NM when the earthquake hit.



**SERVE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**  
Teams are traveling to New Missions in the DR to help in the ministry with our churches and schools. Discover the trip of a lifetime.



**TEMPORARY BUILDINGS**  
We are thankful that temporary buildings are established and all our schools continue to feed, educate and provide medical care in Haiti.

## shoeboxes: a perfect fit

A perfect fit! And though we're not talking about shoes, we are talking about shoeboxes—but not just any shoeboxes.

Thousands of Haitian children and their families will receive shoeboxes filled with hygiene supplies, healthcare items, food, and clothing—courtesy of generous New Missions donors who gave their time, energy and Christian compassion to the project. The shoeboxes on their way to Haiti will be distributed to New Missions' high school and 22 elementary schools. While the first two containers shipped early last month, we will continue to send containers into Haiti throughout the months to come.

Volunteers not only placed the items in the plastic shoeboxes and secured them in tightly packed boxes, but some also gave their muscles a significant workout by actually loading them onto the containers that transported the precious cargo to the cargo ship which would then take them to Haiti.

The real blessing is not just the contents of the shoebox, but the expression of joy shown on their faces. They quickly work to unpack their packages—a rare and cherished gift in a country where presents such as these are considered a luxury. More than anything, the shoeboxes will meet far more than physical needs. These gifts are the perfect way for you and New Missions to share the love of Jesus Christ in this impoverished island nation.

~David Ettinger, Contributing Writer



**Top:** When a child receives a shoebox gift from you, you help bring a smile followed by the opportunity to open their heart to the love of Jesus. **Above left:** The inventory of shoeboxes are made prior to loading them on the 40-foot cargo container to Haiti. **Above middle:** Faith Grosshans from the First Baptist Church of Winter Garden, volunteers at New Missions to help pack shoeboxes for children and their families. **Above right:** Sending much needed items to Haiti, students from The First Academy in Orlando help volunteer and pack shoeboxes.



# sHininG l oVe

When I returned to Haiti after the earthquake, my expectations were mixed. I wanted to see progress, yet I wanted to see reality. I left Haiti three days after the earthquake and when I came back, I was shocked again by what I saw. Three key areas surprised me: the rubble along the roadside, the pain in the faces of those in the streets, and the vast medical care needed due to earthquake injuries.

Visiting a tent city just beside our Santo church, I saw poverty and then along the path... a bright shimmering light of hope. Two boys walking toward me were wearing their school uniforms. The sight of this reminded me that love pierces the darkness. Even though it has been months since the earthquake, the thought has stuck with me. Maybe in your world, an earthquake has happened. In that moment, hope seems impossible.

The light of love breaks through when you accept it. The source of hope comes from the love of God entering the world. When you share it, you spread it. God's shining love is for us to receive and give.

*"But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children—with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts."*

Psalm 103:17-18 (NIV)

God's eternal gift of love is freely given to everyone. But like any gift, it must be received and put to use. A gift that is rejected has no value to the one who rejected it, no matter the cost to the one who gave it.

Seeing the power of what love does in the life of a child has given me thousands of reasons to wake up each day. A fulfilled life is more about what we do for others—especially when we give to those who can never pay us back. Plus, when we look at how we can help others, we don't focus on ourselves, which keeps the real priority in focus.

Serving Together,



Timothy DeTellis

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*Join the team who is making a difference!  
Become an advocate for the children of  
New Missions, contact [jill@newmissions.org](mailto:jill@newmissions.org).*

You receive the fullness of God's love when you love Him in return. This divine relationship continues to unfold and grow when you stay in a relationship with God and seek to please Him out of love and not duty.

God keeps things interesting by continually revealing greater dimensions of His goodness and love. He assures us that it is impossible to fall out of His love; it has no boundary.

I saw firsthand how God's love is reaching children tucked away in remote villages across the Leogane Plain in Haiti. I visited five of our mission schools and saw children not only smiling with joy, but eating healthy meals and surrounded with godly teachers helping them grow even stronger. Wednesday morning, May 12, four months after the historic earthquake, I met with all our 22 pastors and office staff in Haiti. The time we shared was focused on how we would continue to serve with honor. The meeting agenda focused on our summer plans for VBS in each village and touching more lives in Haiti. Each person at the meeting reminded me of the wonderful team of Haitians serving with New Missions. They are spreading God's love in action.

You, too, can be a shining light of hope to those around you. But, first you must accept it. Are you feeling God's love? Do you sense His nearness and long for His presence? Just reach out; He is very near.

My prayer is: *Father, draw me close. Help me to receive Your great love and then share it with those who are near to me. I want Your love to shine through me!* ~Timothy DeTellis



Tim and Sheryl DeTellis in Haiti visiting with their sponsored triplets, Mackendy, Manouchecca, and Magdala—just hours before the earthquake.





# NEW MISSIONS

Building a new Haiti

## PASTORS IN HAITI

From the very first week we arrived in Haiti back in 1983, we planted a church. As of today, 22 churches with well-trained Haitian pastors lead the new generation of Christian leaders, putting them in position to impact the entire nation of Haiti.

The atmosphere at our recent pastors' meeting was rejuvenating. I stood between men who have seen so much death from the earthquake and countless families torn apart. I shared that God has us here for the purpose of reaching all of Haiti. I am very proud of them and am personally honored to help equip them and their church leadership.

Later this summer, we are hosting a baptism festival at the ocean in Haiti. All 22 pastors will welcome new believers to gather for baptism. Right now, discipleship classes are being held at our churches for new believers. The harvest is absolutely amazing in each church. One church alone reported over 250 new believers since the earthquake!

Evangelism is taking a new direction at New Missions. Our churches are hosting mid-week adult literacy classes for any villager to come and learn how to read and write. Adults who have never written their own name are discovering this new skill, taught by New Missions graduates. The classes open in prayer and part of the lesson plan includes using Scripture memorization for reading skills. We are dedicated to serving one life at a time. I told each pastor, "Listen and help meet the needs of everyone in our churches. We are here to serve and respond." ~Timothy DeTellis



**Top:** Pastor Marc Onel Elisca from the New Missions Santo Church shared the benediction for the pastors' meeting.

**Below:** Tim DeTellis in Haiti with our pastors meet together to discuss summer plans for VBS programs and feeding our school children year-round; plus plans for a water baptism festival.

**Bottom:** Pastor Ernst LeRoy, the director of our Bible College, and Pastor Jean Milot Francois shared some quality time together during the pastors' meeting. Both of these pastors now have temporary facilities at their churches, as they were destroyed when the earthquake hit.





# TEAM mAPS ROMANS ROAD IN dOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A Tennessee mission team found a new way to have a lasting impact by giving away Spanish New Testaments that included hand-written messages and a “map” through the Romans Road. This series of Scripture verses in Romans is often used for evangelizing because it presents the Gospel message so clearly.

The idea for inscribing the Bibles came to team leader Grace Goostree of First Baptist Church of Hendersonville just a few months before the trip. Her pastor gave a sermon on missions and taught her church how to share the Gospel using the Romans Road method. God used that Sunday sermon to inspire Grace and her team.

“We use the Romans Road method so much in the field we thought why not share it?” said Grace.

One hundred Spanish Bibles were ordered, and team member Erin Holloway translated the message that each team member carefully copied. Inside the front covers reads, “God bless you and your family. Turn to page ~ and read John 3:16.” Once in John, the verse is highlighted and another hand-written note points to Romans with “Turn to page...” At each stop in Romans the verses are highlighted, leaving a map for lasting reference.

Once in the Dominican Republic, the team was intentional about personal connections as they handed out food and hygiene supplies and interacted with animal balloons, Bible-themed crafts and skits. Advanced preparations were a tremendous effort. The team brought in the maximum amount of supplies to the country, and Grace joked that she “nearly broke their backs going in.”



*Mission team from First Baptist Church of Hendersonville (Tenn) along with four others from Indiana, Iowa and Canada who were in the Dominican Republic during the same week.*

No less effort went into the Family Fun Day event, which included carnival games and a variety of activities that entertained more than 350 children and adults. During the three-hour event, family photos were also taken. Those families were given one of the special New Testaments along with their family photo tucked inside.

This was Grace’s fourth mission trip to the D.R. She credits the team members and many others who provided behind-the-scenes support...including the church’s children’s ministry and VBS, which collected \$2,000 for food and more than 2,000 toys and hair accessories.

“Our primary focus is to reach others with a one on one personal connection, but we know it’s the Holy Spirit working through us—we are just the vessel.” said Grace. ~Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



**Above left:** A Daniel in the Lion’s Den skit was a big hit throughout the week. Here several Dominican children show off their lion face paper sack puppets. **Above middle:** Dominican children having fun with balloon animals and hats. **Above right:** Dominican children smile for a photo as they make new friends with team members Liz Lake, Nikki James and Amanda Lake.





## MORE ONLINE AT NEWMISSIONS.ORG



**GOT MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS?**  
You can donate drums, keyboards, guitars, microphones, and percussion instruments for use in our churches.



**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
We are currently conducting a survey of our graduates. Our alumni association officially launches this fall with a job placement program.



**TWO CONTAINERS ARRIVE**  
Glory to God! Our two 40 ft. cargo containers containing construction and medical supplies cleared customs and arrived safely at New Missions in Haiti.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
Nov. 1 - Dec. 1, 2010 will be our collection dates for the annual Christmas Shoebox Drive. Host a collection.

## SUMMER EQUALS FOOD

Do you have any favorite memories of summer? Going to the beach, camping, hiking, or just a bike ride in the evening?

When I was a kid, I remember many times when my sister Mary Ann would take me to the penny candy store. We actually lived in the church where my father was a pastor. Just a few blocks away was a penny candy store and my favorite treat was the root beer popsicles for 5 cents.

For the children of New Missions, this summer will be filled with joyous memories. At all of our 22 elementary schools in Haiti, VBS programs will take place. Each day will welcome Bible memory verses, songs, and games. During the entire summer, a hot meal will be prepared and it is now official—we feed our children year-round. At New Missions, your giving makes a difference.

Right now it is estimated that 2 million children in Haiti do not attend school. At New Missions a child finds an oasis in the middle of poverty and chaos. Your child is surrounded by Christian teachers, a school director and pastor, plus a school nurse.

My prayer is that at the end of this summer we have thousands of children in Haiti saying, “VBS was my favorite memory this summer.” The mission field will expand as these children bring the gospel back home to their families. ~Timothy DeTellis

**Get involved:** Host a coin collection to help feed children in Haiti. Order your free kit: 407-240-4058 or [newmissions.org](http://newmissions.org)



**Top:** This rice delivery consisted of 400 fifty pound sacks of rice. Purchased in Port-au-Prince for \$8,000, this food is enough to feed the school children for almost two weeks. **Above left:** The power of a hot meal gives a child the nourishment and strength to grow stronger and be alert to learn. **Above middle:** Santo elementary school teacher, Marie Eves Baptiste, leads the children in song and shares the joy of knowing Jesus. **Above right:** Rice, beans, vegetables and sauce remove hunger, prevents disease, and drives away the fear of poverty.



# I WALK THE LINE

Johnny Cash was in love with his wife June. Out of his heart of love for June he sang to her, “I keep a close watch on this heart of mine. I keep my eyes wide open all the time. I keep the ends out for the tie that binds, because you’re mine, I walk the line.”

We often are impressed by young gymnasts who can walk the balance beam—poised and focused, successfully ending their routine with a firm landing that awaits our applause.

For each one of us to “walk the line” we must intimately and constantly allow God to mark the path for our lives.

On Saturday, feeling lonely with grief and struggling to put together a message for Sunday morning, I went to a favorite spot of my late husband, Pastor George, by the waterfront. I could not soothe my emotional needs—even after two years of living alone. As I left, I was irritated by a young boy washing my car windshield at the red light. I knew at that moment I was not walking the line. I felt ashamed, embarrassed, and a failure that I was so caught up in my own grief that I could not even show a little bit of love to a street boy. All of my productive days filled with meetings at the office or church, and making gifts of cake and biscotti could not change my utter human disgust of myself for not walking my line.

Thank God, early the next morning on my way to church, in repentance, I went to the same traffic light intersection and found two street boys who washed my car windshield. With great joy I blessed them with pesos (money). I walked the line.

IN THE BIBLE, IN DANIEL,  
CHAPTER 3, WE HAVE  
AN EXAMPLE OF THREE MEN  
WHO WALKED THE LINE.

In the Bible, in Daniel, chapter 3, we have an example of three men who walked the line. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego understood the king’s command to bow down to the golden image (9’ wide and 90’ tall) at the sound of the music. They would not bow. The king explained to them the law. Again, they would not bow. The punishment for not bowing to the image was to be thrown in a fiery furnace. The king was provoked with their disobedience and had the furnace fired up seven times hotter than usual.

The three Hebrew boys claimed deliverance from their God and even if they were not delivered, they vowed they would not bow to the golden image. In minutes, the king was calling them out of the fiery furnace without a hair lost.

They knew the line and they walked the line! Not only did God deliver them—dayenu (the Hebrew word meaning it would have been enough), but God promoted them! The king praised their God, and the king decreed a law for all to honor their God.

What is your line? What has God asked you to do?

Matthew 3:2 says that God has asked us to turn from our sins, and to turn to Him. We are also persuaded in Romans 12:1 to offer our lives to God as a living sacrifice. For some of us, we try to put part of our lives on the altar while the rest is squirming or hanging off on one side.

Walk the line.

When you love God, it is because of His love that you not only walk the line, you can finish poised on the balance beam of life. Because God is mine, I walk the line. ~Jeanne DeTellis

What is God asking of you? Is it impossible? Do you feel arrows attacking from the left and right? So what! Keep working. Keep walking. Walk straight. Remember when Joan of Arc was asked, “What will you do if no one follows you?” Joan of Arc answered, “I’ll never know, because I will never turn to see.” God is asking you to walk the line. Keep your head up, focused straight ahead, and see the One who loves to do the impossible for you.

Love,



Jeanne

*P.S. Are you a school teacher? We have a special ministry opportunity for you. Please email [info@newmissions.org](mailto:info@newmissions.org) for more information.*







## MEDICAL TRAINING

The media reports Haitians have the lowest people-to-doctor ratio in the world. This ratio deteriorated after the earthquake, as hospitals and medical personnel were lost.

In order to further assist with the medical needs of the families on the Leogane Plane, we held our first nurse's seminar for our 22 village school nurses on June 23. A medical team visiting our mission included a pediatric teaching doctor, Dr. Arthur Kown Cho. He taught our nurses how to examine a child, what to ask, and what to look for in finding symptoms of parasites, respiratory illnesses and malnutrition.

Our Clinic Director Marie Chantal, who has been a nurse with New Missions for nine years, followed up with the nurses explaining what would be considered an emergency and what to do in case of an emergency.

I spoke with the nurses and let them know that God has chosen their hands to be His healing hands on earth. New Missions gifted our nurses with uniforms and cases of medicines to treat wounds, dehydration, fever, colds, and pain. Medications for more serious illnesses are received free to the children at our main clinic upon referral by the school village nurse.

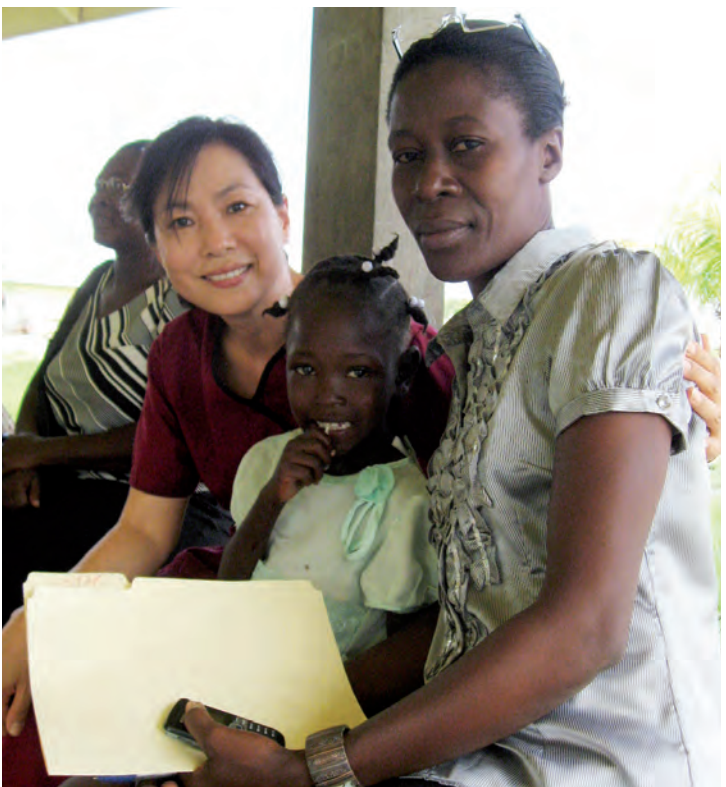
Please pray for strong health, courage, and the Lord's blessing upon the nurses—as they realize that He has chosen them to help heal and minister to their people. ~Jeanne DeTellis



**Top right photo:** Lucie Myre from Verdun, Canada, joined Jeanne DeTellis on a trip to Haiti to help facilitate medical training with the nurses of New Missions.

**Bottom left photo:** Dr. Arthur Kown Cho, a teaching pediatrician from Southern California, provided instruction and best practices on examining children in Haiti.

**Bottom right photo:** Dr. Jane J. Choi, a hematology oncologist from Southern California, with Marie Chantal, our medical clinic director, shared a common goal of helping to better serve the children and families in Haiti.





# Haiti Walk

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Each day in Haiti, children wake up, put on their school uniform, and begin a journey. One step at a time they walk; some ride a bike, and soon they arrive at the New Missions school near their village. When I was in elementary school, I lived in Worcester, Massachusetts. I remember walking to school—and my school was only several blocks away from home. For many children in Haiti, they will walk up to two miles one way to get to school. Currently, we reach 346 villages—served by 22 elementary schools and a high school campus.

I welcome you to be a part of a walk of another kind. Join *Team New Missions* and host a Haiti Walk in your area. You can host it at your church, school, or in your community. Each walker will find sponsors and the funds raised will go toward sending children to school in Haiti. Imagine how many children your team could help!

A walk is welcoming to many people of a variety of ages. We will provide you with the signage, promotional materials, and online registration for your walk-sponsors.

When the children of New Missions walk to school, many times they will walk barefoot. I don't recommend this for your Haiti Walk! The reason they do this is to save on the wear and tear of their shoes. Just before they arrive at school, they wash their feet and put on their socks and shoes. We can



**Above:** Genyth Travis, David and Brandie Lorenz, join together for a practice walk in Winter Garden, Florida, as "Go Team New Missions" begins a journey to make a difference.

take for granted the gift of a pair of shoes. Now, we can step inside our shoes, move forward...and help children attend school.

You are welcome to host a Haiti Walk at anytime during the year. The goal is to unite people in your community to remember Haiti, and share in something proactive that will make a difference. Maybe you will begin this special campaign with your school, youth group, Sunday school class, or just as a family. Thank you in advance for walking on behalf of the children of Haiti. ~Timothy DeTellis

**Get involved: Host a Haiti Walk. Order your information kit at [walk@newmissions.org](mailto:walk@newmissions.org) or 407-240-4058.**



**Bottom left:** You can host a Haiti Walk in your community and help educate children in Haiti which includes a hot meal, medical care, and most importantly exposure to the love of Jesus. **Bottom middle:** Families and friends can come together for a Haiti Walk and help make a difference together. **Bottom right:** Go Team New Missions! You can be a team host in your community and organize groups of walkers. David Lorenz, Brandie Lorenz and family, Krystal Nowak, Yves-Mahri Paul, Genyth Travis and Cody Powell.





## BUTTERFLIES IN THE DR

A mission trip to the Dominican Republic was familiar ground for Heather Boesch, but the 18-year-old Orlando college student admitted she had butterflies about her fourth trip. No—it wasn't earthquakes but rather a young boy. Heather would be meeting her sponsor child whose face captured her heart just eight months prior.

After long wanting to sponsor a child, Heather looked through photos and came across seven-year-old Steven Schneider Ozoria. Heather explained that his photo “just looked at me” and she couldn't put it down.

Last month Heather and her mother were busy in the DR when young Steven and his mother came to meet them. As introductions and hugs were exchanged, Heather's butterflies and Steven's shyness fell away as they got acquainted over Frisbee and baseball.

“When I gave him a backpack full of gifts, his face lit up,” said Heather. “We just hung out and talked about school and his family.”

At the end of their visit, Heather asked Steven's mom what she needed, but his mother said, “I can't ask you for anything because so many people around me need more.” With this beautiful response in mind, Heather encourages others to consider child sponsorship. ~Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



Heather Boesch and her 7-year old sponsored child, Steven Schneider Ozoria, enjoyed their visit together in the Dominican Republic. He is going into the second grade. Heather volunteers at the New Missions Orlando office.

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### HAITI CONSTRUCTION SURVEY

Sven and Per Heistad visited our locations across the Leogane Plain preparing site plans for building replacements.



### HELP THE SICK

Become a monthly urgent medical care partner for \$20 and help serve families across Leogane, Haiti. Vital care saves lives.



### UPDATE ON FEEDING YEAR-ROUND

1,200 gallons of oil arrived at New Missions in Haiti. One month's supply of food is distributed to each location at a time.



### 40-FT CONTAINER TO HAITI

On June 28, another 40 foot cargo container was sent to Haiti with medical supplies, school and construction materials.



# REJECT REJECTION

Lately, I've been asking God to reveal to me what people need. Not opportunities to share what I like to do, but what are the needs of the people in front of me, and how can I serve them. I'm seeing more and more people need to be loved and accepted. They want someone to believe in them—because they have been hurt in the past and they need a helping hand to step out of fear to trust again.

When I think of the life of Jesus I ask, "Did Jesus live out His strengths? What would His strengths be defined as?" I believe Jesus had great listening skills. He had strong leadership skills, and Jesus knew His purpose.

The one area of Jesus' life that is not spoken of much is that area of rejection. He was not popular; His family did not embrace Him, and even His disciples doubted Him. How did He find strength without acceptance?

I believe that when we find the source of our strength, we can walk through rejection because we have discovered who really cares. Yes, words can hurt and when someone is against you, there is true opposition. But, we need to find a deeper love and acceptance that carries us. The hard part is overcoming that rejection. Can we heal? Will we be able to trust again? The fact is, we will be hurt again and we will be let down by someone else. Life is full of failures and disappointments, but Jesus never fails us. I want to hold on to His unending and never-failing love.

**THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE.  
BUT PERFECT LOVE DRIVES OUT  
FEAR, BECAUSE FEAR HAS TO  
DO WITH PUNISHMENT.  
JOHN 4:18-19 (NIV)**

*"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:18-19 (NIV)*

Many people are afraid to love because they have been involved in hurtful relationships. Are you one of those people? Have you been rejected, taken advantage of, abused or scarred by those you have loved? Are you afraid to love again because it hurts so much?

Jesus was rejected by His own family because of God's call on His life. Not until after His death and resurrection did Jesus' brother, James, finally believe. God Himself is not immune to rejected love. People reject Him every day, but He keeps on loving them... and you can, too!

"Perfect love drives out fear," which makes it possible for you to be vulnerable again. God's eternal gift to you is love. Use His love to overcome your fear of rejection, and you will receive more love in return.

Maturity comes from the experience of pain. If you have been betrayed, you know what I'm speaking of. You become stronger, yet wiser. Your ability to trust others can be guarded. Even though our ability to trust others may be guarded, we need to continue to pour out an accepting love to others—without any limitations.

*Fill me anew with Your love, Lord, so I can freely give it away. I want to be one who loves extravagantly, just like You.*

If I pour out myself to God and allow Him to fill me, then I can pour out myself to others.

~Timothy DeTellis

When we ask God, "What do you have for me to do today," let's be ready to respond with: "Here I am. Take my heart, take my life, I am yours." God is looking for people ready and willing to be His hands and feet to those in need around the world. I say, "Yes Lord, here I am." The greatest life-fulfillment comes from serving.

Serving together,



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*P. S. Visit [newmissions.org](http://newmissions.org) for a special six month report since the Haiti earthquake.*



*Tim and Sheryl DeTellis in Haiti visiting with their sponsored triplets, Mackendy, Manoucheca, and Magdala—just hours before the earthquake.*





# NEWMISSIONS

Building a new Haiti



## GOAL: 20,000 CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

This Christmas, let's make history together and send 20,000 shoeboxes to Haiti—10,000 shoeboxes for our students and 10,000 for children who do not attend school. Collection dates are November 1 - December 1, 2010.

How important is a small shoebox filled with gifts? The January 12, 2010 earthquake was historic. I was in Haiti when it happened. The very day of the earthquake we were giving away Christmas shoeboxes in villages. The day after, and for the weeks that followed, even more shoeboxes were given away. All of our schools in Haiti, including our high school, received shoebox gifts. These gifts blessed lives in a time of crisis. Now, we have an opportunity to be part of something historic this Christmas. Our goal is to collect 20,000 shoeboxes for Haiti. One for each of the 10,000 students enrolled in New Missions schools and 10,000 more for children who are not in school. Together, let's share some extra love with the children of Haiti this Christmas.

How will we reach this goal? Together! There are three vital ways everyone can make a difference. First, by being a host for a collection drive at your church, school, or office. Second, by sharing about the shoebox drive with your friends. Third, by hosting packing parties. Have groups from your church gather together to pack shoeboxes. Everyone brings items to fill the boxes and together you can celebrate the combined results.



Where will the shoeboxes go? We will provide shoeboxes to our school children across the Leogane Plain. Then we will also take shoeboxes to new areas where we are expanding our ministry efforts. Together, let's make history this Christmas. ~Timothy DeTellis

**Get involved: Visit [www.shoeboxdrive.com](http://www.shoeboxdrive.com) for a packing list.**

**Top:** Praying each child who receives a shoebox will experience God's love that changes lives. Together, we give the gift that opens the heart.

**Bottom left:** Each shoebox blesses the entire family of each child with hygiene items and school supplies. And the most treasured item in a shoebox is a photo of you.

**Bottom middle:** For the children of Haiti, many have never received a Christmas gift. Your expression of love will be remembered and cherished.

**Bottom right:** Wrapped in your prayers, each gift arrives at the perfect time in a child's life to make a difference and bring a moment of happiness to this devastated country.





# OUR MISSIONARIES IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Holy Spirit is the great orchestra leader of sending men and women throughout the world to preach the Gospel—to touch people and to bring healing and hope in the name of Jesus. I marvel at people who come to visit for one week and soon I hear from them. Before long, they sell their homes, say good-bye to family and friends, churches they love, and good careers. They arrive in a new culture, often out of their comfort zone.

I love to see the Holy Spirit in their lives, and watch as they are moved with passion and loving action to do simple tasks of order, organization and anointed ministries. They disciple one on one, and small groups. The God in their lives brings a presence of light to the Dominican and international community. As their leader, I love them, pray for them, and I am proud of them.

I appreciate the parents who raised these missionaries and who are making the sacrifice to see them here with me serving God. I am so thankful



**Above:** Participating in summer VBS programs, Nikki and Brandon James from FBC Hendersonville serve at New Missions in the Dominican Republic.

for the churches and friends who are financially supporting them. I want our missionaries to have sufficient daily bread so they are not distracted with their own needs—but are free to serve and are enabled to freely give.

You are here serving God on a mission as you pray and love and financially support your missionary in the Dominican Republic. ~Jeanne DeTellis



**Bottom L-R:** Our Dominican Republic team: Nikki James, Brandon James, Mike Williams, Cerrigan Williams, Coleman Williams, Chapman Williams, Cendall Williams, Terica Williams **Top L-R:** Logan Luther, Leslie Luther, Tony Luther, Leah Luther, Melissa Luther, Chantz Cutts, Brodie Cutts, Renee Cutts, Brett Cutts, Jeanne DeTellis, Joe Losasso, Kathy Losasso, Rhea Losasso and Dustin Miller





## FOOD FOR A FUTURE

Wow! That's the word to describe the energy felt by seeing trucks backing up to receive one month's supply of food for our schools. The directors from each school accompany the driver and assure the delivery arrives safely back to each campus. Their leadership and commitment to the community leaves me speechless.

The joy of providing food to our school children is knowing that it is feeding the future. For example, Rose Varda Louis is now 16 years old. She attends our high school in Haiti and now speaks English. She is currently employed at our Missions Training Center kitchen as a cook. When she was born, New Missions was already established in her village of Concrab. All she has ever known is New Missions. I asked her, "When you went to school at New Missions as a child, did you eat?" Her response to me was, "Ample, ample! A lot a lot." Rose is an orphan and she has a special place in our New Missions family. As a child growing up, the food she received made the difference between life and death.

During September all of our students in Haiti will receive one month's supply of food to take home, plus additional food for two family members. Thank you for joining us along the way to serve those whom God loves so much. ~Timothy DeTellis

## MORE ONLINE AT NEWMISSIONS.ORG



**PAINTING BUILDINGS**  
School buildings and churches are being painted in Haiti. This bright new color is a great encouragement to our students.



**PRAYER REQUEST**  
Pray for Charlie DeTellis as he serves the children of New Missions in Haiti. His heart is passionate about also reaching the widows and orphans.



**PIANO LESSONS IN HAITI**  
Music is alive at New Missions in Haiti. Jean Valentin Edmond teaches piano at our Leogane church.



**ARE YOU A SCHOOL TEACHER?**  
We have a special opportunity for you! Additional info online or call 407-240-4058 or email [info@newmissions.org](mailto:info@newmissions.org). Let's make a difference.



**Top:** Most children in Haiti go without food each day. Our school children receive a hot meal and the nourishment to grow strong and fight disease. **Above left:** The back of the tap tap reads: God Protects (Dieu Protege). God's provision is protecting His children at New Missions. **Above middle:** Our Haitian staff and each school director provide inventory controls for all food deliveries, storage, and preparation. **Above right:** With 23 campus locations, food is loaded and distributed monthly to each school.



# HOW DO WE FORGIVE?

Some things are easy to forgive. The little mistakes in life, like when someone cuts you off by mistake when you are driving. They say to you, “I’m sorry,” and you reply “No problem.” But there are the larger debts that are harder to forgive. Maybe somebody in business who took advantage of you in a business transaction, or in our family relationships where we can easily be violated in the day to day living. It’s easy to say the words “I forgive you” but you still may have unforgiveness in your heart. How do we forgive people? To forgive someone is to pay the price for what they have done. We can take that word forgive and read it backwards, “Give For.” To forgive someone is to give for what they have done. When my children make mistakes, because I am their father and love them so much, I freely forgive, and give for what they have done. Sometimes this means I have to pay financially for their mistakes. But that’s what dads do—we love our children and we freely forgive them of their sins.

At our ministry we were building new sidewalks and needed to order a few yards of concrete. The total cost was \$280. But when the concrete truck driver arrived he drove in the wrong direction and tore down our electrical lines that went to our spotlights in our parking lot. I was so angry, because it was going to cost about \$300 to fix the electrical wires that he damaged. I said to myself, after he unloads the concrete I’m not going to pay him and tell him that he has to give us the concrete for free to pay for the electrical damage he did to our property. But then God spoke to my heart and told me that I needed to forgive the truck driver for the damage he did. This man’s name was David. When it was time

to pay David for the delivery of concrete I confronted him about the damage he had just done. “David, it’s going to cost about \$300 to fix those electrical wires, and somebody is going to have to pay for that repair. David, I’m going to pay for the damage you did today. David, I forgive you.” I wrote him a check for the concrete and sent him on his way. True forgiveness is paying the price for the offense that someone has done to you. He who forgives takes upon himself the consequences of what has been done. Forgiveness therefore always requires a sacrifice.

But some sins are too great to forgive. The price is too high. The pain is too deep. How do we forgive? We need someone else to pay the price for us. When Jesus was crucified on a cross with His right hand He paid for all the sins that we were going to commit in our life. But, with His left hand Jesus paid the price for all the sins that people were going to commit against us. Jesus paid the price; He paid a debt He did not owe. God loves us so much that He gave His only Son as a sacrifice to pay for our sins.

As Christians, we have been forgiven through our faith in Jesus Christ. Through Christ we can take the bad debts and sins that have been committed against us and leave them at the cross. We can rest in knowing that Jesus paid the price, providing us with eternal justice and the grace to forgive those people who have violated us in our lives. The heart of the Gospel, the Good News is that we have been forgiven, we are free of our debts of sin and through our faith in Jesus Christ we also have the power to freely forgive everybody in our life.

~George DeTellis

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**HE WHO FORGIVES TAKES UPON HIMSELF THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHAT HAS BEEN DONE. FORGIVENESS THEREFORE ALWAYS REQUIRES A SACRIFICE.**

Are you holding a bad debt with someone still hoping to get even? Why don’t you forgive them in the name of Jesus knowing that your Heavenly Father is all powerful and more than able to bless you in this life and in heaven where we will spend eternity. Consider the words of the Lord’s Prayer, “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”



George DeTellis

***P. S. Thank you for all of your prayers and support since the earthquake. We know that we will triumph over tragedy through our faith in Jesus Christ!***







## BAPTISM FESTIVAL

Walking across the mission property in Haiti, I could hear voices singing. The crowd gathered at the school in Bord-Mer, and it was overflowing. Christians from our 24 churches, representing 346 villages, came together for the baptism festival. The celebration was for 136 individuals who would be stepping into the ocean for water baptism. This was a glorious moment!

As I stood before the crowd, I said, “This moment is very sweet.” In Haiti, water baptism is definitely a defining moment in the life of a new believer. They consider this to be the final turning point of stepping away from Voodoo.

After the singing ended, each of our 24 pastors came to the middle of the crowd. We had a team of visiting pastors who surrounded each of them, and together we prayed for God’s continued anointing upon their lives.

Each church gathered and prayed as a group on the ocean shore before they formed a line, and the new believers entered the water one by one. At the end of the baptism festival, a brass band from our Santo church played. God is at work—changing lives and building a new Haiti from the inside out.

~Timothy DeTellis





# NURSES EQUIPPED TO SERVE

Medical care has been a focus of our ministry in Haiti since 1983. In the 346 villages we serve across the Leogane Plain, our medical clinics and nurses are on the front lines meeting urgent needs. Now, our medical team has a new fan—someone who loves missions and has an extensive background in the medical field.

Sheryl Raley DeTellis, wife of New Missions President Tim DeTellis, recently visited Haiti on a special trip to connect with the 24 registered nurses New Missions hired immediately following the earthquake. Sheryl will be leading the advancement of medical procedures and resources in Haiti.

As a R.N. with more than 20 years of experience, Sheryl's experience in critical care and home healthcare makes her a natural to volunteer with what could be called "hut healthcare."

During a recent trip to Haiti, Sheryl was introduced to the nurses during a luncheon held at the Missions Training Center, which ironically, is the exact location where she was sitting when the earthquake struck in January. After sharing her background, she demonstrated new medical equipment purchased by New Missions' medical clinic partners. The equipment included adult and pediatric blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, scales and thermometers. These items, along with sunglasses, pens, pencils and note pads, were presented in a backpack to each of the 24 nurses.



**Above:** Gathered at our Missions Training Center in Haiti, the medical staff from our 24 schools and clinics received backpacks filled with supplies such as blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes and thermometers.

"At first the nurses thought the backpacks were empty," said Sheryl. "Then they realized they were each getting the new equipment. They were overwhelmed emotionally and spontaneously almost in one motion everyone came up teary-eyed and threw their arms around me. I was blown away."

The nurses have been very busy since the earthquake, but this new equipment will allow for more comprehensive healthcare—and for more people. What was once limited to basic first-aid has now expanded to thorough health assessments. Their first priority is to service the 10,000 school children, and then the general population of the Leogane Plain and its 346 villages.

"This was a very big deal," said Sheryl. "Imagine being equipped educationally and spiritually, but not having the tools. This was a nice gift even for a nurse in the U.S."

Sheryl plans to hold further training sessions in the future, as well as collect basic first-aid and wound care supplies for the clinics in Haiti. ~Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



**Above left:** Child blood pressure cuffs are the perfect fit for our younger school children. **Above middle:** True servants of God, our medical team of nurses are reaching 346 villages across the Leogane Plain. **Above right:** New friendships were formed from one nurse to another as hugs of appreciation were shared. Together, we are better serving the children and families in Haiti.





## FOOD FOR ONE MONTH

Can you imagine what it would be like for someone to ring your doorbell and surprise you with one month's supply of food? What a blessing! When the directors and teachers began telling the students that food would be coming, smiles began to break out.

For our students in Haiti, September was "take food home month." Each child was provided with an entire month's quantity of rice and beans—plus an additional allotment for two family members. This literally will stop hunger for an entire family.

I had the honor to witness firsthand over 400 children of New Missions receive their food. Tears of joy kept filling my eyes. This was not food for a day of crisis; this was a kiss from heaven.

I watched Noldini Saint-Fort, a 12-year-old boy from our Masson school (sponsored by Kendall New), as he eagerly came for his food. Noldini entered the warehouse, and his gift of food was placed in a bag with handles for ease in carrying it home. From ear to ear, his smile began to burst and my heart did, too. The best part was that he was personally prayed over. I knew for Noldini, his entire life has been surrounded in God's love at New Missions. ~Timothy DeTellis

Watch Noldini's video @ [www.facebook.com/newmissions](http://www.facebook.com/newmissions)



**Top:** The children of New Missions received rice and beans for an entire month. **Above left:** Pastor Johnny Hunt from FBC Woodstock and his wife Janet, along with Pastor Dan Spencer from FBC Thomasville helped distribute food to hundreds of children. **Above middle:** Rice mixed with beans and vegetable sauce is a favorite meal. **Above right:** Praying for each child is a special time—as Pastor Jeff Crook from Blackshear Place Baptist Church and Pastor Paul Purvis from FBC Forsyth spent time praying with the children.

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### BLESS A TEACHER

This Christmas you can do something extra special for the teachers of New Missions. You can send them a special teacher's shoebox, visit [www.shoeboxdrive.com](http://www.shoeboxdrive.com).



### ORPHAN STUDY

At New Missions, we have orphans attending our schools. They live with relatives or they have a good Christian family raising them in their village.



### MP3 PLAYERS

We need to purchase MP3 players for our English teachers in Haiti. Please help us provide this resource for teaching English.



### 24 CHURCHES IN HAITI

We are thankful to announce we now have 24 churches in Haiti and 24 elementary schools—serving over 10,000 children and their families across the Leogane Plain.



# A RADICAL PATH

A radical is not someone who is actually crazy. Radical living starts with stepping on the path of being radical. When I open Scripture I read about the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-24. I consider the fruit of the Spirit to be evidence of being radical. Radical actually means root; the source. If we want to have a radical “life changing” impact on those around us, then we must go back to the root source of how this is possible. Dear friend, it’s the evidence of the fruit of the Spirit that drives the radical life.

If love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are exemplified each day, then we would be radical. Imagine a human race that is kind, patient, peaceful, loving, joyful, full of love, and that has self-control. What kind of world would this be? It would be heaven on earth.

A path is something you choose. Life is something you have as the result of what you do. Do nothing—and you have a certain kind of life. Do something—then you find another result of life. The path of radical living begins with understanding the pursuit of making a difference.

“Yes, I want to make a difference, but how?” Most people start with good intentions in their pursuit of making a difference. Then the reality of how big the problem looks can slow them down.

“I really care about others!” Yes, most people do care, but the how to care part is what they are confused about.

“I promise I’ll do something today.” What can I do now? What could make a big difference? That’s the starting point of the problem. So, stop aiming for big and begin with the small.

You can already guess the problem with making a difference. Many times we just try too hard. I want to change the world! We set the expectation too high and then give up too soon. Instead, simply begin with doing something special for one person today.

People who refuse to accept the opportunity to do something small miss out on the path to making a significant difference. If we keep making small differences, over and over again, guess what happens? Big stuff...like a radical life!

I want my life to count for something! I want to be on the path of radical living.

The problem with life on earth is that the attempt for fulfillment in material possessions leads to a fading experience. This is why marketing experts succeed at selling consumers more and more “stuff.”

We want something greater than what we already possess.

How does this relate to having our life count for something? The more I meet successful people and ask them what matters most to them, their response is not material

possessions, money or fame. It’s what difference they will make; the legacy they’ll leave behind. Wow!

Does this mean making a difference is the highest level of success on earth? I believe for me personally, I’m fulfilled when I make a difference. During this pursuit, I find happiness.


Let’s pursue making a difference. Along the way, I’m sure we’ll experience happiness because of the impact we make in the lives of those around us and around the world. My name is Tim DeTellis, and I want to be on the radical path. Will you join me?

~Timothy DeTellis

I WANT MY LIFE TO COUNT FOR SOMETHING! I WANT TO BE ON THE PATH OF RADICAL LIVING.

I invite you to join us in making this Christmas a blessing to children and their families. Become involved in the Christmas Shoebox Drive and help send a message of love to the children of Haiti. Visit [www.shooboxdrive.com](http://www.shooboxdrive.com) or call 407-240-4058 to order posters and promotional material. Our goal is to collect 20,000 shoeboxes, and your involvement will make a difference. When you pack a shoebox, please include a special photo of yourself, so each child knows who is praying for them.

Serving together,

  
Timothy DeTellis

*P.S. Stay connected with breaking news at [news.newmissions.org](http://news.newmissions.org) for the latest stories.*



Tim and Sheryl DeTellis in Haiti visiting with their sponsored triplets, Manoucheca, Magdala and Mackendy.





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## JESUS WELCOMES CHILDREN

The power of giving impacts lives at home and overseas. As I watched students from The First Academy and Foundation Academy such as Jackie Novick find joy in packing shoeboxes, and then actually going and giving them away in Haiti, I saw a full circle of giving and how it changes lives. Invite others to join you in changing lives this Christmas.

When it comes to hosting a shoebox drive, there are three key points to consider. First, don't start with your goal—start with your team! Begin by inviting people to join your 2010 Shoebox Drive team. Why? You will be surprised at the combined vision the entire group will share. I am personally amazed at the power of passion.

Second, pray together and then declare your goal. This brings a common purpose for the entire shoebox drive in your area. In addition, the goal provides each team member a personal collection goal for which to strive.

Third, spread the news with posters and displays, and promote it online through your social network. Visit [www.shoeboxdrive.com](http://www.shoeboxdrive.com) to order promotional materials or call 407-240-4058. Here are several collection areas to focus on: schools (including colleges), churches, and businesses. A very powerful group of people to collect shoeboxes is middle school students.

This year our overall goal is to collect 20,000 Christmas shoeboxes! Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14.



Your shoebox gift will open the heart of children to respond to the Gospel message. Please continue to pray for the Christmas Shoebox Drive.

~Timothy DeTellis

**Top:** The joy of Christmas was shared when Youth Pastor Keith Yarborough from First Baptist Winter Garden, and Jackie Novick from The Foundation Academy, joined efforts with other churches and students from across Central Florida for a shoebox distribution trip to Haiti.

**Bottom left:** When it comes to changing lives, a gift filled with your love and prayers will make a difference this Christmas.

**Bottom middle:** Our goal is 20,000 Christmas shoeboxes this year, and each one counts. We recommend using plastic shoeboxes. Wrapping the box is not required.

**Bottom right:** From necklaces to small toys, little surprises like these make any child burst with a smile. Thank you for sharing a little Christmas with the children of New Missions.





# CHICK-FIL-A HELPS HAITI

Chick-fil-A restaurant operators Kevin and Susie O’Leary of Mt. Dora, Florida have been connected to the restaurant industry for years, but more recently they became connected to Haiti. What started with a child sponsorship through a Laugh All Night comedy concert has now extended to involving their customers.

“Chick-fil-A values really encourage reaching out to the community,” said Susie. “Every month we do something different. It might be a food drive for a women’s abuse shelter or even collecting used prom dresses. We work with lots of local churches. Since we were sponsoring a child in Haiti, last fall we decided to participate in the New Missions Christmas shoebox drive.”

New Missions provided flyers for a table in the restaurant’s lobby and signs to post in the drive-thru, and a nearby Target store provided empty shoeboxes. The Mt. Dora Chick-fil-A set a goal to collect 50 shoeboxes. For every filled shoebox, customers would receive a free chicken sandwich. The promotion resulted in 200 shoeboxes for Haiti!

Ironically, those very same shoeboxes were being delivered in Haiti just as the earthquake hit in January. Knowing their employees and community wanted desperately to help Haiti, the O’Learys provided a way by holding a fundraiser.

“Everybody wanted to help Haiti,” said Susie. “We reached out to schools and churches and told them we were hosting a spirit night and all profits from that night would go to help rebuild Haiti. We raised more than \$300. Customers also had fun spinning the coupon wheel, which brought in an additional \$30.”



Susie O’Leary (pictured) and her husband Kevin operate the Chick-fil-A in Eustis, Florida, where their Christmas shoebox drive exceeded 200 shoeboxes.

With the Christmas season approaching, the O’Learys are once again gearing up for another successful Christmas shoebox drive for Haiti. ~Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



It is our goal that each child attending school with New Missions will receive a Christmas shoebox, plus an additional shoeboxes will be available for us to share with children in areas beyond where we currently serve.



**Above left:** Thank you for remembering our unsponsored students. Boxes sent for unsponsored boys and girls share love and open their hearts to the power of the Gospel—the real gift for changing lives. **Above middle:** Sponsored by Kevin & Susie O’Leary, Carl Odensley Simplice and his father are thankful for the love and prayers. **Above right:** Throughout the shoebox collection dates, 40-ft. containers are shipped to Haiti. Volunteers from across Central Florida come to serve at New Missions in Orlando, and share in the experience.





## SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY TIPS

Did you know that lives will hear the Gospel message because of your efforts to pack a Christmas shoebox? Host a packing party and begin to pray for miracles to take place. Here are five tips:

1. Host a separate collection drive for the items to place inside the shoebox. Many businesses will welcome a box where items can be dropped off for donation. Simply place a list of the “Top 10 items needed for Christmas Shoebox Drive” above the box.
2. Divide and conquer by having small groups of people focus on specific items to collect.
3. Find hidden treasures at home—belts that your children have outgrown; extra pairs of sunglasses; solar powered calculators and watches are wonderful gifts.
4. Buy bundles and quantities. When you purchase a pack of face towels, toothbrushes, or bars of soap, they can help fill many shoeboxes.
5. One week before the packing party, meet and take a group photo. Have one photo printed for each shoebox. Your photo will be cherished!

No matter where you host your packing party, I’m sure it will be a memory not soon forgotten. ~Timothy DeTellis

**Got Shoebox Drive photos?** Visit [upload.newmissions.org](http://upload.newmissions.org) and let’s celebrate together!



**Top:** Congratulations to the students from The First Academy, in Orlando, Florida, with 1,300 shoeboxes collected for New Missions last year. Their school is in the lead for the most shoeboxes packed and shipped. **Above left:** Boxes of items for filling shoeboxes represent great effort in advance to help provide each shoebox with the items needed. **Above middle:** The plastic shoeboxes become valuable storage containers for food inside Haitian huts. **Above right:** Pencils, pens, erasers, and crayons are favorites inside any shoebox.

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# Share a little Christmas with Haiti

**NEUMISSIONS**  
CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX DRIVE  
Serving in Haiti since 1983



# SAILING THROUGH THE FOG

Some of my fondest memories of my father are our times sailing together. We went sailing in my teenage years and I was not a believer at that time. My father did not spend very much time with recreation and later lost his interest in sailing. I have always loved the ocean. I remember being in Provincetown, Cape Cod as a young boy, where my father was having an evangelistic rally, and seeing the fishing boats at the docks. And there began my love of eating seafood. I find the sea so fascinating and still enjoy finding sea shells today.

My father was dauntless. Soon after buying a 28-foot sloop, he sailed out of the bay of Naragansett, Rhode Island into the open ocean. It was typical for the boat to be keeled over when the wind was hitting us on the beam. It was exhilarating being keeled over sailing through 12-foot ocean swells. I considered myself the first mate and I would do anything my father told me. I would make sure the bronze port holes and the front hatch were securely closed to avoid any sea water from entering into the boat.

We were sailing back in the 1970s and the boat did not have any modern navigational equipment. We only had a compass, bell, horn, radio directional finder, depth finder and marine radio. We also had a flare gun—just in case we found ourselves in a dire situation. On several occasions we sailed through the fog and found safe harbor. We could have easily run aground or even been shipwrecked.

As believers, we need to always have a sense of direction. We need to remember where we have come from and where we are going. Are you drifting in the fog? Do you know where you are heading? Our God is in complete control and ultimately Heaven will be our final port of safety. We must

**WE NEED TO BE AT PEACE  
AND KEEP OUR SIGHTS  
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first and always remain strong in the Lord. We must kindle our relationship with the Lord before we can be used of God.

In Habakkuk 2, the Lord instructs the prophet to write down the vision and not to be idle. People are perishing in the world without the knowledge of our God. In this passage we are also to wait for the vision. Many times we are called to be faithful with the task at hand. We are called to be faithful in the little and are to prepare ourselves—being willing to step out in ministry. Habakkuk 2:4 says: *“Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.”* God has a calling upon the lives of believers. We are to be used by Him for His purposes.

The name Habakkuk means to embrace. We need to embrace, or cling to God in the dire times of life. Yes, there is evil all around us...and yes, there will be storms on the ocean. We need to be at peace and keep our sights upon Jesus. He is the captain of our souls.

Once while we were sailing in Naragansett Bay, my father told me to go to the bow and ring the bell—as a fog bank had just rolled in. We motored the boat at a low speed and slowly, a dark object quickly came into focus. It was the broadside of a naval battleship! We turned right and kept motoring. After a while we saw a boat and an empty mooring line. My father told me to quickly grab the line, and we settled in for the night. In the morning, we discovered we had landed at the Dumpling Islands across from Newport Harbor. There were rocks and boats all around us. We thanked the Lord for giving us protection in this night of darkness.

We need to focus on the goodness of God. He will triumph by accomplishing His plans for the world. He does not wish that any would perish but all would come to repentance. ~Charlie DeTellis

We have faith in the goodness and promises of God, and are to live our lives showing love to God and one another. We need not fear anything for we are not alone in the battle—and can have perfect peace in the storm. Our God is a big God! *“For I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.”* 2 Timothy 1:12

Sincerely,

*Charlie DeTellis*  
Charlie DeTellis

*P.S. On Saturday, October 16, two 40-ft. cargo containers destined for Haiti were loaded with lumber, piping, medical supplies, and many other donated items.*







# NEW MISSIONS

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## RECORD FOOD DISTRIBUTION

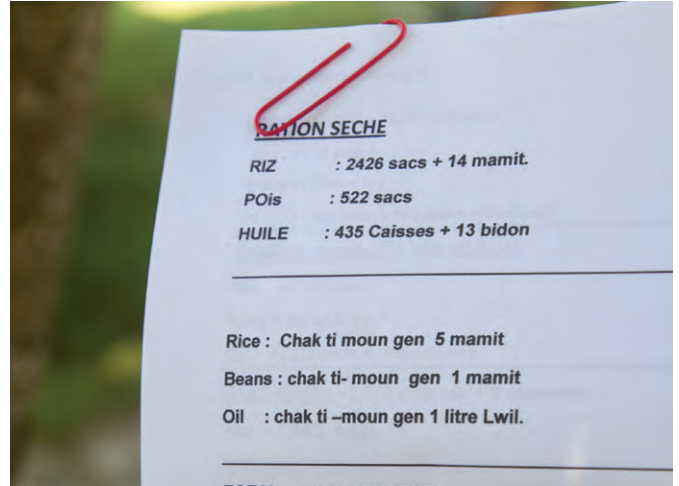
When it comes to making a difference, feeding our school children is taking hope straight home. In Matthew 25:40 Jesus said, *“Whatever you do to the least of these, you have done unto Me.”* At New Missions, we cannot ignore the pain of poverty especially when it impacts the lives of children. This is why we feed children year-round. Fighting hunger has been a priority of ours since 1983.

During October the following amounts of uncooked food was given to our school children to take home: 133.4 tons of rice, 28.7 tons of beans, and 7 tons of cooking oil—totaling 169 tons—which is the equivalent of 800,580 meals! In addition to this, we gave enough food for an entire month for the children to take home during the month of September. (Please note, this is above and beyond the hot meal provided daily at school.)

Starting with cooking oil, beans and rice, children are taking home extra food to support their family. At school a hot meal is prepared—and for many children, this is the only food they will eat all day. It’s hard to imagine, but your support is truly life-saving!

Thank you for your support to Rice for Children and helping us as we fight hunger for children and their families in Haiti. Please consider a special year-end offering and help us continue to provide food year-round.

~Timothy DeTellis



**Top:** The inventory list for the record distribution features rice, beans and oil quantities distributed to our school children in Haiti. **Middle:** Eaves and Waner know their work helps feed thousands each day. More than 500 Haitians are employed at New Missions in Haiti. **Bottom:** Food deliveries are inventoried and then unloaded into storage containers. Monthly, our schools receive the necessary quantities for their cooking needs on location. We consume 31 tons of rice each month to prepare hot meals, which equals 564 sacks of rice.





# MY SPONSORSHIP MATTERS

A photo of three young Haitian girls sat on my desk during my 2009 summer internship at the New Missions office. Tim DeTellis had given me the photograph to inspire me as I attempted to learn and make a difference in a few short weeks. I began to pray for these girls each day, and their smiles were quickly imprinted on my heart.

When a sponsorship photo of one of those girls came across my desk, I recognized her immediately. I was amazed that this beautiful girl did not have a sponsor and that God was allowing me to fill that role. I began to learn Berlande's story and hear her heart as we corresponded back and forth.

I was blessed to join the New Missions team full-time several months ago. An opportunity arose to visit Haiti shortly thereafter, and I quickly accepted the invitation. While I was thrilled to get to see the work on the Leogane Plain, I was even more excited to meet Berlande.

I packed as many gifts as I could, and headed to Haiti in October. My thoughts constantly turned to Berlande as we rode toward the New Missions compound. It struck me that the poverty surrounding us was her reality and her future—until God graciously intervened in her life through the ministry of New Missions.

As soon as we saw each other, we ran to embrace. I had no idea she would express the same excitement I was feeling! It was incredible to be looking into her face, to be praying over her, to hear her singing for me, and to see how sponsorship has changed her life.

She is physically healthy as a result of the hot meals she receives. Berlande shared some of the things she is learning in her class at the Amba-Peres school and how much she enjoys social studies. She also told



*God used the above photo of Berlande Saint-Surin (middle) and friends Fedlyne Adelson (left) and Sabrina Jean-Pierre (right) to knit hearts together.*

me why Psalm 23 has become her favorite. As we laughed, I saw the hope expressed in that Psalm in her eyes.

The endless love and thanks shown by Berlande confirmed to me that my sponsorship truly matters—to both of us. ~Jaimee Marks, Contributing Writer



**Above left:** Berlande's mother, Mirlande, accompanied her to the lunch meeting and expressed her appreciation for the ministry of New Missions, which has blessed their entire family. **Above middle:** Berlande was thrilled to receive a backpack full of school supplies, clothes, and toys from her sponsor. **Above right:** Jaimee Marks and her sponsored child, Berlande Saint-Surin, become acquainted over lunch at the New Missions Training Center in Haiti.





## HAITI CHOLERA OUTBREAK

The week after the Haiti cholera outbreak, I found myself back in Haiti. The drive through Port-au-Prince made my heart drop. I was in shock at all the garbage in the streets and the open sewage. Crying out to God, my prayer was, “Help these people and may this disease not spread!” Haiti was already hurting enough, and now the risk of cholera was upon us.

Reaching the Leogane Plain brought a new image. There was vegetation, and then all of a sudden...I drove past our Brache-Milot school and hundreds of beautiful children dressed in their school uniforms were leaving the schoolyard.

Are they safe? What can we do to protect them? My mind continued to race, and then as we approached our mission campus, I saw something I have never seen before: no children were in the streams. They were listening to the warning to stay out of all streams! I began thanking and praising God.

When the cholera outbreak hit Haiti, our medical team implemented preventive measures: hand washing at our schools, rehydration treatments on hand at our clinics, and advising villagers to consume safe drinking water from wells. At each of our schools, nurses are on staff to examine children and instruct them to be proactive. Thankfully, across Leogane, there are still no reports of cholera. ~Timothy DeTellis



**Top:** Rehydration kits were distributed to our clinics. **Above left:** Nurse Erlande Charles, a New Missions graduate, at our Bordmer school is giving Benia Pierre and other students regular health exams. **Above middle:** Pallets of soap were already in Haiti at New Missions prior to the cholera outbreak. Before eating lunch school children wash their hands to help promote good hygiene, preventing spread of disease. **Above right:** A proactive measure is keeping children out of the streams to prevent contracting cholera.

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**HURRICANE TOMAS**  
Hurricane Tomas brought flooding in Leogane due to heavy rain. The roof at our high school chapel collapsed.



**YEAR-END GIFT**  
Please consider a special offering to Rice For Children before the year ends and help us feed children year-round.



**TEACHER PROFILE**  
Meet Gamma Gay, our first grade teacher at the Masson elementary school in Haiti.



**HAITI WALK**  
Help children without a sponsor receive a free education, medical care, and food. Become involved at [Haitiwalk.com](http://Haitiwalk.com).



# THE YEAR OF GREATER FAITH

When I look back on the year of 2010, I will have a photo album flooded with photos of crisis turned to opportunity for God's glory. From the historic earthquake, to disease outbreak, to a hurricane... I have seen the faith of God's people strengthened, not lessened, by these events. Today, I know more than I did at the beginning of the year—that prayer is powerful and God's miracle-working power is alive!

The very night of the earthquake in Haiti, Christians were gathered along the roads praying and singing songs of worship. Together, they did not run in fear, but they united in God's strength. The Sunday after hurricane Tomas, just less than 48 hours after the streets of Leogane were turned into rivers from flooding, 25 New Missions churches across the Leogane Plain were preaching the Word of God and proclaiming that Jesus is still the answer!

Faith changes our lives. God sent His only Son for us, and Jesus desires for us to have faith. So much so, that when we lack it, He is saddened for us. *"Later Jesus appeared to the eleven as they were eating; He rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen Him after He had risen."* Mark 16:14

Why did the lack of faith cause Jesus to rebuke them? If we lack faith, how do we please God? *"And without faith it is impossible to please God,*

*because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him."* Hebrews 11:6

Seeking God requires faith. Faith causes us to draw near to God. That is what He wants more than anything—our faith and trust in Him. While our adoration, offerings, and gratitude are important to the relationship we have with our Heavenly Father, the fact is that our faith is the root of each way we express our love for Him.

Personally, I have learned three lessons this year regarding faith. First, God is more than sufficient to meet all our needs. For us to doubt Him is a lack of faith. I must not doubt God. Typically when I do, it is because of my expectation or timing of a particular situation. Second, God is in the ultimate recycling business. No matter what happens, if we have faith, God can turn the bad into good. We must believe. Third, faith brings peace. This year, stress has hit me like never before. Long days and too often sleepless night were brought about out of my concern for the Haitians. Then, the peace finally arrived because I truly stepped out in faith and believed that God can do what my human mind could not comprehend! Peace is the evidence of faith.

This Christmas, I pray God gives you a new level of faith. I also pray that this leads to a supernatural peace that surpasses all understanding. May this year (and there is still time left) be your year of greater faith. ~Timothy DeTellis



Thank you for your faithfulness as together, we help raise a generation of Christian leaders while equipping them to make a difference. Your prayers are especially appreciated during times of storms and disease outbreak. Please continue to pray for your child and let them know you are thinking of them by sending a letter or Christmas shoebox. The encouragement we share combined with the life-saving resources goes a long way to change the life of a child.

Serving together,

Timothy DeTellis

*P.S. If you want to sponsor a child, please call 407-240-4058 or visit [newmissions.org](http://newmissions.org).*



Tim and Sheryl DeTellis in Haiti visiting with their sponsored triplets, Manouchecca, Magdala and Mackendy.