



30 YEARS IN HAITI

When Pastor George received his call to go to Haiti, he was fully confident in the “Caller,” yet he knew his job in Haiti was going to be a big one.

Moving to Haiti from New England, he had a burning passion to preach and for many to come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Pastor George worked hard and he believed God for an army of believers, a generation to come to faith—to get their calling and march on with their orders from our Commander in Chief.

No sacrifice required was too great: leaving a successful ministry, teenagers entering college, giving up security for the insecurity of sleeping in a tent, no electricity, water, or even a vehicle...to pioneer a mission for God.

January 6, 1983 he fearlessly pounded a tent peg into the ground, symbolically calling it a brutal blow to the work of the enemy in this land of poverty, superstition, darkness and ignorance.

January 9, 1983, we started a church. Pastor George disciplined young people who have become Haiti’s pastors and leaders today. They are disciplining more people than we ever dreamed would be marching to the beat of our Savior.

Onward Haiti. Onward with the cross of Jesus. Victory for Haiti! ~Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor



Above: New Missions started with five tents pitched under a grove of coconut trees. The year was 1983 and the yellow tent on the left was home for Pastor George and Jeanne.



Above middle: “Haiti: Hope in God” has been our motto since we hung a banner between coconut trees to start our first church.

Above left: With the pioneering tents in the background, Haitians began clearing the land to being construction.

Above right: Pastor George working on the very first building led the way for us to continue building a new Haiti.

HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS

The Miracle Well: For three years we did not have safe drinking water at the mission, and drove eight miles to the closest well. When we attempted to drill a well our first year in Haiti, we found only muddy water. After much prayer and fasting, another attempt was made in March of 1986. God provided an artesian well that flows from its own pressure at 180 feet underground. This discovery made it possible for us to drill similar wells across the Leogane Plain.

High School Land: Thankfully, in early 1987, we found land on the main highway that was centrally located for access from the surrounding elementary schools of New Missions. On this campus a high school and Bible college are training a new generation of Christian leaders for Haiti. On October 16, 2012, the students dedicated their new chapel that replaced the one destroyed by the earthquake.

7.0 Earthquake: On January 10, 2010, the historic earthquake shook Haiti to its core. Buildings collapsed and lives were lost. Soon afterwards spiritual growth began, and since that time New Missions has established five additional churches and schools over a three-year period. New churches are built where buildings had been flattened, and beautiful schools are helping children grow strong.

30 Churches and Schools: Across the island of Hispaniola, New Missions has 30 churches and 30 elementary schools—27 in Haiti and three in the Dominican Republic. The model of ministry is to establish a church and school to serve the community with Christian education, food and medical care. In addition, we have a high school and Bible college in both countries and now a professional trade school in Haiti.





A NEW PASTOR

At New Missions we see the local church as the greatest force of good. We invite you to pray for pastors everywhere—serving villages and communities with the Gospel message of hope.

I would like you to meet Pastor Yaguel. He is a graduate of New Missions and now serves as the pastor of New Missions' very first church in Haiti. This church serves the villages of Neply and Bord-Mer—and is located right along the ocean. We established this church the very first Sunday we were in Haiti. Now, one of our very own young men is serving his community.

Yaguel was the first of his family to graduate high school and then attend university. At our high school he learned to speak English. He was then able to work part-time for New Missions as a translator. As he showed himself faithful in the little, he was provided additional opportunities to grow. Soon, he began a job managing our food inventory and overseeing the distribution of rice, beans, and oil to all our schools in Haiti.

This year Yaguel began a new role as the pastor of our Bord-Mer church. Within a few months he hosted a baptism service and rejoiced together with new believers as they demonstrated publicly their profession of faith in Jesus. God is changing lives, and pastors are serving strong to lead a new Haiti. Remember to pray for them. ~Timothy DeTellis



Top: Pastor Yaguel, from New Missions Bord-Mer church in Haiti, led a baptism service representing lives changed. **Above left:** At the age of 4, Yaguel began attending a New Missions elementary school. In high school, Yaguel learned how to speak English and eventually became a translator. **Above middle:** Preaching is Yaguel's passion, as he welcomes other Haitians to have a personal relationship with Jesus. **Above right:** With God's Word as the foundation for his faith, Yaguel is now a role model to future generations.

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LIFE CHANGED

GAMMA GAY graduated from New Missions and became the first grade teacher at the very school he attended as a young student. He was sponsored by Chuck & Jeannie Bruce. Their love and prayers paved the way for this young boy to grow up strong and become a leader of change for Haiti. Gamma has the joy of giving back to this community as a Christian school teacher.





FOUNDATIONS FOR GROWTH

If you were asked to build the strongest building possible, how would you start the endeavor? Looking at other buildings similar to what you hope to build would be wise. Maybe you'd have some elevation drawings done of a few concepts to showcase the design and architecture. However, the key to building the best structure possible starts with the foundation.

What we don't see on the surface is what actually makes fruitful growth possible. Integrity. Values. Purpose. The outcome of these foundations produces lasting results. Fruitfulness comes from a healthy tree, and a tree that bears fruit has strong roots. *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise."* Proverbs 11:30

Personally, I am reflective during this season of celebrating 30 years of ministry for New Missions. Why? Because it's not my job to build—it's my job to preserve and protect the foundation. Being the steward is honoring what God has entrusted to us. God is building, and it's His mission and work. Together, we are serving His mission. What excites me the most are the new leaders in Haiti and the Dominican Republic serving through New Missions. These Haitians and Dominicans are passionate and dedicated to the calling. We are releasing God's people to do His ministry through their lives to impact their countries. Nothing thrills me more than seeing discipleship in action.

Here are three keys to foundations for growth. First, God is the rock upon which we build. Second, prayer keeps us grounded in our faith. Third, keep the main thing the main thing. Too often organizations become unfocused and ineffective. I believe we lead

an effective organization making an eternal impact. As we reach this milestone of thirty years, I say "thank you" for your faithful friendship. Together, we are serving God's mission to change lives. This is truly an honor.

I see the next thirty years as mobilizing God's people to lead the greatest force of good in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. This centers around the local church. Already, reports are coming in of new church plants that are growing from our original churches. Our churches are planting churches. This is a healthy sign. Trees bear fruit and seeds grow new trees.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me." John 15:4

Please join me in prayer. Our work over the past thirty years has laid an amazing foundation for us to grow upon. We carry on—not for the sake

of growth, but as good stewards. Let's honor God together with what He has entrusted to us. In the parable of the talents, the master gave more talents to the servant who was faithful in the little. Humbly, we are honoring God. *"He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built."* Luke 6:48

Certainly, over the past 30 years we have seen our share of storms, disasters and struggles. With God's strength we have persevered and continue on! We are building on the foundation—a beautiful foundation—the Rock of Jesus Christ. ~Timothy DeTellis

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Ever since we began in tents, we have asked God to pour His supernatural favor upon us and to guide us with His strength and wisdom. It's not by our might, but by His Spirit we serve; in His name and for His glory.

Serving together,

Timothy DeTellis
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P. S. This new year invite God to be the rock and foundation of your life each day.



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



NEW MISSIONS

Change the life of a child



NURSES WITH HOPE

She is not just a nurse, she is a role model of hope. Marie Chantal Phillipe came from a home that practiced Voodoo, and through her New Missions church and school in Lassale, she learned about Jesus. Today she leads the entire medical team of 34 nurses at New Missions in Haiti.

After graduating from high school, New Missions provided funding for Marie Chantal to attend medical school. She served as a nurse at our medical clinic, and then was promoted to medical clinic director.

When cholera reached the Leogane Plain and our school children were at risk, Marie Chantal led the efforts to secure an urgent response for each school. We did have students treated and released—thankfully without any deaths. God has used Marie Chantal and her team of nurses to spread hope through the healing power of Jesus.

At New Missions in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, medical care is part of our strategy for serving children and their families. The health center in the Dominican Republic has a medical staff of five—including two doctors and a physical therapist that serve the Sosua community with free medical care.

Please pray for our medical staff as they continue to bear witness of God’s hope to heal lives. We are believing in God’s healing power to remove the pain and suffering of the sick. ~Timothy DeTellis



Above: Paraison Mercilia is the nurse at the Hope Medical Center in the mountain region of Tom Gateau, Haiti.



Above middle: Erlande Charles is the nurse at our Bord-Mer Elementary School in Haiti. **Above left:** Marie Chantal Phillipe, the director of our medical clinic, cares for Richardson during a visit he made to our facility in Bire. **Above right:** Free medical care for our students also offers healthcare with a touch of God’s love.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

New Church in Ti-Boucan: Another church is built at New Missions in Haiti. We rejoice that the Ti-Boucan location, at the foothills of the mountains on the Leogane Plain, now has a beautiful new church. The church was completely destroyed by the historic earthquake in 2010, and a temporary structure was built within a year of the devastation. Now, this new church will be a secure place for weekly worship services and school classrooms during the day.

Shoebboxes for All: You made it possible for each of the children who attend New Missions schools in Haiti and the Dominican Republic to receive Christmas shoeboxes. The children of New Missions are so very thankful for their Christmas shoebox gifts. It's hard to imagine what a blessing the box is for each child. From the moment they receive the gift at school, they are thinking of their family at home. While each box is a blessing, so are your prayers and notes of encouragement. Save the date for the 2013 Christmas Shoebox Drive—October 1 through December 15.

Bibles in the Dominican Republic: The gift of a Bible to a student sends the Gospel into their hearts and homes. At New Missions, we have Christian teachers at all our schools, and give Bibles to our students—changing lives forever! The students in the Dominican Republic recently received Bibles, and the excitement in the classrooms was contagious. Thank you for giving to our *Bibles for Students* fund. Spanish Bibles went home with the students, and God's Word is the truth that they can depend upon for the rest of their lives.

Hunger Go Away: They come hungry and leave happy. Thus is the day in the life of a child at New Missions. When it's time for school, they know lunch will be ready and they can eat all they want. For too many of them, this is the only meal they will have each day. Some may have a mango or piece of sugar cane to satisfy their hunger cravings. When a child's stomach is full, their minds are enriched and ready to learn. Monthly, we consume 33 tons of rice—which equals six hundred 110 pound sacks.





INNOVATION IN THE CLASSROOM

I was concerned. The computer lab only had two working computers with a growing population nearing 300 students. This mission school, Colegio Nueva Vida, in Sosua, Dominican Republic, had the reputation of being a state of the art school.

On the calendar, we had at least seven mission teams scheduled. I pondered what could happen if each team member coming to the DR caught the vision of providing computers for our school—giving students the opportunity for an adequate academic education—including a computer lab. What if each team member could raise \$20, and then donate a computer—maybe even two or three? But, we can't dictate to God. His ways are not always our ways. His thoughts are not our thoughts. But, God is able to provide more than what we need. He is able!

Since I was the one burdened by the lack of computers, I thought I should put my hand in my own pocket. My husband and I decided to buy the first two computers. Though many teams came over the next few months, only one computer was donated. That was until God spoke to Pastor Jim Petrow's team. They brought in enough computers to completely equip our computer lab.

A year later, we still have 25 beautiful new laptops—thanks to those who heard God's still small voice.

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



Top: Mission development gives people the tools they need to succeed. Computer technology is at the heart of not only businesses but preaching the Gospel. **Above left:** At the end of the first year of computer use, a visitor named Mark Bishop came and maintained every computer—all 25. **Above middle:** These students and their parents are amazed and impacted by the love of God's people to give. **Above right:** Pray that each one will achieve academic excellence to pursue a career, and most of all to first follow God.

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A LOVE STORY

They met at their New Missions elementary school in Bord-Mer, Haiti. From different villages... a new friendship was about to begin. Rene had noticed this young girl named Erlande when she arrived at the mission school. She was from a village further away, and was new to the area. Years later they found themselves attending high school together at New Missions—eventually marrying and starting a family. Now, Rene is a math teacher at the New Missions high school he graduated from, and Erlande is the school nurse at the elementary school where she met Rene.





MOVING NEW MISSIONS TO FLORIDA

Twenty years ago, in January 1993, we moved our ministry headquarters to Orlando, Florida. My father and all of our family were born and raised in Massachusetts. My father was a pastor in Massachusetts for 25 years. Originally, the name of the ministry was New England and World Missions. In Haiti, we went by the acronym N.E.W. Missions because people were not familiar with the six northeast states known as New England. In 1990, we officially changed our name to New Missions.

I remember reading a story about Campus Crusade for Christ moving their headquarters to Orlando, Florida. Often, I would go to Florida to purchase supplies and ship containers to Haiti. In 1982, I attended a university in Miami for one year, so I was familiar with Florida. I began to dream about moving our ministry headquarters to Florida, and began making many trips to Orlando to spy out the land. After much discussion and prayer, we made a decision to move to Orlando. It was a difficult decision to leave our family and all of our relationships behind, and there were many challenges in making that transition. But in November of 1992, we rented an office and a home in Orlando and began to make plans to move to Orlando right after Christmas. One of the few people I knew in Orlando was Curt Smith. Curt had been an elder in my father's church and was one of the first missionaries who went to Haiti in January 1983. I remember calling Curt on the telephone and asking him for advice about neighborhoods and where we should live.

My wife and I rented a home in a brand new development in south Orlando. After we were there for a few days, the neighbor directly across the street came over to greet us. She said, "Oh, I see from your

license plates that you are from Massachusetts. My husband is from Massachusetts," she said. "Really, I know a lot of people. What's your husband's name?" I asked. She replied, "Oh, you wouldn't know him. His last name is Smith." "Well, what's his first name?" I asked. She replied, "Curt Smith." I said, "Curt Smith from Worcester, Massachusetts?" She said, "Yes." I said, "I know Curt. He was an elder in my father's church and was one of the first missionaries in Haiti with us." She was stunned that I knew her husband. So that night, I had her surprise Curt by bringing him over to meet the new neighbors. We were both delighted and amazed by the rarity of such an event. Moving from Massachusetts to Florida directly across

the street from Curt was confirmation that God had led us, and we were following His plan. Looking back on the past twenty years, moving to Orlando was the most important

strategic decision we have made for the ministry.

Our decisions are our destiny. We can pray and believe God, but at some point, we are going to have to get out of the boat. We are going to have to face our Goliath in battle. We are going to have to make the decisions and do the physical work. Peter had to get out of the boat to walk on the water with Jesus. David had to walk up to Goliath on the battlefield.

Anything you do in life has to do with your decision. A decision is a choice—to choose one and deny all others. Your decision is your destiny. Jesus said if anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. Have you made your decision? I've made my decision to follow Christ, and I'm glad I did.

~George DeTellis, Jr.

**YOUR DECISION IS
YOUR DESTINY**

*"If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it."
Matthew 16:24*



George DeTellis, Jr.

P.S. You can bring hope to the life of a child and help more children live to celebrate their fifth birthday. Join the I Am Hope Club.





NEW MISSIONS

Change the life of a child

GIVE SNEAKERS

Bare feet walking down a dirt road is an unnecessary circumstance. I take for granted that I can choose which pair of sneakers to wear when I go for a walk. However, for kids in Haiti, it's a privilege to even have one pair. Just the thought of owning a new pair of sneakers is simply a dream for our students. I am on a mission to make bare feet a thing of the past for the children we serve.

Here is why I'm so passionate about this campaign. After the Haiti earthquake, I contacted a large shoe manufacturer that is known to give away sneakers, but they turned me down. I was never given a clear reason, but I can suspect it may be due to our Christian values. I will tell you this truth: The greatest force of good globally is the local church. The distribution of the sneakers will be through our New Missions churches in Haiti. Yes, we want brand new sneakers. Let's give them our best!

I envision lines of children waiting outside churches on Saturday mornings to come for the "new sneaker" party! Just show up and receive a free pair of new sneakers. Why? So their bare feet will not experience pain, disease, filth...and will be ready for the walk into a new tomorrow. I want to see this vision a reality, but I need your help. Will you collect new pairs of sneakers? Let's make bare feet run for cover! Thank you.

~Tim DeTellis



Chabrina Pierre walks a half mile each way to school, and her new sneakers will help her make the journey with ease.



Middle: A new colorful pair of sneakers will be a special gift for a child to enjoy every day. **Above left:** The walk to school for Lovinsky Victor will be safer and easier because of his new pair of sneakers. **Above right:** Activities would be much more fun with a new pair of sneakers.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Neply Church: The very first church at New Missions in Haiti has a new location. We are relocating the Bord-Mer church to a beautiful piece of land in the village of Neply. This facility will also become home to the elementary school this fall, and will include a community soccer field. The new building replaced their church that was destroyed during the earthquake. We are building stronger and better. Both the pastor of this church, Yaguel Nerat, and the director of the school, Manite Messidore, are graduates of New Missions.

Trade School Classes: Developing enterprise leaders is the purpose of the Trade School at New Missions in Haiti. The students enjoyed a seminar on masonry work by members of our construction team. Then, for the entire month, they enjoyed hands-on masonry classes. Each of the students are either graduates of New Missions or active students attending our high school in the afternoon. The director of the trade school is a graduate of New Missions and served on our construction team for 13 years.

Food Delivery: The sound of the delivery truck coming down the gravel road is the sound of hope. Our school children are blessed to enjoy a hot meal at school. Sacks of rice and beans are delivered by the truck-load every month. Each New Missions school comes to receive their monthly inventory of food. We know that a full stomach leads to a strong body—to help grow both physically and spiritually. The consistency of our providing food, medical care, education and the power of the Gospel changes lives.

Bless A Baby: Thirty-four moms and their babies recently arrived at our medical clinic in Bire, Haiti, for an appointment with our medical director, Marie Chantal. Monthly, moms bring their babies to our clinic for a check-up, vaccinations, vitamins and a weigh-in. We love children under five, and we are proactive in caring for them. Nurses at each school look after our school children as they grow up. We are changing the lives of children by offering mothers prenatal and postnatal care.





BIBLES CHANGE LIVES

From the hand, to the heart, to the home...Bibles transform lives. I thank God I've witnessed this in action. When we launch a campaign, it's with the goal of answering one question: How will this change the life of a child? As we begin, we ask you to participate and share our passion for changing lives through your time and resources. To the glory of God, you respond! God then goes to work and does the supernatural.

I could not believe what I witnessed when I gave my sponsored child's brother a Bible. Immediately, he turned to his sister Catiana and said, "I'm taking this to church with me on Sunday!" What her brother Rolking did will change history. He was becoming a spiritual leader. With his new Bible in hand, he walked back to his village. Inside their humble home possessions are not in abundance, but the Word of God will be cherished. The Bible will shape Rolking's future as he reads and studies the treasures within.

This Easter we are honored to host the Bibles for Students campaign—expanding our Bible distribution to more schools. Please consider skipping the candy and give a Bible instead. Let's be generous and see God's Word change lives.

~Tim DeTellis

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS
During our Shoebox Drive, volunteers came to our Orlando office and served strong to help process shoeboxes.



JEANNE'S DOMINICAN REPUBLIC KIDS
Rafelina Regalado Baez is sponsored by the Danny de Armas family of Orlando, FL. You can search online to sponsor a child from the DR.

CHURCH PLANTER

After graduation from New Missions, Fan Fan Micheal wanted to return to his birth village of Callitor to plant a church. He attended our Concrab Elementary School—the closest location to his birth village. After seeing how the church and school at New Missions made an impact in Concrab, he prayed and dreamed of seeing the same change come to his village. Today, Fan Fan is the pastor of the Callitor church, in the very same village where his uncle is the Voodoo priest. The light of the Gospel is at work...one life at a time!



Top: Carita Pierre's smile says it loud and clear—a Bible spreads joy! **Above left:** Have you hugged your Bible today? **Above middle:** Rolking Similien's new Bible has become his prized possession. **Above right:** Each day at the schools of New Missions, Bible class is taught.

INSPIRATION AND INFLUENCE

I am inspired and influenced by God's great love for me. I love Him and desire to do good in His name. But, doing good can be hard work. A simple request to help with a wedding, add another school at the mission, or to write articles and letters involves work—work of the mind, body and spirit. Serving others by the leading of the Holy Spirit gives us the greatest satisfaction. Matthew 5:16 says, *"Shine! Be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven."* (The Message) Countless mothers in Haiti came to Christ because of the outpouring of love to their children through food, medical care and education.

Ministering to others can be as simple as a telephone call to encourage a friend, treating a widow to lunch, buying a friend a new Bible, or blessing a Bible school student with a financial gift. There are countless and unlimited opportunities to allow God to shine through our lives.

I am inspired and influenced by John Wesley's words, *"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, at all the times you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can."* And if I have the means to honor the request...why not?

In the epilogue of Henri J. M. Nouwen's book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, he remarks about the Rembrandt painting of the Father with his outstretched hand. Nouwen says, *"They are hands that only bless, giving all and expecting nothing."* I looked at my right hand, and I stretched it out—

trying to stretch it more and more with the desire to be like the father of the prodigal son.

I wonder if there are times in our lives when we talk ourselves out of doing good because it's just a "little thing?" But, in Matthew 5:16 Jesus said that we are to let our light shine so that men will see our good works. God wants our works to attract people to see Him. God is good. We are created in His image, and we need to be good...all the time.

"Suppose you see a brother or sister who needs food or clothing, and you say, 'Well, good-bye and God bless you; stay warm and eat well' – but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?" James 2:16

Imagine if God decided to tell us He loved us,

but we never saw God's tangible love expressed in the action of the sacrifice of His Son on the cross for our sins.

This week, after performing a wedding, the groom slipped an envelope in my pocket. I quickly responded by saying, "Oh, no. I don't

want anything...just a hug." But the groom insisted. And then I remembered a dear missionary got bad gas in his car and it was going to cost \$3,000 to replace the engine. I asked the groom if I could give the gift to the missionary—a crisp \$100 bill—as a seed of love to say, I know your need, I care, and I want to do this.

For me, my ears can get tired from hearing so many needs, and my mind tends to worry about how God will supply. But, again and again I rejoice over my good God's provision that enables His workers to continually say "Yes," so that many will know the goodness of God. ~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

GOD IS GOOD...
ALL THE TIME.
I WANT TO DO GOOD...
ALL THE TIME.

Missionaries need to be called by God, equipped by the power of the Holy Spirit, sent by the church, and supplied with the resources by believers...so that we can display God's loving-kindness to people everywhere. I thank God for each mission-hearted believer for their God-acts: spoons, shoeboxes, sneakers, buildings and medicine—showing God's active love in people's lives for now and eternity.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

P. S. "Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense!" James 2:16b (The Message)



Dennis and Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

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THE EASTER CANDY



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BIBLE
TO STUDENTS
AT NEW MISSIONS



TRADE SCHOOL

The Trade School at New Missions was not my dream—it was my father’s dream. He knew the value. I wish he could witness all the activity of classes and hands-on projects taking place. However, I believe he saw this and more in his heart and mind long before now.

This year, the Trade School at New Missions opened with its first class of 30 students. I had the honor to speak at their graduation. It is our prayer upon their graduation that each of them would start a small business of their own, or find a job in their field of study.

Right now at New Missions in Haiti, it’s the Haitians who are building a new Haiti. Construction is taking place on multiple locations. Two warehouses are being built at our Bord-Mer campus. A new church building is also under construction in Neply. We have our 27th church in Haiti being built in Belloc. This construction is 100% Haitian led.

At the core of our trade school is the Gospel message. Why? Because we have the vision to raise a generation of Christian leaders. At our trade school, they will become enterprise leaders and become a godly witness in their respective fields.

The greatest solution for poverty is jobs. The tool to make this possible is education and enterprise. New Missions is serving stronger than



This year 30 students are attending the Trade School; they are excited about the potential for their future.



ever to see this come to fruition. Thank you for believing in the God-given potential of each student at New Missions. ~Tim DeTellis



Middle: Learning is taking place—from classroom seminars to hands-on workshops. **Above left:** The Haitians are building a new Haiti. The purpose of our trade school is to grow enterprise leaders. **Above right:** Our students are gaining real-life experience by working alongside active construction crews.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Two Warehouses: Side by side these two warehouse facilities will serve our schools and churches in Haiti. One building will be exclusively for food storage. This is of utmost importance since we distribute 55 tons of rice each month to our schools. The second warehouse will be used for storing construction materials—which is essential, as we are building and improving our campuses and infrastructure. Each warehouse is dock-high to provide efficient loading and unloading of trailers, and has additional height to prevent flooding.

Our First Church: Our first church at New Missions, in the village of Neply, has a new building to call home. The original church was destroyed in the earthquake. This open-air structure with two offices in the back provides optimum security during a natural disaster and is built high off of the ground to prevent flooding. The lack of walls around the entire structure gives a natural light and allows the breeze to provide relief from the heat. This church is pastored by a graduate of New Missions, Yaguel Nerat. Church services are hosted weekly to disciple believers and worship the Lord.

Our Newest Church: The mountain region of Belloc is home to our 27th church in Haiti. This campus is also home to our Belloc Elementary School. Children walk up to one and a half hours to attend school at this location. It's very remote and situated on the side of a mountain. We welcome your prayers as the Gospel message is preached from this new height—reaching beyond our current locations. This new church will become a ministry of love and care for generations to come.

Medical Care: Over the period of one week, 1300 children and adults received free medical care at the New Missions Health Center in Sosua, Dominican Republic. Thanks to a joint effort between our Dominican medical staff and medical professionals from First Baptist Church of Orlando, many were blessed. The Gospel message was shared with each patient in addition to the medical services provided. All of our students also received health exams, deworming treatment and vitamins. Medical care is given in the love of Christ, and our doors are open to the entire community.





AGRICULTURAL LAND

At the marketplace in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, sellers sit with their food: crates of eggs, pineapples, coconuts, plantains, cookies, macaroni, etc.—and it is all grown or produced in the Dominican Republic, not Haiti. How can a country develop when it cannot even feed its people?

At one time, Haiti boasted of their superior cement...and now where is their cement? Haiti is importing cement as well as many other building materials. When a country such as Haiti, which has a growing population of nearly 10 million people, cannot feed itself...we have a serious problem!

The first priority for life is food and water. Now that we have addressed the first two priorities for their survival, we will focus on educating them about agriculture and land preservation. With the greatest percentage of the population unemployed, we ask God for wisdom to provide intensive farming techniques—initially implemented to feed their own people, and eventually have the opportunity to export. On the same island, the Dominican Republic is exporting 200 million U.S. dollars of organic vegetables every year.

Now is the time to have a mission for agriculture—to grow food in Haiti to feed their own people. New Missions is looking at a piece of land to develop an agricultural project. We know you will rejoice with us in this decision.

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



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DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Meet Jean Marc Fontaine, director of photography. He was born the same year New Missions arrived in Haiti. All he has known is life with New Missions. He was raised in a Christian family, and has a strong personal relationship with God. Our 27 photographers in Haiti report to him and he leads them with passion and dedication. Jean Marc is from the New Missions class of 2005. He originally began working for New Missions part-time as a translator. He is a fan of the Miami Heat, and enjoys reading the YouVersion Bible app on his Blackberry.



Top: Join us in prayer as we seek additional land for the purpose of agriculture and growing black beans. **Above left:** Our goal is to produce enough black beans for the annual consumption required by our students. **Above middle:** Most of the land suitable for agriculture in Haiti is currently used to grow sugarcane. **Above right:** Our students have a wonderful potential to learn agriculture and advance the future of Haiti.



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GO WITH IT

One of our most inspiring stories is that of our humble beginnings. My dad's church in New England caught the mission vision in the mid-1970s. A mission organization was established called New England and World Missions. The idea was for the church to spend half of their outreach funds for local use, and the other half for overseas missions. The church would send money to help feed Haitian children in Haiti. In the early 1980s it only cost six cents to feed a child. How could you say no at that price? When my parents visited Haiti, they were not satisfied with the care given to the children. For over one year a piece of land was for sale along the ocean near Leogane. One day, while my father was walking on the beach and praying, he felt God saying, "George, go with it!" Upon those simple words our mission was established.

It is a joy to reach out to the needs of the poor. In the early 80s Haitian children in Port-au-Prince would ask me, "Please...will you give me two cents so I can buy a piece of bread?" I don't know about you, but how could you only give them two cents? I wanted to feed more children in Haiti—in order for them to be successful in our Christian schools and life in general. The needs of the world give opportunities for believers to reach out in love and change lives.

And today, we are still "going with it." For the past thirty years, our mission has grown every year—to the glory of God. We have not leveled off, and are hard pressed in our workload...in a good way! Not only are we rebuilding from damage we suffered

during the earthquake, we are listening for the voice of God to direct us where He wants us to work next in the country of Haiti.

Unfortunately, as a whole, Haiti is becoming poorer. This makes it more challenging—as we work with the broken infrastructure of the country. With a growing organization such as New Missions, there are greater challenges. But, I love being in the thick of it, and being a part of the activity and growth. I am believing God for our mission to double in size. Why? I am moved by the needs of the Haitian people. I want to establish more schools and churches where there are none. I want to show the Haitian people the love of Christ. I want to keep the flag flying on my watch.

Recently, my mother told me of a comment that my father had said—one I had not heard before. He said, "It is one thing to raise the flag; it's another to keep it flying." God may be calling you to a new career at

this very moment. For me, at this very moment, I love what I am doing. It is like the movie, *Chariots of Fire*. The runner loves to run, and he feels God's presence when he runs. In times past, we have tried to alter our course. But, it seems God brings us right back to the original vision. God is not finished with us yet. Just as my father heard God's voice saying, "George, go with it," God may be calling you to do something today. Just listen. "Faithful is He who calls you, and He will also perfect His work." ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:24

~Charlie DeTellis

WHAT IS GOD LEADING YOU TO DO WHICH IS BEYOND YOURSELF?

There is a lesson taught in Matthew 25:21 about a person who is faithful in the little: "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things." I want to remain faithful to God. We continually need to stay on guard and be disciplined to listen for God's still small voice.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

Charlie DeTellis

P. S. "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God." ~ Psalm 20:7





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MORE THAN A UNIFORM

At the age of eight, Merline has the unique opportunity to attend school in Haiti. In her country, 2.5 million children are estimated to have never entered a classroom. She is extremely fortunate. Her early morning routine begins with a bath, a snack of some fruit and putting on her school uniform.

Merline walks half a mile to school and is accompanied by her friends and classmates. Stories are told about the noises they heard at night, or the games they played the day before—such as jacks, dominos and tag.

At our schools in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, our students wear uniforms. They are more than clothing for the day. Their uniforms are a symbol of hope, and they wear them proudly.

In addition to our students having their own uniform, each garment is handmade by seamstresses from their local villages. This provides employment and enriches the local economy. Each student is able to enjoy a custom-made uniform. They will often make ruffles and special additions to personalize their own look.

When Merline enters her second grade classroom at New Missions she is surrounded by her friends—also wearing their school uniforms. Together, they are on this journey of learning and growing. It's more than a uniform. It's a place called New Missions. It's where love and hope come together to change lives.

~Tim DeTellis



Merline's second grade classroom is an oasis for her to learn alongside of her friends.



Middle: Each school uniform is made in the village by a seamstress—which provides employment and supports the local economy.

Above left: Looking forward to school, Merline knows she is fortunate to have the opportunity to learn and grow at New Missions.

Above right: Getting ready for school fills the mind of each child with anticipation for a day full of new experiences.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Medical Staff: Join us in praying for our medical staff in the Dominican Republic. The Health Center at New Missions in Sosua is open Monday through Friday for free medical care. Each patient is also introduced to the love of Jesus during their visit. We welcome you to pray for our staff by name: Verónica Yciano is a lab technician and receptionist. Katherine Jolings is our health center's administrative assistant. Dr. Edwin Ventura is a licensed primary care physician, and Angelica Castillo is our health center director.



Pulpits for Haiti: The power to preach God's Word is changing lives in Haiti. Through our churches, the pastors continue to disciple and help grow stronger communities through faith in Jesus. A friend of New Missions, Pastor Johnny Hunt and his wife, Janet, recently celebrated 20 years of mentoring and encouraging pastors through their Timothy Barnabas conference. To honor their anniversary, the conference funded the construction of 27 pulpits for each of our churches in Haiti.



10,000 Bowls: Each day at school in Haiti, our students enjoy a hot meal. Over the past two years we have collected spoons for Haiti. This summer, we will welcome more spoons for Haiti. However, to go along with those spoons we now have new bowls! We recently received a generous donation, and allocated the gift to purchase brand new stainless steel bowls for all of our students in Haiti. With brand new bowls and spoons, our students continue to know they are loved and cared for.



Chapel Services: Each Wednesday at New Missions in Haiti, our High School campus hosts chapel services. At 11 a.m., grades 7 through 9 meet for chapel—where the services are led by our students. From prayer time and worship to Scripture reading—the services are 100 percent student-led. At 1:00 p.m., grades 10 through 13 meet. Each of these students began school with New Missions when they were only four or five years old. They represent a new generation of Christian leaders for Haiti. At the end of each chapel service, an invitation to respond to the Gospel is presented.





MORE SPOONS PLEASE

Some would think a spoon is too simple a gift to make a difference, when the reality of many children living in Haiti would tell a much different story. We have collected over 100,000 spoons during the past two years, and have come to a new level of appreciation of their great impact.

“My own spoon!” was a common reply I heard from children after their teacher passed out spoons to each student. Yes...we’re praying more spoons are on their way. Why? To make sure there is never an excuse to eat with their hands—when the surroundings of these children can be so unclean.

As you can imagine, the environment that families live in in Haiti is primitive. Haitians cook, eat, wash their dishes and wash their clothes outdoors. Life in Haiti is mostly spent outside of the walls of their homes, except to sleep.

Initially, the goal of our *Spoons for Haiti* campaign was to collect enough spoons to give each student their own to use while having lunch at school. This would prevent children from eating with their hands—which causes great health risks and disease. While we achieved our goal, we now want to bless the children and their families with any overflow.

Your church, school, and children’s ministries are invited to collect tablespoons for children in Haiti. Help keep kids healthy and enjoying hot meals by collecting more spoons. Get involved at www.SpoonsforHaiti.com. ~Tim DeTellis



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WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

At New Missions, we rejoice in the lives of women like Martha Joseph Colas. From nurses to teachers, women in leadership are role models for future generations of young girls. Martha is one of those role models. She graduated from New Missions, and now serves as our office manager in Haiti. Part of her role includes overseeing the payroll for our Haitian staff. Her home is opened weekly for a women’s Bible study, and she leads devotions each day at our office in Haiti. Join us in praying for women in leadership at New Missions, as they represent hope and change.



Top: Shiller and Edson invite you to collect more spoons for Haiti. **Above left:** Hunger goes away when lunch is served at New Missions in Haiti. **Above middle:** Your gift of spoons makes it possible for children to enjoy lunch and not eat with their hands. **Above right:** What is your goal for collecting spoons for Haiti? Let us know by visiting SpoonsforHaiti.com.

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MOTHER'S DAY

Once a year a holiday arrives for us to focus on and celebrate moms. Not everyone has the honor to know their mom as closely as I have been able to know mine. Fact is...I've been spoiled. She still is serving strong in missions and has no end in sight for her passion to help others, and is an amazing cook! At the end of each day I thank God for my mom. However, there is someone who has been the secret prayer warrior behind my mom. I want you to meet my mom's mom: Anna DiPietro. I have learned many life lessons from my grandmother, too. I'll share them with you here.

This year, my grandmother will turn 93, and is as sharp as ever. She has perfect hearing, a great attitude, and energy like a bee. Learn with me the nine lessons from my mother's mother.

1. Pray for others. For as long as I can remember, my grandmother always had a prayer list. Not only with all of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren—but friends and people she may have only met once.

2. Give generously. A little secret many do not know is that my grandmother has always given more to others than to herself. It's true that you can measure the heart of a person by their calendar and checkbook register.

3. Be a faithful spouse. My grandparents have been married for 74 years! She loves and adores her husband, Charles. His tender, humble spirit always impressed me—and now I know it's because she loves him so much.

4. Study the Bible. Grandma would have magazines and the Bible on her coffee table for as long as I can remember. Each day, she and my grandfather read each other Scripture.



5. Have friends. If there was a women's group at church, my grandmother was there. She loves conversation and spending time with people.

6. Collect something. My grandmother collects dolls. Others learned of her joy of dolls and added to her collection—each with a precious story.

7. Have a hobby. My grandmother crochets and sews little decorative borders around the edges of towels. She can take the most ordinary towel and turn it into something extra special.

8. Whistle. This is something that I have personally adapted in my life. I whistle often because I grew up hearing my grandmother's sweet whistle. For some reason, when I whistle, it seems like the worries of the world fade away.

9. Eat healthy. No donuts for you! Grandma is one healthy person. She cooks without salt, and my favorite is her homemade lentil soup. A few years ago, my wife and I visited her and we had lentil soup making lessons.

Personally, I am thankful for my grandmother, as she has been a life-long example of a person who loves family and friends—with her faith as her foundation. Thank you, Grandma, for your love and example! I look forward to your 100th birthday celebration.

I encourage you to reach out to your mom and thank her for her influence in your life. We are shaped by the people who pour into our lives; may we express our gratitude often.

I recently interviewed my mother about the ministry she leads in the Dominican Republic. You can watch her video at www.newmissions.tv. Exodus 20:12 says, "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you." Who are you thankful for today? ~Tim DeTellis

Those we surround ourselves with shape us more than we know. I'm thankful for my family and close friends who continue to sharpen me. Don't be afraid to outgrow some bad influences in your life. Who around you is pouring into your life in a good way?

Serving together,

Timothy DeTellis
timothy@newmissions.org

P. S. "The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray." Proverbs 12:26 NIV



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



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BIBLES DELIVERED

Loaded with cases of brand new Haitian Creole Bibles, a flatbed truck arrived at the New Missions elementary school in Bire, Haiti. The children heard the noise caused by the unloading, and from their classrooms wondered what was happening.

The Bire school principal also serves as the pastor of the church. Pastor Jean Panel Louis called upon the teachers of each class to escort their students to receive their Bibles in front of the school office.

Looking at Verline, Winda, Fredeline, and Jamson sitting on chairs...hugging their Bibles, brought joy to my heart. Thankfully, their Christian teachers and classmates are with them on this journey to help them grow strong in their faith.

God's Word is significant in the life of a child, as the Bible becomes their daily guidebook. At New Missions, our teachers hold Bible classes. Inside the classroom God's Word is proclaimed as truth and hope.

Throughout the year we will continue to purchase Bibles in Haiti. We still have schools that need Bibles for each student. We know this gift has a significant impact on the life of a child, and your generosity makes this possible. Because of you, God's Word is being spread across Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Join us in praying for these young minds. *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."*
2 Timothy 3:16 ~Tim DeTellis



Verline, Winda, Fredeline, and Jamson will never be the same, as God's love changes their lives.



Middle: God's Word is like a well of living water for each of our students as they grow stronger in Him each day.

Above left: Our teachers and school principal, Pastor Jean Panel Louis, rejoice in the calling to be role models of Christian leadership.

Above right: One by one, each student at our Bire Elementary School in Haiti received their new Bible.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Lassale Church: The Lassale location was the second church established by New Missions in Haiti. Construction is underway for a new church building—featuring the open-air design we have been constructing since the earthquake. This new church structure includes two offices, and is being built by an “all Haitian” crew, bringing much needed employment to the local villages. The four churches we are building this year are located in Belloc, Nepley, Lassale, and Bire.

Lumber Delivery: Sourcing construction supplies is critical for the ongoing building of churches and schools. A new delivery of lumber recently arrived for use in building roofs. Following the earthquake we had to import pressure treated lumber to Haiti. Over the past two years, we have regularly sourced quality pressure treated lumber in Haiti. Our Haitian team of carpenters do an exceptional job of installing roofs and doors. They serve on the faculty at our Trade School—educating the next generation.

Lawyer in Haiti: Johnson Prospere graduated from New Missions and continued his education. He is now an attorney in Haiti. How much potential does a student at New Missions have? Only God knows! Currently, Johnson also teaches English at our High School, where he is able to mentor and teach the next generation. He attends the New Missions church in Bord-Mer, and his prayer is that more people in Haiti will find a personal relationship with Jesus. We thank God for the witness of Johnson in his community.

Dress A Girl: Can you imagine what a fun day it would be for girls in Haiti to receive a new dress? We have given over 1,000 dresses to girls in our schools. These handmade dresses came to us from the West Texas Chapter of *Dress a Girl Around the World*, led by Ingrid Simmons. She coordinates nearly forty other women from multiple states to make pillowcase dresses. These gifts found their way to our girls, who are standing proud and beautiful with their special dress made for them.





SURPRISE ME

Kids kept looking down amazed to see a brand new pair of sneakers on their feet. Watching one student after another surprised by their gift brought smiles to many. They were totally enamored!

This is our first year hosting the *Give Sneakers* campaign. We are inviting friends of New Missions to collect new pairs of sneakers for our students. Our school children walk to school each day, and a new pair of sneakers would make the journey easier.

Watching our teachers give their students new sneakers at our Belloc Elementary School, in Haiti, brought much joy to all. Just before I was leaving the school, I walked in the last classroom and caught a tall, handsome, young student skipping across the classroom toward the door. He was sporting a new pair of Adidas sneakers, and his excitement could not be contained. I had to move out of his way before he plunged through the door to show off his new sneakers. I just giggled and knew his gift of new sneakers was a blessing to him.

Together, we can surprise more children and students at New Missions with a new pair of sneakers. There's still time to collect yours. Find out more at GiveSneakers.com.

~Tim DeTellis



Top: With the purpose of utilizing local leadership, the sneakers are individually sized and given to the students by their school teacher. **Above left:** Enamored by their new sneakers, each student stares at the surprise on their feet. **Above middle:** Our goal is to place a new pair of sneakers on the feet of each student at New Missions. We still need your involvement. **Above right:** Pastor Yaguel, a graduate of New Missions, stands proudly with future leaders of Haiti from our Belloc Elementary School.

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BIBLE COLLEGES

What is the future going to look like? It will look like the seeds we are planting today. At New Missions, we are growing Christian leaders. At the center of this effort are our Bible Colleges in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Pastors, educators, and church leadership are building deeper spiritual foundations. Pastor George DeTellis, Sr. established these Bible Colleges and equipped them with faculty to continue the job of developing others. Join us in celebrating God at work in the lives of our Bible College students. Joseph Elifete Eliane was one of the first graduates of our Bible College with Pastor George. Now, he is the pastor of our TiBoucan church, in Haiti.





A STORY FOR FATHER'S DAY

In the summer of 1966 I was a five year old boy, and my father was traveling as an evangelist—preaching at churches throughout New England. One Sunday, in a church in Connecticut, I was sitting alone in the front row while my father was preaching the morning sermon. It was the end of his message and my father was giving an altar call. He began to ask the audience if they would raise their hand and make a decision to be a Christian. I knew I was already a Christian. Then, my father began to ask the audience if they were a backslider, had not been living right, and needed to rededicate their life to Jesus Christ. At five years old, I knew that I was a backslider and had not been living right. As my father continued to give the altar call he began to encourage people to raise their hand. He kept asking for people to raise their hand to make a decision for Christ, or for backsliders to raise their hand to rededicate their life to Jesus Christ. I raised my hand, but my father did not give me any recognition. When the other people raised their hand he would acknowledge them by saying, “Yes, brother...I see your hand, or yes, sister...I see your hand.” So I stood up on the church pew and began to wave my hand at my father. With a big smile my father said to me, “Yes, Georgie, I see your hand.” Finally, my father acknowledged my decision, and I sat back down on the church pew.

Then my father asked all those who raised their hand if they would come to the front of the church for him to pray with them. I came and stood in line with the others. When it was my turn, my father prayed the prayer of salvation with me. In my little

five year old mind, I was already a Christian, but I was a backslider who was not being a good Christian. While my father was praying with me I promised Jesus that I would never miss another church service. I don't know why that thought came to my mind... but, I did make that promise.

For the Sunday evening service we arrived at the church early, and I began to spend some time with the other children in the church nursery playing with toys. I kept telling myself that I would go to church in a few minutes. But, I missed the whole service—until I heard the lady playing the organ for the altar call. Then a wave of guilt swept over me, and I went running into the sanctuary. I remember saying to myself, “You're just like Peter the fisherman—you couldn't even be a Christian for one day!”

One of the authentic signs of a true relationship with Christ is that there is a struggle. The fact that we have feelings of remorse or disappointment is evidence of a relationship. Our relationship with Christ is neither careless nor carefree. We should be striving to be the best we can be—ever growing in our faith. We can be confident in the Scripture, Philippians 1:6, that tells us, “...*that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*” Peter didn't quit; he continued to follow Christ. And in the words of the Apostle Paul, “...*But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me to in Christ Jesus!*” Philippians 3:13

~George DeTellis, Jr.

**“I COULDN'T EVEN
BE A CHRISTIAN
FOR ONE DAY!”**

Five years ago, on June 26, 2008, my father went home to be with the Lord. Dad, thank you for being a great witness and testimony in my life. I heard you preach a lot of sermons...and I was listening! Happy Father's Day!



George DeTellis, Jr.

P.S. You and your church can host a Give Sneakers Sunday and collect new pairs of sneakers for the children of New Missions.





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2013 SHOEBOX DRIVE

Tag...you're it! You will be the one who makes this year's shoebox drive the best one yet. Please save the dates—October 1 through December 31—for our 2013 Christmas Shoebox Drive.

Our first goal is to provide each of New Missions' students with a shoebox filled with school supplies, toiletries and other fun gifts. Then, any remaining shoebox gifts are distributed to our churches in Haiti. This extraordinary outreach gives our pastors one more tool to demonstrate the love and care of Christ through His believers. We are reaching new areas of Haiti with the Gospel message by blessing more families with these generous donations.

Join our team this year in making history with our shoebox drive. We are looking for individuals to host packing parties in their community, church, school or office. Let us know your collection goal by submitting it online at shoeboxdrive.com.

Another way you can help us this year is to coordinate a drop-off location in your area. We are looking for churches, schools and businesses to be collection spots for the shoeboxes. Simply email volunteer@newmissions.org and we will follow-up with you. Let's share more Christmas this year.

~Tim DeTellis



Top: Claudiane Lazard from our Bire Elementary School is filled with joy carrying her shoebox. **Middle:** You can host a drop-off location in your area to help collect more shoebox gifts for children and families. **Above left:** Each student at New Missions is thankful for the shoeboxes full of fun and essential items for both home and school. **Above right:** Pastor Fednel Oscar, from New Missions in Concrab, shares shoebox gifts with families in the community and prays over them.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Our First Church: On Sunday, January 9, 1983, New Missions planted their first church in Haiti. Our first worship service was in Bord-Mer, serving the village of Neply and the coastal community of Bord-Mer. Thirty years later, on May 19, 2013, that same church had another first—worshipping in their new facility. Their current pastor, 27-year-old Pastor Yaguel, is a graduate of New Missions. We believe the greatest force of good, globally, is the local church...and the next generation is already leading at New Missions in Haiti.



Water Baptisms: When it comes to measuring the impact of what we do at New Missions, we can count the millions of meals we prepare annually. However, this is temporary. What lasts forever is the spiritual food poured out by our pastors and churches. Our churches host baptism services, and recently Jameson Vulcin from our Vieux-Court church came to a personal relationship with Jesus, and followed in believer's baptism. It's never too late, and we thank God that over the years, deposits of God's love have been made to change lives.



Trade School: The first year of classes at our Trade School began with classes in areas such as carpentry, masonry, crafts, and small engine repair. The interest of the students during these learning sessions revealed their passion to grow in their skill. The best solution for poverty is employment. From the early years of preschool children, God begins to change the lives of our students. They grow strong and become smarter as they rise up through elementary school and then high school. Now, our Trade School continues changing lives.



Tae Kwon Do: Leadership and discipline is being taught twice a week through Tae Kwon Do classes hosted at our High School campus. These martial arts classes are taught by UN troops. Weekly, 45 students participate in exercises, and their potential is pushed to a higher level. The contagious part of this process is watching the students teaching other students what they are learning. The learning process is a cycle that changes lives and communities. Once one person is educated, the learned skill can be passed along to others.





THE FACE OF A LITTLE ONE

Have you seen a photo recently of someone's little one or a grandchild? Those innocent eyes are windows into their heart and soul. We all love the honest lightheartedness of little ones. They are beautiful reflections of their Heavenly Father.

Not only do we love them, but we know Who loves them most. Jesus was straightforward to us in orders to receive these little ones with loving blessings.

For little ones in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, their opportunities for development are constrained because of pockets of deep poverty. In the Dominican Republic, the public school system does not provide preschool education. Education for a 6-year-old is an expense to the family (for transportation and supplies), and for a younger child, it is a sheer luxury.

We opened our fourth center for preschool education in the Dominican Republic this spring. Happy little ones attend the campus of Iglesia Nueva Vida—where our Community Health Center shelters their activities. On opening day, missionary Kathy Losasso helped the boys and girls put on their brand new uniforms. Kathy cried with joy to feel the love and excitement. Jesus loves the little children, and so do we!

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



Above left: Happy students just received their first gift from New Missions—new school uniforms. **Above middle:** Coming to school is a happy new experience for these children in the Dominican Republic. **Above right:** The beautiful facilities at our preschool on the campus of Iglesia Nueva Vida are a blessing to the community.

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I AM HOPE

"For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord." (Proverbs 8:35) We pray God will change the life of each student at New Missions, so they can become a beacon of hope to their communities. The best way to end poverty is through employment. We are helping children start off on the right foot and grow strong—so they can be the difference. The measurement of real change is when someone can give back to their community. Graduates of New Missions are leading a new Haiti today. From pastors, to nurses, educators and enterprise leaders...we thank God for their influence.





DON'T WORRY...BE HAPPY!

If you've ever been to Jamaica or listen to music, you've most likely heard "Don't worry. Be happy." Good advice, right?

God tells us not to worry. Deuteronomy 31:8 says, *"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."*

Our flesh wars against our spiritual life, and when we are faced with a test of the flesh—a feeling, a symptom, a medical report, financial crisis, a broken relationship, a "Goliath"—how well do we score?

I fail the test, over and over, to trust God. I cry out to God to help my wavering level of faith. I remind myself of His greatness and fight with my flesh not to worry. I feel defeated, in the dark, and as if I'm sinking. But my feelings don't change who God is and what He said.

We need a fresh vision of David and Goliath. David was not worrying about Goliath killing him. David believed and trusted God. David faced Goliath expecting to win—because of God's greatness alive in him.

I have often failed, whimpered and cried like the disciples in the boat during a raging storm. *"Jesus... am I going to die?"*

Last month, I had a medical test repeated, and then underwent an ultrasound. Waiting for the news was painful. During those hours of waiting, I repeated a Bible verse. I would not read or distract myself with anything but believing. My mind raced with thoughts of news no one would want to hear. After 14 days, I finally called the Mayo Clinic at 8:15 a.m. to schedule the biopsies. At 2:53 p.m. I was called and told the biopsies would not be necessary.

**ONLY BELIEVE.
JESUS IS
ALL YOU NEED.**

Yes, there were days when I was fully trusting and excited that I had five upcoming speaking engagements and I would keep each one. But, there were other days when I woke up and was prepared for the worst. How can we keep our faith level and strong and not worry?

For me, I want to confess my sin because He is faithful to forgive me. I have failed over and over by worrying. When I worry, I am trying to gain control. It is during these times that I must realize Who is in control, and submit to His loving mercy and potential provision.

We also know that worry is sin. It can even destroy our health. Worry steals the precious moments of the present—which are a gift from God.

The greatest example I found in the Word during my times of worry was to consider God's servant Job. Nowhere in the Word of God is there a man who has suffered and lost more than Job. What pleasure to read the end of the story of Job. In Job 42:16 we read, *"After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation."*

Psalms 91 tells us, *"If you say, 'The Lord is my refuge,' and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent."* He commands His angels to guard us wherever we go, and promises to rescue us because we love Him.

Study what He says and trust Him fully. God will give you the power you need to overcome your fears. You were created to give Him pleasure; so dance and celebrate! Don't worry. Be happy!

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

Are you or someone you know worrying? How about beginning with our human behavior, disciplining our spiritual posture, and hoping to please God with our faith. Try to reach that place of trust—standing on the Word. Isaiah 41:10 also speaks to us about worry. *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."* Don't worry. Trust Him!

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

P. S. Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

~ Corrie ten Boom



Dennis and Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



NEW MISSIONS

Change the life of a child

CELEBRATING 5TH BIRTHDAYS

With half of the children in Haiti unable to attend school, the children of New Missions are considered extremely blessed. Challenges face each child starting at birth, and survival is a way of life. For our children, they are passing the survival test and are stepping forward to thrive.

On a recent trip to Haiti, I found myself in the middle of a classroom where students were celebrating their 5th birthdays. This is a milestone of victory for children living in Haiti. My brother Charlie told me, "When a child reaches five, they have proven they can survive." For us, we want to make this possible—year after year—one child at a time.

From noisemakers to birthday hats and balloons, the school teachers and students were celebrating. I know Haitians love cake, and this 5th birthday celebration dished out chocolate cake that was tasty for sure. The day was very special—one they'll remember for the rest of their lives.

During a time of singing, the kids were tooting their noisemakers along with the melody of the song. The energy was a representation of their new found joy in learning about Jesus. Thank you for believing in the potential of God's precious children. I stand with you cheering them on!

~Tim DeTellis



It's time to celebrate 5th birthdays and we are thankful for each child growing healthy and strong.



Middle: The school nurse, Erlande, passed out birthday hats to the students attending the special party. **Above left:** Stephanie Letan represents a new generation of hope for Haiti as she surpasses the age of five with flying colors. **Above right:** Pray for the children of New Missions, that they will grow up with Christian values and lead their country to a better tomorrow.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Mountain Church Roof: Only God knew we would find ourselves on the top of a mountain, 30 years after establishing New Missions in Haiti. The word Haiti means mountainous or high country. Right now, the Belloc church roof is being finished, and this will make our second church and school location in the mountains. Due to the high terrain, we built a water cistern behind the church. Both of our mountain locations have cisterns to capture rainwater for use in preparing school lunches. God's Word is being proclaimed high and far across Haiti.

Two Warehouses: The exterior concrete is finished and the doors are on both warehouses at our Bord-Mer location. Next comes the roofing. One warehouse is exclusively for the receiving and shipping of food. Monthly, we send inventory to each school location for their needs. The additional warehouse is for construction supplies such as lumber, roofing metal, tools and machinery. We are building year-round, and there is no slowdown in sight. We have built 10 church buildings since the earthquake.

Bire Church Construction: Students from our Bire Elementary School gathered nearby to watch the bulldozer prepare the construction site. The design of our new church buildings enables the community to utilize the facility during the week for meetings and other activities. Students are able to come and study in the open-air structure. The pastor and music team have an office to secure their possessions and supplies. When a church is under construction, 70 jobs are created and our construction is 100% Haitian led. We continue on—building a new Haiti.

New Classrooms: This new classroom is what we designed for our Trade School campus. We are now implementing the same design on our High School campus. This new building will be home to the Bible College and the Timothy Barnabas Pastor Training program. Our goal is to build six buildings just like this one. The open space provides a comfortable environment for learning, and gives ample lighting and breeze during the day. The roofing materials consist of pressure treated lumber and a white metal roof to deflect additional heat from the sun.





UPCOMING LEADERS

Raising a generation of Christian leaders starts early. At New Missions, it begins in preschool. Join us in celebrating our little ones graduating from preschool into kindergarten.

Imagine the joy for a father to see his daughter growing up with a new path of hope in front of her. Pastor Guillame Jean, from our Leogane Elementary School and church, provides a special ceremony each year for his graduating students. Parents arrive dressed in their Sunday best, and stand proud with their little ones.

In the Dominican Republic, the festivities make lifelong memories for the children and their families. From singing to dancing, and dressing up extra nice, our children are celebrated because they are a representation of hope for their country.

When I see the children of New Missions, I see children with hope who are surrounded by the love of God in their lives. 1 Thessalonians 5:5 reads, *"You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness."* For our students, graduating is not just stepping forward in their education, rather it's a sign of stepping out of despair and darkness into the light. Christ has come into their lives and changed them forever.

~Tim DeTellis



Top: Gathered at our Leogane Elementary School, students sang and celebrated during their graduation from preschool into kindergarten. **Above left:** Yes, child sponsorship does change the life of a child, and it also changes the life of parents, too. **Above middle:** Celebrate with the future Christian leaders of the Dominican Republic as they grow healthy and strong. **Above right:** They are precious and have potential because Jesus loves the little children... each and every one of them.

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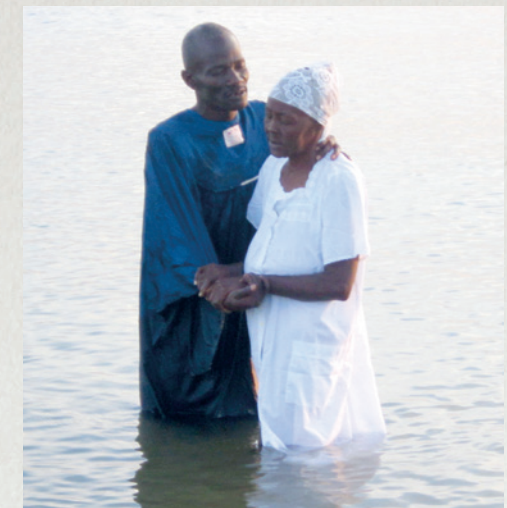


22 T-SHIRT

Don't start back to school without your "Too Close to Ignore" 22 t-shirt.

WATER BAPTISM

What could be more joyous than witnessing a new believer as they follow in water baptism? From teenagers to the elderly, people are responding to the Gospel message through our churches. We came to Haiti in 1983 for the purpose of preaching the Gospel and establishing churches. Today, our churches are growing and are full of devoted followers of Christ. *"We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."* Romans 6:4





A FEW LAST WORDS

My father shared a few words with my mother just before his death. I was not with my father when he passed away, as I was in Haiti. This was a real heartache for me to not be with him. My mother tells me that he told her to “preach as much as possible!” These words give me joy. My father was a fiery preacher. We should give greater credence to the last words of a person we love. I often reflect upon how I can do more for God. I know He loves the whole world and desires for none to perish.

Jesus, Himself, had a few last words before His death. Just before His crucifixion in Jerusalem, several Greeks asked the disciples if they could see Jesus. He knew His task was at hand, and that the will of God was for Him to come into this world and die. Jesus not only died, He *suffered* and died. I am sure He realized the seriousness of the moment, and knew the reason this hour had come.

Rather than meeting with the Greeks, Jesus replied, “*The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves Me must follow Me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.*” John 12:23-26

The disciples were most likely puzzled with Jesus’ statement about a grain of wheat falling into the ground and dying. They probably thought, here

He goes again...talking in parables. I’m certain they would have wanted a clearer message. However, these basic teachings of the Bible are not hard to understand when Christ enters our hearts. If we die to our selfish desires, we will naturally have a greater power of good in our lives.

Many people are looking for self-fulfillment, acceptance and love. You do not need to look any further. The death of Christ was a demonstration of His love for us. Jesus’ own words in John 15:13 tell us, “*Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.*” I know it’s hard to comprehend that Jesus could love each of us so much that He would die for us.

Years ago I spoke at a church in Massachusetts and was blessed when the pastor’s wife sang these words: “It’s all about You, Jesus; and all this is for You.” The truth is, it’s not about us.

At New Missions, we want our ministry to be exactly what my father’s last words were:

preach as much as possible. We’re continuing to spread the message of Christ’s love for us throughout Haiti. Our plans include planting three churches and schools in an area of Haiti where New Missions has never had a presence. We’re relying on His leading, and your prayers and support, to spread the Good News to a country in need of His saving grace. “*He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.’” Mark 16:15*

~Charlie DeTellis

**WE’RE CONTINUING TO
SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF
CHRIST’S LOVE FOR US
THROUGHOUT HAITI.**

The great commission has not changed. I believe our Master is always looking for a few good workers. In Luke 9:23 we read, “*Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me.*” It will be worth it to give your life away.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

Charlie DeTellis

P. S. Jesus has come to give us an abundant life. Die to yourself; it is the secret of new life in Christ.





NEW MISSIONS

Building a new Haiti



FIRST CHURCH REBUILT

Sitting under coconut trees, the first church at New Missions began on Sunday, January 9, 1983. We arrived on a Thursday, and began church the very first Sunday. Outside, with the ocean in front of us and the sugarcane fields behind us, a banner was strung between two coconut trees with the words: Haiti, Esperance en Dieu (Haiti: Hope in God). This message declared why we came.

Eventually, we built a church building, and this first location served the coastal community of Bord-Mer and the village of Nepty. Our first school opened and these students of New Missions are now graduates—serving today to expand the vision.

Tuesday, January 12, 2010, made history when the devastating earthquake shortened the lives of many, and leveled buildings and homes. Our first church, among many others, was destroyed. Temporarily, the congregation met inside the dining hall at our Bord-Mer Elementary School.

Today, our first church is located on a new piece of land in Nepty—with a new building, and is pastored by Yaguel Nerat, a graduate of New Missions. The Gospel has changed everything for the people of Nepty and Bord-Mer. This one church began the mission, and now with 27 churches in Haiti we believe we have only just begun. ~Tim DeTellis



The very first church established by New Missions in Haiti now has a new building located in the village of Nepty.



Middle: Our church and school construction is accomplished by an all Haitian crew, and provides 70 jobs—supporting the local economy.
Above left: The land purchased for the Nepty church will also be home to our Bord-Mer Elementary School and a community soccer field.
Above right: Partner with us to build more churches in Haiti, and together, with the power of the Gospel, change lives forever.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Pray With Us: Since 1983, our motto has been “Haiti: Hope in God.” Today, we still believe the greatest change comes from a personal relationship with Jesus. Please join us in prayer for the building and planting of more churches across Haiti. We currently have 27 churches in Haiti, and believe these are the foundations for planting more churches in areas still needing the Gospel message. We invite you to join us in prayer for the provision of funding for these churches. May God’s Word be proclaimed for generations to come.

Leaders of Leaders: The right leaders make ministry possible. Proverbs 29:18 shares, “*Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*” Today in Haiti, our staff of Haitians are leading a new Haiti. From pastors to nurses, carpenters, and teachers, graduates of New Missions now fill roles of leadership. The encouraging part of raising up a generation of Christian leaders is when their personal testimony of faith becomes a role model to the next generation. We celebrate our leaders.

New Students: New children are attending school for the first time. We welcome them into classrooms filled with hope at New Missions. You can be a part by joining the I Am Hope Club, and help us send over 700 new students to school this year. Your support will make it possible for children starting school to have the opportunity to enjoy a Christian education, receive their school uniform, lunch at school, and free medical care. Visit IAmHopeClub.com to join, or respond on your giving envelope. You can become part of placing a child on a new path of hope.

Church Benches: What happens when more and more people come to worship together? We need to make space for them. This is a great problem to have! Right now, we need to build more benches for our churches in Haiti. On average, over 5,000 people attend church weekly at New Missions through our 27 locations in Haiti. Our carpenters in Haiti have a design for church benches that fits perfectly in the churches, and we are ready to build more.





MENTORING CHANGES HISTORY

Gloria's dad is not only a teacher at the very New Missions school that she attended—he's now mentoring her as she enters high school. Mentoring changes history when ideas and information leap from one life to another.

The tide is changing at our schools. Older students now have years of education behind them, and they're mentoring younger siblings and classmates. This is history in the making.

At the center of the change taking place in the lives of our students, are their teachers. Their heart to serve children makes life change possible. I have witnessed how teachers step up to make a difference by sharing God's hope and love with each student.

What is the greatest form of mentoring Gloria's dad can do for her? It is his love for God and the example he sets in their home. As a parent, the greatest gifts you can give your children are to love God and love your spouse.

Do you sponsor a child? You have the unique opportunity to watch the life of a child grow up strong and be forever changed. The fact is, your life will be changed in a good way, too, as you witness this miracle of mentoring.

~Tim DeTellis

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GUITARS FOR HAITI
Join us in collecting acoustic, electric and bass guitars for our churches.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Bring your group to New Missions in Orlando and serve alongside us during our Christmas Shoebox Drive. Volunteers can participate in inspecting and packing cases of shoeboxes for shipment to Haiti. From youth to senior adults, the experience is one you will never forget. This year, we anticipate a record number of shoebox gifts and your involvement to serve is welcomed. Simply email volunteer@newmissions.org. *"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."*
~ Colossians 3:23-24



Top: Joseph, a teacher at our Bord-Mer Elementary School, spends time helping his daughter Gloria with her studies, as a student of New Missions. **Above left:** From inside the classroom hope begins to change a life, from the mind to the heart. **Above middle:** Friendship becomes the glue at our schools and the joy of knowing Jesus together is celebrated. **Above right:** Professor Johnson, a graduate of New Missions, teaches English at our High School and also works as an attorney in Leogane.



GOSPEL BOTTLES

Have you ever enjoyed a Coke? When I grew up in Haiti, Coca-Cola chilled on ice and in glass bottles was the tradition. I would collect the bottles, as the bottler's location was on the bottom of each one.

The first year I lived in Haiti, the closest Coke stand was a one-mile walk to the village of Bire. I remember walking down the dirt road carrying a backpack filled with empty bottles to go make my purchase. The sound of glass clinking together attracted new friends, who followed me on my journey. I had to bring an empty bottle in exchange for a full one, as the bottle was worth more than the drink.

Recently, I listened to a podcast on the Harvard Business Review featuring the CEO of Coca-Cola. Muhtar Kent shared his vision to double their business by 2020. He stated some impressive facts about the United States which included: the U.S. remains the world's top destination for immigrants; over the next 40 years the United States is likely to add 100 million people. We can be inspired by this. The harvest field is being brought to us. As Christians, we should ask ourselves... what about the Gospel. Could we double the exposure of our message of hope around the world?

When I think about the Gospel of Jesus, I think of how God wants you and me to be the bottle for the Gospel. We take Jesus wherever we go. Because of the bottle, Coke became a global product. Because of Christians, the message of Jesus has moved from one end of the earth to the other. Now, with the internet, the potential is even greater.

“For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”
~II Corinthians 4:5-7

What about you? Who is too close for you to ignore? When my parents first visited Haiti in the late 70s they realized Haiti was too close to ignore—being less than 700 miles off the coast of the U.S. Your mission field is only one conversation away.

There is a raw juice bar near my home, owned by a man, Rick. Earlier this year I handed him a devotional book while picking up my favorite juice. He looked at me and said, *“This is just what I needed.”* As conversations took place during future visits, he asked me if I had any more devotional books, because he wanted to give them to his sons. This mission field is too close for me to ignore.

You have something to give that's life changing, and it starts with you. That's right...someone needs your friendship, your conversation, your moment of listening. It's not complicated. You don't even need a passport—just a heart to care is all it takes. Then, others will see Jesus in you. This is what people are looking for. I'm asking God, *“Who is too close to ignore?”*

~Tim DeTellis

**THIS MISSION FIELD
IS TOO CLOSE FOR
ME TO IGNORE.**



Share a little Christmas with Haiti



Is there someone in your life who needs prayer? How may I pray for you? Together, we can believe in Jesus' name for answers to your prayers. I look forward to hearing from you. *“We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you.”* ~Colossians 1:3

Serving together,

Tim DeTellis
timothy@newmissions.org

P.S. Join us in sharing more love this year with our Christmas Shoebox Drive. Visit shoeboxdrive.com to become involved.



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



NEW MISSIONS

Change the life of a child

BEST GIFT EVER

Inside the classroom I spotted a student wearing all black. The reason for the unique attire was to memorialize the death of a family member. Quickly, I made my way over to her desk. I knelt down and began to help her open her shoebox gift.

Laughing and smiling, we began a conversation about how she liked to jump rope and play jacks. Then she pulled some hair bands from her box, and sniffed the bar of soap. She had a smile that would light up a room. Her name is Daphna Merove.

I asked Daphna who in her family passed away. "My father," she said. He died a few months ago. My heart broke for her. I asked, "Who do you live with?" She said her mother.

Just before I was about to leave, I asked her the big question. "Do you know Jesus?" What happened next reminded me why we do what we do. She replied, "No, my mother won't let me. She practices Voodoo and does not want me to know Jesus."

Immediately, I called for the school director who is also the pastor of the church. Together, we prayed with Daphna. The best gift ever is for a child to know Jesus. Join us in prayer for more children to learn about Jesus during our Christmas Shoebox Drive.

~Tim DeTellis



Daphna is a picture of hope and change for Haiti, as she steps away from the family tradition of practicing Voodoo and grows in Christ. She is sponsored by David and Amber Simas of West Warwick, RI.



Middle: As a graduate of New Missions, Pastor Jean Rigal serves at our Lassale church and school, and his prayers with Daphna Merove reflect his faithful love and concern for the people of his village. **Above left:** From a toy car to school supplies, each gift is a blessing in the life of a child. **Above right:** You can host a packing party in your area and collect more shoeboxes for the children of New Missions.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Health Center Inspection: In the town of Sosua, Dominican Republic, sits a health center providing free medical care to the community. We open the doors so visitors can find not only medical care, but also the opportunity to discover the love of Jesus. Recently, the government visited the Health Center and provided a certificate of inspection. During the tour they applauded our 100% Dominican medical and administrative staff for their dedication of service to the people of the North Coast.



New Kitchens: In Haiti, our High School, Callitor Elementary School and Bord-Mer Elementary School are currently under reconstruction—moving away from wood burning stoves and converting the kitchens to 100% propane gas. These kitchens will be an advancement in conserving the environment. Haiti struggles from deforestation, and we are in the process of upgrading each of our kitchens to propane gas cooking. On an annual basis, all of our school kitchens combined prepare 2 million meals for our students.



Back To School: When you think of a child, you can imagine their creativity, potential and boundless energy. The children of New Missions experience something special when school begins. From their classmates and friends, to their teachers and pastor serving on campus, their classroom is an oasis of care. Right now, there are students starting school for the very first time. We are honored that God has led them to New Missions, and we hope and pray Jesus becomes the center of their lives. If you do not sponsor a child, please join us in changing lives forever.



School Uniforms: Uniforms are required in all of our schools. We learned years ago that students cherish their uniforms. It's more than a color code to identify the school they attend—the uniform becomes a symbol of unity. A key benefit from our school uniforms is the employment provided to seamstresses in communities surrounding the schools of New Missions. The fun is seeing how creative kids become with the extra fabric—making items such as bows for girls' hair, or ruffles on their skirts. We celebrate the potential of each student at New Missions.



VISION NIGHT

My prayer has been, God please keep the vision close enough that I can see it, and far enough that I must believe You for it. Because of you—your prayers and financial support—New Missions is serving strong.

During Vision Night (a recent meeting with staff and guests from Central Florida), I shared what has happened since the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. The highlights were of lives changed by the power of the Gospel. Our churches are hosting baptism festivals; we have planted five new churches since the earthquake, and built 10 new church buildings. Schools that collapsed during the devastating earthquake are now rebuilt, and the children of New Missions have a greater hope.

During the presentation, I shared highlights from 2013—including the opening of our professional Trade School in Haiti, and the planting of our 30th New Missions church in the mountain region of Belloc, Haiti.

Looking ahead to 2014, I announced our plans to open a School of Journalism in Haiti—in partnership with Biola University. We are also building new kitchens at our schools in Haiti, converting them to 100% propane gas.

To hear more go to <http://vision.newmissions.org> and celebrate with us. To God be the glory and honor. Forever. Amen. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: Our vision for 2014 is to enroll a record number of first-year students at New Missions in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Above left: We cook 10,000 meals each day for school children growing strong in body, mind and spirit. Our vision is to build new propane gas kitchens at all of our schools in Haiti. **Above middle:** Land is being identified for new church buildings to be constructed in 2014.

Above right: Raising a generation of Christian leaders will continue with the opening of a School of Journalism in Haiti, Fall 2014.

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YEAR END GIFT

Join us in building new churches in Haiti, and help us spread the Gospel. What a blessing to know our construction is 100% Haitian led.

PACK A SHOEBOX

Here are some packing ideas:

- 1. Prayer:** The most important ingredient while packing your shoebox is prayer. The child who will receive your shoebox lives in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Your shoebox will be a great blessing, and open their hearts to the love of Jesus.
- 2. School supplies:** pens, pencils & sharpener, markers, spiral notebooks, solar calculator, rulers, erasers, etc.
- 3. Hygiene items:** toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap, washcloth, hand towel, hair brush, comb, nail file and clippers, deodorant, etc.
- 4. Clothing:** socks, underwear, light-weight clothing (t-shirts, sundresses, shorts with elastic waist), flip-flops, sandals, ball caps, sun visors, sunglasses, etc.
- 5. Other items:** Christmas card for the child who will receive your shoebox, photo of your family, wristwatch, hair accessories, harmonica, costume jewelry, flashlight (with extra batteries or solar powered/wind-up), compact umbrella, etc.
- 6. Small toys:** coloring books, crayons, dolls, small cars, dominoes, playing cards, jump ropes, balls (deflated with a small pump & needle for a soccer ball or basketball), yo-yo's, stuffed animals, stickers, marbles, checkers, Etch A Sketch, etc.
- 7. Please include a \$7 donation to help cover the cost of shipping.** Simply enclose a check payable to New Missions. *Please do not send cash.*

Deliver or send to: New Missions
2500 Sand Lake Road Orlando, FL 32809

Collection runs Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.



THE "JESUS LOVES YOU" CHURCH

In 1972, my father went to California for two weeks to be with Arthur Blessitt, who was working in the Jesus People Movement. I remember every Sunday morning before we went to church my father would slick back his hair with white Brylcreem, and then would dab a little on each of his sons' hair, and rub it in. But, when Dad came home from California...everything changed. He let his hair grow long, stopped using Brylcreem, and everybody in the family began wearing jeans to church.

The summer of 1972, my father started Charisma Coffeehouse in the basement of our church in Worcester, MA. I went with him to the fish market in Boston, and we bought a real fisherman's net and hung it from the ceiling. We painted the walls behind the stage bright psychedelic orange and purple. We then went to a barrel company and bought some oak barrels. The electric company gave us some round wooden spool ends that we used to make the tabletops. Every Friday night was a wild crowd of hippies and Jesus people. Soon we bought a three-family and then a two-family house next to the church. The two-family house we called the House of Hope. The three-family we called the Household of Faith. We had started a Christian community in the heart of the inner-city in a very poor neighborhood called Belmont Hill.

Our church was right next to Memorial Hospital, the largest hospital in the city. On the broad side of the church facing the hospital we put up big black letters mounted to the white vinyl siding and the words said "Jesus Loves You." Everyone in the hospital rooms would see that message when they looked out their windows. When you drove up

Belmont Street, Route 9 entering the city, you would see that message on the side of the church. We became known as the "Jesus Loves You" church on Belmont Street.

One day a young girl named Gretchen, who was living up the hill from the church, was walking home and looked up and saw that message, "Jesus Loves You." In an act of desperation she knocked on the church doors looking for help. She met my mother and began to pour out her story. She was pregnant. She was living in an apartment with her boyfriend. Her social worker and her boyfriend wanted her to get an abortion. My mother began to share the Gospel with Gretchen—telling her that Jesus loved her and that God loved that little baby inside of her.

Nine months later Gretchen had a big beautiful boy, and she named him Jonathan. A year later, my father married this young couple in our church. A few years later Gretchen was married, had a home of her own

and three beautiful children.

Hanging on my kitchen wall is an old unsigned colored charcoal painting of a vase and flowers. It looks like something you would find at a yard sale for a few dollars. After Gretchen was married and gave birth to Jonathan she attended an evening art class at Night Life—a program of the Worcester Public Schools. She gave my mother this painting as a thank you gift. On the outside it looks like a yard sale painting. But, to me, the old painting is priceless.

Gretchen's story is a reminder to me of the transforming power of the simple truth, "Jesus Loves You."

~George DeTellis, Jr.

**TO BE A CHRISTIAN
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MISSION FOR GOD.**

There are so many simple ways to reach out and touch people with the love of Jesus. Here at New Missions we are gearing up for our Christmas Shoebox Drive. Our desire is to give as many children as possible a Christmas gift of a shoebox filled with toys and necessities of life.



George DeTellis, Jr.

P.S. For me, to be a Christian is to be on a mission for God. In the words of Jesus, "Whatever you have done unto the least of these, you have done it unto Me." ~Matthew 25:40



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NOVEMBER 1, 2013 NEWSLETTER



NEW MISSIONS

Change the life of a child

LOVE AWAY POVERTY

We can be poor spiritually, relationally, or physically. When I become mad at poverty, it is because I see poverty hitting the life of a child.

Children are innocent. They do not have the power to change their lives for the better, nor did they cause the problems that created their unfortunate circumstances.

You and I must be advocates for children. It's okay to be mad at poverty on their behalf, and for our lives, too. There are ways to end poverty spiritually, relationally, and physically. The first way comes through knowing and trusting God. Second, unite with other believers and increase our faith. Third, be intentional to grow in wisdom and strengthen your skills.

Kenoldson came to our Bire Elementary School for food during the summer. He was only two and a half years old. Thanks to our *I Am Hope Club*, we reach out to children sooner rather than later. Today, he is now enrolled in our preschool, and began his first year of school. He'll begin to know God, be surrounded by Christians who care for him, and will begin to learn new skills. Stand in the gap for children. Join the *I Am Hope Club*, and let's love away poverty from the life of a child.

~Tim DeTellis



During the summer, children enjoyed a hot meal thanks to our "I Am Hope Club." Children like Kenoldson were able to attend school and begin their journey with New Missions.



Middle: Kenoldson, at the age of 3 (his birthday is November 1, 2010), started preschool at New Missions in Bire, where he's receiving free education, food, and medical care. **Above left:** Friendship makes life better and our students at New Missions discover new friends for life at their schools. **Above right:** You can partner with us to change the life of a child by joining the "I Am Hope Club" and help provide food, medical care, education, and spiritual development for these children.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Preschool Students: These students will grow up with new friendships for life. In time, they will come to realize they're united for a mission to fulfill their God-given potential. We believe in the power of one to change a community and impact a country. Our enrollment for new students now starts with preschool children. The younger they are, the faster we can help them jump on the path to healthier living. We rejoice in the foundation each child builds spiritually, as our Christian teachers pour into their lives.



New Food Warehouse: Twenty-two tons of rice, five tons of black beans, and 400 gallons of cooking oil arrived early October to our food warehouse facility in Haiti. This will provide enough food for our students for one month. For many of our children, the hot meal provided by New Missions is the only meal they may have each day. Every school location has a kitchen and cooking staff to prepare the meals. It is essential to provide proper nourishment and strength for our students—enabling them to grow and learn in the classroom.



Belloc Church: Our second church location in the mountains hosted their first service in their new facility on Sunday, September 29, 2013. This makes the 30th church at New Missions—the 27th in Haiti. The church is open for everyone to come, hear, and find a new life in Christ. Strategically located in the mountain region of Belloc, this church will serve a remote area where we have school children walking one and a half hours to attend class. Since 1983, our motto has been, “Haiti: Hope in God.” Today, we continue to stand firm on the Gospel of Jesus to change lives forever.



Shoebox Gifts: From school supplies to toys and essential hygiene items, each shoebox gift is a blessing to the children of New Missions. Love and generosity go hand in hand. We have a strong desire to bless our students and their families. Together, we are partnering with each parent to grow healthy, strong, Christian kids. We are collecting gifts until December 31, 2013. For packing ideas visit shoeboxdrive.com. There's still time to share your love with your sponsored child, and also collect extra shoebox gifts for children without a sponsor.





SPIRITUAL LIFE

What kind of home are these children coming from? We have students who face polarizing beliefs at home. Their circumstances range from learning Voodoo at home, to the parents encouraging their children to go work the streets. Attending school at New Missions is a safe environment where they are cared for and loved in Jesus' name.

In conversation with a local Voodoo priest in Haiti, I asked him, "How many of your children attend the New Missions school?" He replied, "All of them, and I'm thankful they do." In fact, his daughter, Silla Fatal, leads worship at the New Missions church in her village.

Spiritual life on each New Missions campus starts with the Bible. Our teachers are Christians, and Bible classes are taught. Weekly chapel services unite the students with songs of praise, and encouraging messages deepen their faith in Jesus.

What can we do to strengthen the spiritual roots of our students? Pray for them and pour more love into their lives. This summer, before school began in Haiti, parents came on Fridays for an entire month to fast and pray for their children—in preparation for a new school year. God is at work in the lives of the children at New Missions.

~Tim DeTellis

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PACK A SHOEBOX

Here are some packing ideas:

- 1. Prayer:** The most important ingredient while packing your shoebox is prayer. The child who will receive your shoebox lives in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Your shoebox will be a great blessing, and open their hearts to the love of Jesus.
- 2. School supplies:** pens, pencils & sharpener, markers, spiral notebooks, solar calculator, rulers, erasers, etc.
- 3. Hygiene items:** toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap, washcloth, hand towel, hair brush, comb, nail file and clippers, deodorant, etc.
- 4. Clothing:** socks, underwear, light-weight clothing (t-shirts, sundresses, shorts with elastic waist), flip-flops, sandals, ball caps, sun visors, sunglasses, etc.
- 5. Other items:** Christmas card for the child who will receive your shoebox, photo of your family, wristwatch, hair accessories, harmonica, costume jewelry, flashlight (with extra batteries or solar powered/wind-up), compact umbrella, etc.
- 6. Small toys:** coloring books, crayons, dolls, small cars, dominoes, playing cards, jump ropes, balls (deflated with a small pump & needle for a soccer ball or basketball), yo-yo's, stuffed animals, stickers, marbles, checkers, Etch A Sketch, etc.
- 7. Please include a \$7 donation to help cover the cost of shipping.** Simply enclose a check payable to New Missions. *Please do not send cash.*

Deliver or send to: New Missions
2500 Sand Lake Road Orlando, FL 32809

Collection runs Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.



Top: High School chapel is held on Wednesdays in Haiti at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., as our students lead the entire service from worship, speaking and Bible sharing time. **Above left:** Songs of praise are sung with deep passion as students unite to proclaim the power of God in their lives. **Above middle:** In the Dominican Republic, our students participate in chapel with song, dance, and skits. **Above right:** Over the summer, parents gathered on Fridays at our High School chapel to pray for the upcoming school year.



I WANT TO HAVE FAITH

Our first experience of having faith was when we first believed; when we came to Christ and He received us as His child. We had faith. We believed. We were once blind but now we see our Savior, our Healer, and Coming King. Faith accomplished this great mysterious miracle in our life. We have begun to celebrate our salvation now, and the party will go on throughout eternity.

When do I have faith? I remember playing a simple game of tag as a child. One person was blindfolded and had to walk with their hands outstretched to try to touch another person...and then shout, "TAG!" When I am struggling to have faith, I feel blindfolded. I know I must move, and act, and reach out to Him.

On April 2, 2013, I signed paperwork enabling New Missions to purchase land in Playa Laguna. Christians from our community have been meeting for more than five years in a home. But, I was having a problem finding enough faith to have faith. It didn't seem rational to buy land with the frontage only one third of the depth of the land. My mind shouted, "You are buying an alleyway!" I signed, uncomfortable with the blindfold—hoping I was going in the right direction. I asked myself, "Was I acting in faith? Was I signing because of the need? Was I disciplining my mind to be positive, or resigning to the possibility of making a mistake?" I wanted to believe I had the gift of faith to believe.

Staring at the printed land plot, I started moving around the land in my mind. Could the first portion of the land be a beautiful, peaceful garden—where one could sit to rest or find solace? Could there

be a unique building for a church and a school on the second portion of the land? And I know I want that third portion of the land to be for sports and recreation—for the children and youth of this disadvantaged community.

Without faith, I cannot do anything. I cannot move. I must pray in faith, praise God in faith, and do what I can in faith to keep moving; not seeing, but walking with hands outstretched. On August 6, 2013, the land was officially purchased. Now I want to have faith to believe God to see this Playa Laguna mission built.

There was a man who came to Jesus needing something he could not see (Mark 9). This father had a son who was having seizures. The father pleaded with Jesus (verse 22), "But if You can do anything, have compassion and help us!" He says (verse 23), "All things are possible for one who believes!" Immediately, the boy's father cried out, "I believe! Help my unbelief!" (The first miracle is the gift of faith for the father to believe in God, and the second miracle is the healing he could not see.)

Unbelief keeps us blindfolded and powerless spiritually. God gives each one of us a gift of faith, and we need to exercise our faith to keep having faith in God.

The father wanted to believe. He wanted his son to be delivered, healed, and normal. We also desire to believe. It is not just believing, but believing in God... our God who sees, hears, cares, and is able! I believe! God, help my unbelief; continue to give me the gift of faith so I can believe and see and take off the blindfold. ~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

**I BELIEVE. HELP
MY UNBELIEF.
GOD, PLEASE GIVE
ME THE GIFT OF FAITH.**



Share a little
Christmas
with Haiti



Most Americans will be celebrating Thanksgiving this month. They'll eat a turkey dinner and gather with loved ones. However, as the holidays approach, many are faced with challenges and uncertainties. We must continue to keep our faith and trust in Him, while giving thanks for His continued grace and blessings in our lives.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

P. S. Don't miss out on loving the children of New Missions with a shoebox gift.



Dennis and Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



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GOODBYE HUNGER HELLO HOPE

The privilege of food choices we have is beyond measure, when compared to what the majority of the world eats. I was talking with a parent of a student at New Missions on what life was like at home.

The father in the home, Eves, told me he eats very little, or no meat. Their family mostly enjoys fish if they are able to eat any protein at all.

Most children in the villages will snack on a mango when they are in season or have a banana. Some may enjoy locally grown peanuts or a fried sweet potato.

Life without options can bring a better attention to what's healthier, actually. Most Haitians eat a plant and grain based diet. I admire the quality of locally grown beans and corn available across the Leogane region. The corn is actually a favorite of mine. They grill it over an open fire and it becomes a golden color, with a crispy toasted flavor.

Our school children are fed each day and are thankful for the Haitian cooks who prepare their meals. More than food for an empty stomach, each child knows there will be more food tomorrow. That assurance leads to gratitude. Give a little extra before the end of this year, so we can feed children year-round.

~Tim DeTellis



More than a bowl of food, the entire experience of being in school at New Missions is full of hope and joy for each child.



Above left: *Friendship makes life better and your sponsorship makes it possible for students to come to a safe, caring and loving school.*
Above right: *Monthly, food inventory is sent to each of our schools where cooks are on staff to prepare lunch each day for the students.*



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Lassale Church: Can you imagine a community without a church? Prior to the Lassale church established by New Missions, there was none in their village. Truly, we have seen the truth in this Scripture: *“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:5* A new building was built and recently dedicated for the Lassale church. As part of your year-end giving, join us in building more churches by making a special financial gift. The greatest force of good globally is the local church.

New Church Location: Playa Laguna is a small village a few miles from Sosua, on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. The people represent the poorest of the poor with makeshift shacks, while foreigners live in oceanfront condos. The Gospel must be preached to the ends of the earth. The need for a church building will accommodate the faithful Christians meeting in homes for the past seven years. On the same piece of land will be classrooms for children, as there is no public or free school in this community.

The Power of One: Each child has a story that is unfolding before our eyes. This year, 895 new students began school at New Missions. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14.* We must help each child grow spiritually, physically, and intellectually. Ultimately, this strengthens them emotionally. God’s love becomes the fuel for a changed life. If you sponsor a child, please consider one more for 2014. Call us or visit one.newmissions.org and join us in changing lives for eternity.

Water Baptisms: We are celebrating changed lives. Through our local churches, believers are following through with water baptism. *“We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” Romans 6:4* In Haiti, this is a significant testimony of their personal relationship with Jesus. Haitians view water baptism as the final step in declaring they will no longer practice Voodoo. To God be the glory for the changed lives.





OFF TO HAITI

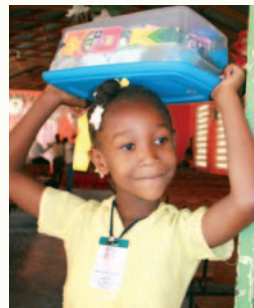
When it comes time for shipping a 40-foot cargo container to Haiti, we make sure what goes is worth sending. And your gifts are worth the trip in many ways. Gifts and supplies that we ship overseas must be for an intended purpose—something that will have a long-term impact.

For families in Haiti, Christmas is a day like any other—a day of survival. They may have a special meal, but no gifts are lying under a tree. However, the children of New Missions know the joy of Jesus, and love to sing Christmas songs during chapel services at school.

Our annual shoebox drive has been active since Oct. 1. There's still time to participate, as we are collecting through Dec. 31. Parents in Haiti have told me how thankful they are for the gifts—not only for their child, but also for blessing their home with items such as towels, bowls, and cooking utensils.

When you pack a shoebox filled with gifts, fill it as if the box you are sending is for someone you actually know. If you are a child sponsor, your gift will be given directly to your child. If you aren't a child sponsor, your shoebox will be given to a child without a sponsor who attends one of our schools. But, most of all, will you please commit to pray for the child who will receive your shoebox? Thank you for blessing the children of New Missions. Merry Christmas! ~Tim DeTellis

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Top: From Orlando to Port-au-Prince, the 40-foot cargo container will travel and await release from customs and delivery to our mission. The entire process takes up to four weeks. **Above left:** Molly Edwards and Christy Dillion, from our New Missions staff, work closely with the shoebox drive campaign and celebrate the day the gifts are sent to Haiti. **Above middle:** There is still time to send a gift for Christmas or call our office and we will pack a shoebox on your behalf. **Above right:** From your home to Haiti, shoebox gifts are placed in cases, inventoried, and then palletted.

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**RICE FOR
CHILDREN**
special year-end gift



PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a magical holiday when the family truly comes together. The children enjoy their special gifts. However, some preparation work needs to take place. Christmas cards are sent out. Gifts are bought and wrapped. Special food is purchased. A tree is placed in the home and the stockings hung over the fireplace. Perhaps you will have snow on the ground and will enjoy an inside fire. The children will also want some Christmas lights to decorate the exterior of the house.

Just as a home prepares for Christmas, the mission gears up for Christmas with the shoebox drive. We have been working on two warehouses for over a year. One warehouse will only be used for Christmas gifts and school food. The other warehouse will be used for construction materials. The warehouses are now completed. Metal shelving is being painted, and plastic pallets are being pressure washed. Much gravel has been back-filled around these buildings. We're only missing three gable vents which will be coming on a future container. God has truly blessed us with these facilities—enabling us to better serve the Haitian communities in and around Leogane.

The Haitian children love receiving the Christmas shoeboxes. The shoebox that a child receives will most likely be the only gift they receive. The Haitians are poor, and the gifts make a huge impact. It has been a joy for me to work with the Haitian people. They love going to school, church and enjoying a school lunch. When we take care of

the poor we often take our eyes off of ourselves. Our first container of the season is scheduled to arrive in Haiti in early November. It is nice having this new storage facility to receive these gifts.

I can only imagine all the helpers who pack these Christmas shoeboxes. I imagine the young and the old alike filling the boxes with useful gifts. I picture children with a passion for serving—adding the dolls, soap, and Matchbox cars into the boxes. Every Haitian girl wants a doll and pretty accessories, and every Haitian boy wants a Matchbox car, ball, or marbles. The gifts are an expression of the love of Christ through you.

But, the best gift in the world is receiving Jesus into our hearts. We do not become a Christian just by going to church. Jesus wants us to talk to Him and to invite Him into our lives. He wants us to speak to Him. There is power in the spoken word, and we can look toward the future when God will give us a beautiful kingdom to live in—Heaven. All of our Christian family and friends will be there, and much rejoicing will take place.

What do you want for Christmas? I believe God wants us to be full of joy. “Things” do not make us happy for very long. Really, our outlook on life is what gives us joy. I want to be more loving with the people in my life. I want to be more thankful for the blessings God has given me. God is a loving God. *“Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4*

~Charlie DeTellis

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS? GOD WANTS TO GIVE YOU THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART.

We are thankful for the construction of the warehouses in Haiti, as they will help us meet the needs of the Haitian people. Our true desire is for the Haitian people to find peace for their souls in a loving Savior.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

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P. S. Enjoy the Christmas season—being with family and friends. May the presence of God bring joy to your life.



church
construction

Give a special
year-end gift to help build
churches in Haiti

