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AGAINST ALL ODDS

Her father is the local Voodoo priest and today, Silla Fatal is the worship leader at her village Christian church. When I talked with her father, he told me, “New Missions is the best school for my children and I still have some of my children in your high school.”

Why is it important to know a child of the Voodoo priest attended our school, learned about Jesus, and today is the worship leader at her church? This matters because she is also a school teacher at the very New Missions school she attended as a child.

Now, as a graduate, Silla Fatal is a role model of hope. The students in her classroom not only see a teacher standing in front of them, they see a reflection of who they can become. Against all odds, she found a new path through Jesus Christ.

I need your help. This year, we are opening our schools to more children whose story is not yet written. Their lives have two paths in front of them—one of despair and the other of hope. If you want to fuel a future of hope, join the *I Am Hope Club*. Together, we can help more children start their story of a better life at New Missions.

~Tim DeTellis



Seeing the potential in each student is easy for Silla Fatal, because she is not only their teacher, she is also a graduate of New Missions.



Middle: Our teachers are role models of hope and changed lives, as they too have grown up through the same schools where they now teach. **Bottom:** Our vision is to raise a generation of Christian leaders, and we thank you for your help in making this possible!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Earthquake Anniversary: The date of Jan. 12, 2010, will be forever etched in our hearts. From our perspective, this historic earthquake brought the greatest impact to the spiritual growth of our churches. For the calendar year 2013, as of Dec. 1, we have witnessed a total of 801 new professions of faith through our churches in Haiti. Buildings can be replaced, but it is the souls of men and women that God has called us to reach. Our warehouses are now complete, new kitchens are being built at all of our schools, and we have built 10 churches since the earthquake.

Bire Church Construction: Seventy jobs are provided during the construction of a church at New Missions. This process delivers both a positive economic impact to the community and a greater sense of dignity and respect for the Haitians. This is their church, in their community, built by their people. We have completed the Bord-Mer/Neply, Concrab, Lassale, Signeau, TiBoucan, and Bire locations. In 2014, we will rebuild the TiRiviere location.

Shoebox Gifts: Our first 40-foot cargo container of shoebox gifts arrived in Haiti three weeks before Christmas, and more are on their way. We extended our collection deadline through Dec. 31, and rejoice on behalf of the children of New Missions for the response of gifts received. We extend a “special thanks” to all of our volunteers who serve in processing and packing shoeboxes for shipment overseas. Save the date for our 2014 Shoebox Drive—to be hosted Oct. 1 through Dec. 31. This is a wonderful opportunity for your church, school or office to bless the children of Haiti.

Hunger Go Away: Did you know during 2014 New Missions will provide 2 million meals to our students? You can join us in this great effort to see hunger go away and feed children year-round. This year, you can make a special gift to provide supplies of rice, beans, and cooking oil. In addition to food at school, as part of our “Hunger Go Away” initiative, we are establishing gardens at several of our elementary school locations—bringing awareness to our students how planting and harvesting food can greatly benefit their families. Together, with your help, we can see hunger go away.





A NEW CHURCH

Welcome to Playa Laguna, Dominican Republic where we are building a new church. Pastor George, our co-founder, was always looking for another “fishing pond” when he found this spot. It was a place where people were hungry to hear the life-changing news of the loving power of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

One day, more than seven years ago, Pastor George turned down an unknown dirt road a few miles east of Sosua. The road was not easily passable—with deep potholes and an abundance of mud. People were living in substandard conditions of unpleasant poverty.

Church services began taking place outdoors in front of a small Dominican home. To the eyes of many, it was such an insignificant place. But in God’s eyes it was significant, because each person is of inestimable value through the sacrifice of His only Son.

I pondered about construction for more than five years. A few months ago, on the same dirt road, an elderly woman came up to me and said, “I remember you. I remember Pastor George. I was sick in bed, and he came to my house and prayed for me and God healed me.”

God will turn this “fishing pond,” new church and school campus into a beautiful reflection of the church—the body of Christ. ~Jeanne DeTellis O’Conner

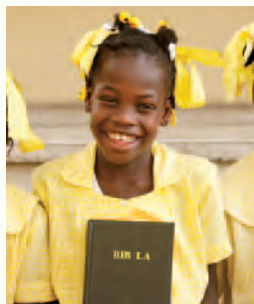
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CHURCH CONSTRUCTION
Your gift will help us build new churches in Haiti and the DR. Together, we can spread the Gospel further in 2014 and be a blessing to communities by providing new churches.

NOW, I'M A TEACHER.

You cannot predict the future, but you can make the best of each day. For Genel Isaac, that was what he did...one day at a time. He studied hard and attended school at New Missions. Genel grew up in a home where his parents never had the opportunity for an education. Now, as a graduate of New Missions, he is part of the new generation of Christian leaders changing Haiti. Genel is representing God’s love to the children coming to the very school he attended as a young boy, in Leogane, Haiti. Please remember Genel in your prayers, along with all of our school teachers serving at New Missions.



Top: Cleared land is the sign of something new. This property, in Playa Laguna, Dominican Republic, will welcome a new church and school. **Above left:** Fencing and site work is underway for the Playa Laguna campus, where children and families will grow strong through our church and school. **Above middle:** Our construction is supporting the local economy and providing jobs. **Above right:** It is Jesus’ desire that all come to know Him—just as these school children have at New Missions in the DR.

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GOODBYE AND HELLO

We just said goodbye to 2013 and hello to 2014. I'm not much of a rear-view mirror kind of person. I like to look ahead and not in reverse. If anything, I strive to make the best of today, and have greater hope for tomorrow. Some goodbyes are easier than others, and they become especially difficult when the goodbye is to someone you love.

Standing in line at the Southwest Airline ticket counter, I held my driver's license in hand for a gate pass—granting me access to go through security and walk to the gate. My aim was not where I was going, but who was coming to see me.

After passing through TSA security, removing my shoes and stepping into the full body scanner, I quickly grabbed my cell phone, car keys, wallet and the gate pass so the reunion could soon begin. For me, this was the day I had been looking forward to and thanking God for. My son and daughter were on a flight coming to Orlando to visit me. Yes, my heart knows the ache of saying goodbye on too frequent of an occasion.

When I lived in Haiti with my parents, the hardest part was saying goodbye to friends and family. My mother gave me some advice I never forgot. She said, "You have to say goodbye to say hello again." The deep truth hidden in this short phrase is somewhat profound and challenging to embrace at the moment of a departure.

I think about the passing of my father, now over five and a half years ago. Today, it still feels like I'm trying to figure out how to say goodbye. However, the

hello one day will certainly be a heavenly joy. I'm sure for you there must be someone you look forward to saying hello to again.

Friends of mine have family serving in the United States military. I cannot image the emotions experienced when they depart for a tour of duty, and the patience and hope required for their long-awaited return. Goodbyes are part of our lives—from kids moving away to attend college, to families relocating. And there is also the reality of death or a sudden loss. What are some of the goodbyes you have faced, are about to face, or are facing right now? I'm sure you have many...just like me.

When I open the Bible and begin to look through the stories of Scripture, and the departure of Jesus from earth, I embrace what Christ said as a strong example of how we can leave those we care about. In John 14:27 Jesus said, *"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart!"*

And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." This is a blessed assurance for you and me. Just as Jesus wanted to comfort those He loved, we can do the same for those we love.

This year, you may face a goodbye, or possibly a long-awaited hello could be coming your way. Embrace the reunion. Extend peace in the departure. I am still on this journey in my life of facing goodbyes and saying hello. May you find the courage to say goodbye with the anticipation for the next hello.

~Tim DeTellis

When asked what's my vision for New Missions? My response is, "What's God's vision for the people we serve?" I know it's not hunger, sickness, illiteracy or spiritual darkness. When you give, we can build more churches, welcome new students into our schools, and change lives forever. Together, let us believe in prayer for 2014 to be our best year yet.

Serving together,

Tim DeTellis

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P. S. This year, join the I Am Hope Club and change the lives of children with education, food, medical care, and the Gospel.



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

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HOPE IN ACTION

The children of New Missions are stepping forward with hope filled hearts. Walking up the mountainside leading to our elementary school in Tom Gateau, Haiti, I was about to be passed by an eight-year-old girl with a big smile, who was on her way to school.

I think of children like Belky, attending school at New Missions, where some of her classmates walk one hour to class. They know they'll have a hot meal, free medical care, and the education their parents never had.

What would happen to children like Belky without this opportunity? The reality for many is bleak. An estimated 2.5 million Haitians have never attended school. Belky's future would be paralyzed without hope in God, and real solutions for the changed life she finds at New Missions.

Paul's words in Romans speak clearly of what their future is. *"For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."* Romans 8:24-25

Hope saves a child from the same life of desperation that generations prior have endured. Hunger goes away, illiteracy is erased, and eternity becomes a destination met with a Savior who truly saves. Thanks to hope. ~Tim DeTellis



What will be the story for each child? These are future nurses, teachers, pastors, and community leaders.



Middle: As their teacher, Marie Viola Mesidor is also a graduate of New Missions and attended the very school where she now teaches.

Bottom: At the age of eight, Belky Desrosiers, from our Tom Gateau Elementary School in the mountains of Haiti, will grow up healthy and strong.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Bire Church: When it comes to building churches at New Missions, we celebrate not only the impact to the community, but we rejoice with the construction crew on the job. Seventy jobs are provided for Haitians during the construction of a church. This church location in Bire, Haiti, welcomed a new roof built by carpenters who live in the same village as the church. Their workmanship is a permanent fixture in their community. This church will serve as a dining room for our school children during the week, and will be utilized as a community center where the door is always open.

Caring Nurses: For years there was no medical clinic in the mountains. Thankfully, New Missions is now there with free medical care. Our school children know the benefits of a nurse by their side, and now communities do, too. When it comes to sharing God's love with children and families, our nurses know best how to bring a healing touch through proper medical attention, and a special touch from God. From babies to children, and their parents too, our nurses are touching lives. Monthly, our medical staff is reaching thousands of people through the medical care we provide.

Shoebox Drive: Thank you for loving the children of New Missions. The blessings these gifts bring to both the children and their families is shown by smiles of gratitude. Our teachers are also blessed with shoeboxes packed with special items for their personal use. From toothpaste to sunglasses, and essential school supplies, these gifts help our children on the path of change for a better tomorrow. Save the date for our 2014 Christmas Shoebox Drive, to be hosted Oct. 1 through Dec. 31. This is a wonderful project for your church, school, or office. Together, we can spread hope by loving in action.

Two Warehouses: For 31 years, Amiro Petit Homme has worked for New Missions. He was one of the original workers who helped clear the land when we arrived in 1983. His faithfulness and passion for the work of the mission has led him to become the manager of our warehouse facilities. The two buildings are home to food for our school children and construction supplies. They are both dock-high for accepting deliveries, and remain cool and dry inside. We are thankful for these new warehouse facilities—providing a better infrastructure for the mission to serve stronger.





100% HAITIAN BUILT

As an American, if you are swinging a hammer in Haiti, then you are taking a job away from someone in need. Today, Haitian carpenters, masons, electricians, and welders are building a new Haiti with New Missions.

We are working diligently to press on in our vision to equip Haitians to build a new Haiti, and our Trade School plays a vital role. This is possible because of people like you. Our church and school construction is comprised of 100% Haitian crews—including the church benches and school desks. We are also building new school kitchens and installing propane stoves to eliminate the use of cooking with charcoal at our schools. This decreases the deforestation of trees used to make charcoal.

Our vision is expanding, and for 2014 we are on track to establish our 31st church and school campus. Since 1983, we have served the coastal fishing and farming villages of the Leogane Plain. Now, we are serving the mountain regions of Tom Gateau and Belloc through new churches, schools and medical care.

Building a new Haiti with the resources already in Haiti is the best choice possible. As our churches and schools change lives forever, their communities grow stronger from the employment of teachers, nurses, construction workers, and pastors serving their villages and families. Join us in building new churches and schools in 2014. ~Tim DeTellis

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A BLESSED BABY

From a baby to being a New Missions graduate of the class of 2000, Nadge Ducasse's (her nickname is Nikka) life is changed forever. Today, she works at our office in Haiti and manages the distribution of school uniform materials to our students. Each year, the children of New Missions receive new school uniforms, and Nikka visits our schools and meets with each student. Nikka says the parents of the children are very thankful for this clothing for their children. She, herself, has experienced the blessing of being a child at New Missions and today, she is able to be part of seeing God change lives.



Top: Custom made at our mission, roofing trusses for churches are built by our Haitian carpenters. **Above left:** Seventy jobs are provided to the local community during the construction phase of a church. **Above middle:** Haitian carpenters live in the village where the new church is being built, and are employed to build the church in their community. **Above right:** Partner with us in funding the construction of churches and schools in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.



ARE YOUR NETS EMPTY?

In May of 1983 our mission in Haiti was just five months old. We were all living together in one horseshoe shaped concrete block building, with a corrugated tin roof. There was no running water or electricity in the building yet. We still needed to install the outside doors to each of the bedrooms. We had our Haitian workers make thatch doors out of woven coconut branches and banana leaves. At night we would tie the doors shut from the inside. Our mission in Haiti is right on the ocean—on the bay of La Gonâve. One morning when I woke up, I looked down at the beachfront and there were two fishing boats with tattered sails just off the beach, and the fisherman had let down a great big dragnet. The dragnet had lead weights at the bottom to make the net drag along the floor of the ocean, and pieces of old flip-flops at the top tied to a long rope the length of the net—making the net float at the surface.

They used their boats to make a great big circle with the net, with each end of the rope pulled to the shore in opposite directions. At both ends of the beach the whole village was there—men, women and children—to help pull the ropes that were tied to the big net off shore.

When I arrived at the beach, my mind immediately flashed to the story in the Bible of the miracle catch of fish. At that moment I began to pray: Lord give us a miracle, and fill this net with fish. It took hours to pull the net to the beach. There was great excitement and anticipation at that final moment when the net was finally pulled ashore. But, the net was empty. The fisherman gathered up a small bowl of minnows and one shrimp. They gave me the one shrimp. I felt guilty taking the shrimp, but it was a gift, and I thanked them graciously.

Back down at the beach, the long heavy net was laying in the sand filled with seaweed and jelly fish. The fisherman had the enormous task of washing their net. In the process they were inspecting the net and mending any holes or rips. That was the same scene Jesus arrived upon in Luke 5:1-11. Peter and his fisherman were mending and washing their nets after a long night of fishing without any success.

Many months later I saw the fishermen pulling in their dragnet once again on our beach. I ran down to the shore and began to pray and believe God for a miracle. The whole village was there pulling the long rope at both ends. Suddenly there was shouting, and the splashing of the water gave evidence of a school of fish trapped in the net. The Haitian fisherman had caught a great school of sardines in their net. There were so many fish trapped in the net, and the weight was so great, that all the people were not strong enough to pull it to shore. The fishermen jumped into the water and began to scoop up buckets of sardines and dump them into their little fishing boats. Soon the two boats were filled with sardines to the point of almost sinking, and the net was still full of fish! Finally, with great effort and many men, they

dragged the net filled with sardines onto the shore. People were yelling, screaming and fighting over the fish. There were fish in the boats, in bowls, in basins, and piled on the sandy beach. Everybody was eating fish for

dinner that night, and in the morning the women would go to market to sell the sardines. Suddenly, there was a miracle! A great harvest of fish had been caught in the old fishermen's net.

In many ways our lives are like the Haitian fishermen. We are working every day, doing the same work over and over—often without success. But, if we are faithful in the little, and believe God will bless our work, there can be a miracle and a great harvest in our lives.

~George DeTellis, Jr.



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HERE COMES THE TRUCK

When the food delivery truck comes down the dirt road to the mission, the kids in the villages know lunch is coming. The truck contains 400 sacks of rice, 200 sacks of black beans, and 400 gallons of cooking oil. This inventory equals one month's supply of food for our school children at our 27 elementary schools and high school in Haiti.

In Haiti, it's tradition for the father of the home to eat first, then the eldest son. Then it goes down from there—with the littlest one eating last. However, if a mother is nursing her newborn baby, she will eat first.

Hunger is a reality in Haiti. I'm not talking about missing out on a meal every now and then—it's more like skipping an entire day of food. I cannot imagine my kids not eating for an entire day because no food was available at home.

Thankfully, for the children of New Missions, hunger goes away when the wheels on the truck go round and round, all through the villages. Monthly, the big delivery truck comes to the mission warehouse, then small pick-up trucks (called tap taps) deliver the food to each school. Our children are blessed kids, because you care enough to give.

~Tim DeTellis



Distribution of food to our schools in Haiti takes place each month from our warehouses in Bordmer.



Middle: Monthly, 55 tons of food are purchased in Haiti and then prepared at our schools by Haitian cooks.

Bottom: Our goal is to say goodbye to hunger and hello to hope for each of our school children at New Missions in Haiti.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Teacher Uniforms: Our school teachers love their new uniforms. As role models to our students, each teacher represents hope and a future. Currently, 275 Haitian teachers serve at New Missions in Haiti. They provide education to children in preschool through high school. The most important part of their job is being a witness of God's love to each child. As Christians, our teachers host Bible classes each day, as well as weekly chapel services. Please remember our teachers in your prayers as they help release the God-given potential of each child in our schools.



Cargo Container Delivery: We thrive on logistics at New Missions, and the process of shipping a 40-foot cargo container to Haiti involves many helping hands. It all starts with those of you who packed a shoebox gift. In Orlando the cases are filled and pallets are stacked. Finally, at our warehouse in Haiti, a team of Haitians inventory and stack the items for shipment to our schools. It's such a blessing that our new warehouse is dock-high—making the unloading of our recently delivered containers much easier. We are already making plans to ship another container to Haiti.



School Kitchens: Currently, three school kitchens are near completion. Located in Nepty, Callitor, and our high school, these facilities will utilize propane gas for cooking school lunches. Using propane gas will help prevent deforestation by eliminating the need for wood and charcoal. Our Haitian cooks will be thrilled to be in these new facilities, and our students will enjoy the serving window where they will pick up their meal at school. With an empty stomach, it is impossible to fill a mind. Providing two million meals each year to our school children is vital for their healthy development.



Playa Laguna Church: A time of prayer and a moment of unity with the community took place as children and families gathered on the land where our new church and school will be built in Playa Laguna, Dominican Republic. They prayed for their pastor, their teachers, and for the funds to arrive to make the construction possible. Can you imagine the faith of each child to hold hands and agree together that all things are possible with Jesus. This campus will be a shining light of God's love as the Gospel is proclaimed. Thank you for your financial support toward the construction of this church and school.





HIDDEN IN THEIR HEARTS

In Haitian Creole, at the top of their lungs and with deep passion, the children at our school in Tom Gateau, Haiti, began to recite Psalm 23. *“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name’s sake. I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”*

Yes, the children spoke each word of the entire chapter of Psalm 23 from memory. The sound was powerful; the purpose was life-changing as these kids became captivated by God’s Word in their lives.

The power of placing God’s Word in the hands of the children of New Missions is like giving a sword to a warrior about to face their enemy. Psalm 119:11 says, *“I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You.”* For our children to live the good life and stand up against evil, His Word must be planted in their hearts. Join us in providing Bibles to our students by making a special offering to Bibles for Students. ~Tim DeTellis

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SCHOOL GARDENS

What if a man in a village could transform the community in which he lives by helping to plant more gardens? With a name like Rock, it’s no surprise he enjoys working the earth. He is father to four children who currently attend school at New Missions, and is now serving on our Haitian staff to plant school gardens. Rock Similien is helping hunger go away for our school students, as he instructs them on farming techniques that will last them a lifetime. The purpose is to help our students have the mindset that they, too, can grow their own food. Okra will be the first vegetable they’ll grow. They will also plant cabbage, carrots, hot peppers, and red peppers.



Top: We want to give each student at New Missions their own Bible. **Above left:** Have you hugged your Bible today?
Above middle: Bibles printed in Haitian Creole are purchased in Haiti to support the local economy and bless the lives of our students.
Above right: From a child’s hands, God’s Word will then enter their hearts forever.

STAY ON GUARD

Three areas of my life are constantly under attack: my heart, my mind, and my body. Each of these areas needs my constant attention and care. They must be guarded.

From the list of three, I'm addressing the body first. When it comes to fitness, I have three strikes against me. First, I'm short. Yes, being 5'5" does not provide any height advantage. Second, I'm Italian. Food is my love language. Count me in for seconds on the chicken Parmesan. Third, I'm not an athlete. I was never picked to play on the basketball team, obviously because of my height, and I'm not a fast runner, due to short legs. Yet, I cannot keep those as excuses. Our bodies are home to the mind and heart. Without a healthy body, how well off will the mind and heart be?

To jump start my physical activity, I picked up a hobby I had first taken interest in during college, which happens to be racquetball. Plus, I'm enjoying the outdoors more by walking around the park near my home. It's refreshing to be outside after several travel days, or spending hours at the office. Just the walking alone has proven to be a benefit to my body, and this provides the opportunity for some good prayer time. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says, *"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own. You were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies."* This reminds me that it is not just the exercise or physical activities that matter, but also proper nutrition and healthy food choices.

**"ABOVE ALL ELSE,
GUARD YOUR HEART..."**

Here comes the mind. It can play tricks on me because it not only wanders, but is greatly influenced by lies and whispers of doubt and fear. Three of my worst thoughts are: you're not good enough, smart enough, or strong enough. Those are just wasteful ideas and need to be thrown away and replaced with clean, powerful thoughts. Philippians 4:8 lists out exactly what our minds should be thinking about. *"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."*

Now, for the deep core of who we are, our hearts. Proverbs 4:23 makes it very clear *"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."* How do we accomplish such a responsibility? Put on the full armor of God! I remember attending summer camp as a kid, and learning about the spiritual armor. However,

what is familiar becomes forgotten. Don't miss these must-do's to guard ourselves. In Ephesians 6:14-17 Paul says, *"Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all of this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."*

Daily, I'm asking God for continued wisdom on how to guard my body, mind, and heart—so I may be prepared to serve stronger and be ready for whatever He has in store. ~Tim DeTellis

Stand firm. Be encouraged. God is with you and you are His child. Psalm 121:7 says, *"The Lord will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."* Thankfully, He is our great protector! Today, we find strength in our weakness because of Him.

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A SPECIAL PEOPLE

In life, we often identify people as VIP or ordinary. However, we know that our loving God sees each person as significant—a special unique person created in His image. His will is that each one sees Him as their Father. The people of Playa Laguna are these people. The history of the village is that the land was settled by Jewish people who had escaped from the Holocaust and were allowed to immigrate to the Dominican Republic in the early 1940s. One of these children, Gustavo Katz, still lives there with his family. His children are in our church in Playa Laguna.

Seven months ago land was purchased. Three months ago the land was prepared for construction and the property was fenced. Now, the plans are on the table. We signed the contract and paid \$35,000 on March 11, 2014 to begin construction. Another payment of \$35,000 is due in six weeks.

In Genesis 16:13 Hagar said, “*You are the God who sees.*” Many have eyes to see, but their hearts need to see the need and decide to do something. The people in Playa Laguna are praying for God to provide for this church construction. God has great plans for Playa Laguna. I thank God when God’s people see what He sees. ~Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor



Pastor Felix with the children and families of Playa Laguna are looking forward to their new church and school. They have met inside a home for the past eight years.



Middle: Each child has a God-given potential and we believe our responsibility is to serve each child and their family with a local church and school. **Bottom:** Construction began on March 17, 2014 in Playa Laguna for a new church and school to be built for the purpose of spreading the Gospel and changing the lives of children.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

High School Kitchen: Just before entering the town of Leogane, Haiti, our high school campus is located on the main highway. This is home to a student body of 1,500 students that are instilled with Christian values to lead a new Haiti. They now have a new school kitchen where their school meals are prepared using propane gas versus wood charcoal. The provision of food on campus delivers a benefit to assure healthy bodies for a better life. Students travel from 55 village communities to attend our high school. This new kitchen facility is the standard for future construction taking place at our other campuses.



Shoebox Smiles: From toys and games to essential hygiene items for their homes, the children of New Missions are thankful for their shoebox gifts. Girls giggle as they find a brush and pretty accessories for their hair. Boys begin to jump up and show off their new flashlight and toy car. Kids are kids no matter where you go, and they want to laugh and have fun. Most of all, buried inside these shoebox gifts are often photos of those who sent this box filled with love and prayers. On behalf of the children of New Missions, thank you for your gifts. Our students send their smiles of appreciation to you.



Another School Garden: We have identified 10 school campuses where we want to plant school gardens. The second garden has begun in the village of Callitor, Haiti, where our elementary school students came side by side to plant okra to be used in their school food, and also to benefit their families. This community development is now part of their daily education, and will be a standard at New Missions for years to come. Two people behind the scenes in Haiti are a Haitian husband and wife, Rock and Magalie, who grow the seedlings and then teach the students about gardening.



Flag Day Parade: Our elementary and high school students from Sosua, Dominican Republic took to the streets wearing their school uniforms and marched with their school banner and country flag. On this special day, the town of Sosua saw their future leaders marching, as they sang songs of the church and stood unified for a better tomorrow. We are thankful for the Christian role models of our teachers and administrators in the Dominican Republic. God's witness is fully alive proclaiming the hope of Jesus to change lives.





A GRANDMOTHER'S LOVE

Brina Charles was born on the island of La Gonave, situated off the coast of Haiti. With no education available to her on the island, her parents, Brunel and Jusiene, made the difficult decision to send her to live with her grandmother in the village of Neply. This was her only chance for an education. She is eight years old, and is in second grade at our Bord-Mer Elementary School.

Brushing her teeth in the stream that runs near her home is a sign of the simple and primitive life for most Haitians—without plumbing or running water. Her grandmother, Limethez, is proud of Brina as she puts on her school uniform and is thankful she'll have a hot lunch at school. Her friends back on the island of La Gonave are not as fortunate.

Brina's grandmother was asked, "What is your prayer for Brina as she grows up?" She said, "I pray for my grandchild that God will change her life and so she can learn in school."

This summer, Brina looks forward to returning to the island to reunite with her parents during her summer vacation. A grandmother's love is special, and for Brina it truly is a gift to live with her during the school year. Pray with us that one day we will be able to open schools on the island for Brina's friends, too.

~Tim DeTellis

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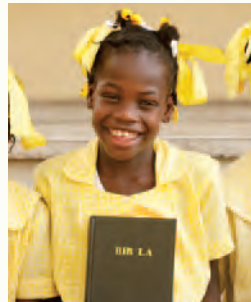
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Before weekly worship services are held at our churches, Sunday School kicks off the day. Children and families are in classes to grow and learn more about the one true God. Thankfully, the teachers of these classes represent leaders in their churches—including active students of New Missions, as well as our graduates. Sunday School is an important part of our ongoing mission to change lives. Matthew 28:19 says, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Weekly, Sunday School classes are the environment where discipleship happens.



Top: Brina lives with her grandmother, Limethez, so she can attend school at New Missions. **Above left:** Brushing her teeth before school is part of the daily routine for Brina. **Above middle:** Brina's teacher, Marie Viola Mesidor, is also a graduate of New Missions. **Above right:** With classmates by her side, Brina is growing in friendships and receives plenty of encouragement.

FIRST AND FOREMOST

There are decisions and actions in our lives which should take precedence over others. We have certain roles that take priority—such as being a devoted spouse, parent, son, daughter, pastor, missionary, or employee/employer. We have a responsibility to our families and to our careers. Rachel and I had Matthew 6:33 read at our wedding: *“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”* Yes, we had desires of one day having a home and a family, but we wanted to put God above all else.

Our very first and foremost decision should be to come to Jesus. It was required for me to attend church growing up. In my bedroom, at the age of eighteen, I thought I would try being a Christian for one week. I also reasoned it would be worth serving God, since He was the maker of all things. The next day, I remembered my decision and felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life. I had found a priceless treasure. I changed my seat in the church from the very back row to around the sixth or seventh row from the front. Time is of the essence for us to come to Christ.

I believe our second largest decision is to serve God. We all have a mission field—including our own families. My wife has done more than her fair share in raising our children. We are called to bring others to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Our lives are not to be consumed with ourselves. We need to die daily to ourselves, and follow the example set in John 12.

As a crowd gathered around Him in Jerusalem, Jesus said, *“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.”* John 12:24 We must be like a seed which falls into the ground and dies—producing many seeds. Time is of the essence for us to serve God and bring others to Christ.

Thirdly, we need to walk in the Spirit. We need to guard our thoughts and actions. I can easily focus on the negative aspects of life. Many of us have had serious mishaps in our lives. In the past I would say, “Nobody has a perfect life.” While this is true, we must focus upon the good and upon love. Read 1 Corinthians 13, also referred to as the love chapter. *“Love does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.”*

1 Corinthians 13:8

First Corinthians tells us how a new and perfect way is coming for believers. *“For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But, when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.”* 1 Corinthians 13:10 Amazingly, we will be in the presence of God. It is only a matter of time until this world comes to an end. Time was created by God to regulate our lives and this world. Our adversary is doing everything possible to divert us from the truth of God’s love. Will you be ready for the return of the Lord? Yes, time is of the essence.

~Charlie DeTellis

TIME IS OF THE
ESSENCE FOR US TO
COME TO JESUS.

I realize not everyone knows God and feels His presence. This truly bothers me. Please come to God in faith. Speak to Him. *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”* Hebrews 11:6

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

Charlie DeTellis

P. S. I am expecting some exciting progress in Haiti this year, as we fix our eyes on new areas of growth.



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Building a new Haiti

MOMS NEVER GIVE UP

On a recent trip to Haiti, I rode with Yaguel up to our mountain school in Tom Gateau. I began to ask him some questions about his life and journey growing up as a student at New Missions. His mother was only 15 years old when she gave birth to him. Then, at the age of six, his father deserted the family.

For Yaguel, his life took a different path. After he was born, his mother began attending the New Missions church in her village. Yaguel grew up learning about Jesus at a young age, and singing songs taught at the church. At the age of four he started school at New Missions, and graduated from our high school in 2005. Yaguel's mother never gave up on him.

Last year Yaguel married a graduate of New Missions from the class of 2007 and today, Yaguel is the pastor of the first church we established in Haiti—the very church his mother took him to as a child.

I asked Yaguel, what is his prayer for Haiti? He replied, "May the people of Haiti make Jesus their priority and walk each day with Him in their lives."

Let's join Yaguel in prayer, and be reminded that one life does make an immeasurable difference.

~Tim DeTellis



Pastor Yaguel celebrates lives changed forever as new believers follow in water baptism in Haiti.



Middle: One year ago, Yaguel, a graduate of New Missions from the class of 2005, married Carmelite, a graduate of New Missions from the class of 2007. **Bottom:** Guirose, the mother of Yaguel Nerat, took him to the first church at New Missions in Haiti, and today, Yaguel pastors that very church in Neply, Haiti.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Cargo Delivery: Filled with gifts for students at New Missions, plus some essential construction materials (including a concrete mixer), the 40-foot cargo container was unloaded at New Missions in Haiti on Wednesday, March 26. Thankfully, this shipment arrived in just under three weeks. The journey from Orlando began on March 4. The infrastructure of our warehouses, and distribution of supplies and materials to our schools and churches is vital for the ongoing impact to children and families in the villages and communities we serve.



Bibles for Students: Each year we continue to give more Bibles to our students at New Missions. Last year, the following schools received new Bibles in Haiti: Belloc, Bire, Callitor, Lasalle, Mare-Chal, Tom Gateau, and our High School. In addition, our students at each school in the Dominican Republic received Bibles last year. This year, we are thankful to continue the process of placing new Bibles in the hands of our students. Schools that did not receive Bibles last year will be the ones to receive them this year. Eventually, all of our students will receive Bibles.



Passionate Worship: The children of New Missions in Sosua, Dominican Republic, love to worship with all their hearts. During the Friday night worship and evangelism services, people come from the community to fill the tent in the town of Sosua. Guest speakers share the Gospel message, while musicians praise God through song. As part of our mission to change the life of a child, we encourage our students to attend church, Sunday School, and invite their friends, too. Between our Christian schools and local churches, we pray God touches the hearts of the children we serve.



Playa Laguna: For the people of Playa Laguna, the church construction is a testimony of God's provision for their children and families. For eight years, people have met in homes, and now they can't believe how fast the construction is progressing. Construction is scheduled to be completed by August. People on motorcycles, and those walking the muddy, pot-hole filled road, now stop by the construction site with a sense of pride and amazement—seeing all that God is doing in Playa Laguna. God is not dead! God is working in Playa Laguna, Dominican Republic.



A BETTER HAITI

My heart overflows with joy when I see Haitians making a better Haiti. There is a gap between the idea of relief and restoration. When a crisis hits, immediate relief is required. This is a short-term strategy. Long-term strategy brings restoration through education, life skills, ongoing healthcare and personal dignity. The Gospel message plus these basic human needs are necessary to make Haiti better.

Drifting down the shoreline was a fisherman, Paul Vanel. Paul is a former student of New Missions, and now has his own fishing business near the village of TiRiviere. When asked about his personal faith in Jesus, his response was, “Before New Missions, there was no church in my village. Now, I’m a Christian and I want everyone to know about Jesus.”

With tools in his hand, Civil Mardoche turns wood into furniture. After finishing school at New Missions, he decided to learn carpentry to provide for his family. Today, he earns enough money to employ other Haitians, and attends our New Missions church in his village of Lassale.

These stories are just a taste of what God is doing in the lives of the Haitian people, who have been impacted by New Missions, ministering in Haiti since 1983. Thank you for standing with us for the long-term—helping raise a generation of Christian leaders for a better Haiti. ~Tim DeTellis

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NOW, I'M A DOCTOR.

If you could do anything to help the people of Haiti, what would you do? Casseus Faidherme wanted to be a doctor. This dream was not just a wishful thought, it was his personal mission. Casseus’ heart is full of God’s love for the country he calls home—Haiti. When asked what he was thankful for, he replied, “My sponsors.” And he still knows them by name, Susan and Warbet Mascali. At New Missions, we believe God’s will is for each child to fulfill their God-given potential, as they grow in their personal faith and relationship with Jesus.



Top: As a former student of New Missions, Paul Vanel now has a fishing business in his community of TiRiviere, Haiti. **Above left:** Now a carpenter and cabinet maker, Civil Mardoche supports his family and is helping Haiti become better. **Above middle:** When Paul Vanel was a young boy and student, he not only received food, medical care, and an education, but grew spiritually through our local church. **Above right:** Today, Civil employs Haitians from his village and, as a Christian leader, is a role model for future generations.



SUPERMOMS

The word ‘super’ can bring to mind a ‘superman’ flying through the air, or a ‘supermom’ as a supernatural woman. With Mother’s Day approaching, let’s think about the strength and courage it takes to be a supermom.

One of the most important supermoms in the Bible is a young and lowly teenage girl—Mary, the mother of Jesus. Thank God, Mary heard the angels and believed their proclamation. Mary was a supermom—ready to have the Holy Spirit plant the Son of God in her womb. Mary was a supermom in that she crucified her flesh and heart to enable God’s plan of salvation to come to earth through the death of her son Jesus on the cross.

Another supermom in the Bible is Jochebed, the mother of Moses. If a mother has ever known stress, Jochebed could say she had her share. As slaves under cruel treatment by Pharaoh, she carried a baby knowing if she delivered a son, he would have to be thrown into the Nile River.

How much faith and trust did this supermom Jochebed have as she nursed and loved her baby boy, Moses? At three months of age, she wove a basket to place him in the Nile River in an attempt to save his life. What a supermom! What faith! What trust! What courage! And then this supermom, Jochebed, was hired by Pharaoh’s daughter to nurse her own baby. Read the entire story in Exodus 2.

Jochebed was convinced that God had a purpose for her son. Moses’ life took many detours, and he spent 40 years on the run as a fugitive after murdering a man. But the supermom never gives

up on the plan God has for the life of her child. Jochebed eventually was able to hear her son Moses say to Pharaoh, “Let my people go.”

There are supermoms all over the world. Some of us have had one, and some of us are one, and some of us are going to be one.

When I think of a supermom, I think of a mother simply tucking a child into bed with a Bible story. That’s a supermom. I think of a mother praying her child will accept Jesus. That’s a supermom. I think of a mother, who is a living example of a Christ-filled life, so that her children will get an idea of what it is to know, love, and serve God. That’s a supermom.

There’s one other supermom I want to tell you about. Her name is Vesta Jean. She lived right across the dirt road from where I lived in Haiti. She was an

abused, abandoned, homeless, single mother, and she came to the mission with a hope to survive. She also came to know Christ. She was a cook in our school kitchen for many years. She lost both her daughter and son in tragic circumstances. On the day of the 2010 earthquake, this supermom went out

into the field in front of the mission, and with her head up as high as she could stretch her neck, and her two arms extended to the point of stress, she raised her voice to God and cried out. This is a supermom. (Vesta Jean has recently been elevated to a pension at New Missions, providing her with economic security, love, and esteem by those who know her and her supermom walk with God.)

~Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor

**THE GOD WHO SEES ME
(GENESIS 16:13)
IS WITH ME TO HELP
ME BE A SUPERMOM**

As a mother, I have had times of great need, when only God could heal against medical reports, or provide peace in the dark of a stormy night, or when only blind faith could lift my legs to take the next step to follow His will for my life. In those times, His abiding, enabling, and empowering Holy Spirit gives us the thrust to be a supermom.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor

P. S. My son Tim is with my son Charlie in Haiti, and my last words to Tim were, “Please give my love to Vesta Jean in Haiti, a supermom.” I love you, SUPERMOMS! Have a blessed Mother’s Day.



Dennis and Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor



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ALL THE PEOPLE PRAISE THE LORD

For eight years, the church in Playa Laguna moved from house to house. With land purchased and ready for construction, I met with the church. Yudith, an adult member said, “I remember Pastora Jeanne meeting with us and telling us there was no money. Then, we prayed with great faith and fasting. Now, with praises to God, we see our church and school.”

Praising God is easy when He quickly answers your prayers. But, there are times of praising Him when we must continue to pray and trust and wait. Then, there is a flow of unrestrained praise. That level of praise releases all the stops, and is sung with great strength and intense emotions.

I ask God to give you the spiritual strength to praise Him in your praying, waiting, trusting and believing—so that your praises to Him will be high sounding. Don't just praise Him in thought or in mind, but shout to God praises that will reach from earth to heaven.

I thank each and every person who is helping build the church and school in Playa Laguna, and for giving us great joy to praise the Lord!

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



Because of your generosity, construction in Playa Laguna will not slow down. We are on schedule to finish by the end of August.



Middle: All of the construction is completed by Dominicans living locally; construction materials are sourced in the Dominican Republic, as well. **Bottom:** Our prayer for this new church is: “May the people praise you, God; May all the peoples praise you.” Psalms 67:3

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Neply School: This fall, we are relocating the Bord-Mer Elementary School to the village of Neply. The foundation is in place and construction will soon begin. After the earthquake, we rebuilt the Bord-Mer church on a piece of land in Neply—which will now be home to their elementary school. This new campus is more centrally located to serve the children and their families. We just completed the construction of a new propane gas kitchen on this campus. Plus, we have a community soccer field on the land. The majority of students attending this school are from Neply.

Well Water: Dysentery is one of the top causes of death in children around the world. For children living in Haiti, this problem can be solved by providing clean drinking water—preferably well water. Thankfully, the children of New Missions have access to well water across the Leogane Plain at our school campuses. In the mountain region of Tom Gateau we have established cisterns on the school property to collect rainwater, which is then boiled for preparing school meals. The entire community benefits from these wells and water supplies. Together, we are fighting disease with safe drinking water.

Celebrating School Teachers: First and foremost, the teachers at New Missions are Christian role models to the children they serve. Bible class is taught daily, and students learn to memorize Bible verses and sing songs of the church. The Gospel message is shared daily in each classroom, because we believe the Gospel is the foundation that changes lives forever. We celebrate our teachers, as they love and care for God's children. Save the dates for our 2014 Shoebox Drive (Oct. 1 – Dec. 31) and plan to “Bless A Teacher” with a special shoebox packed just for them. Visit BlessATeacher.com.

Health Fair: From brushing teeth to proper nutrition, the students at our schools in Sosua, Dominican Republic, recently enjoyed a health fair. We are changing lives for the better with proactive healthcare. Healthy bodies equal stronger minds for learning in the classroom. Plus, our students take these life lessons home to benefit their siblings and parents. At our Health Center in Sosua, we are 100% staffed by Dominican nurses, and a doctor is available to care for children and their families. All of our medical care is free to the entire Sosua community.





CHILDREN UNDER FIVE

Less than one year later, Kenoldson Fils Junior finds himself waking up with a new smile each day. It was last summer when this little boy found his way into our Bire Elementary School to receive a free lunch during the vacation months.

After summer ended and school began, Kenoldson was enrolled as an official student of New Missions. He was introduced to his preschool teacher, Soline Carenant. His teacher is from Bire, Haiti and graduated from New Missions. As a Christian who attends our church in Bire, Soline is a gift of love and care to Kenoldson.

For children under five in Haiti, food, medical care, and education are rare benefits. Thankfully, because of the *I Am Hope Club*, we are serving them. Currently, hundreds of children under five are being enrolled, and will enjoy food and medical care during the summer, and will begin school this fall. This school year, between Haiti and the Dominican Republic, we will surpass 1,000 children under five being cared for by New Missions.

Please join the *I Am Hope Club* and help us serve children like Kenoldson over the summer and during their first year of school. Together, we will see more lives changed because of the love of Jesus. ~Tim DeTellis

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RESTAURANT OWNER

"People love the chicken I cook," says Marie Jacque Martide. With a contagious smile and a spirit of determination, this restaurant owner and local businesswoman sees a bright future for Haiti. Marie Jacque started school at New Missions in preschool and graduated from our high school. Today, she's a Christian leader. With her father no longer living, Marie Jacque provides for her mother, her husband and her brother. She attends the New Missions church in TiRiviere. Marie hopes to open another restaurant—providing employment to more Haitians from her community.



Top: The children of Bire, Haiti, are loved and cared for by their New Missions church and school. **Above left:** Last summer, though not yet a student of New Missions, Kenoldson received food during our summer meal program at our Bire school. **Above middle:** In October 2013, Kenoldson began preschool at New Missions in Bire. **Above middle:** With his teacher, Soline Carenant by his side, Kenoldson has a role model of hope. **Above right:** Welcome to our family, Kenoldson. We are glad you're here!



FATHER'S FAITH

Several times a month I find myself traveling by way of airplane to a destination either across the country or overseas. The process of flying involves purchasing a ticket to your specific destination, packing what's needed for the trip, and then trusting the crew and staff of the airlines to transport you to your final destination safely.

I could not imagine boarding a flight to Atlanta, Georgia, and soon after takeoff the pilot coming on the intercom and announcing, "Our flight path has changed, and today I've decided to fly us to Birmingham, Alabama." Well, even though I really enjoy being in Alabama, the ticket I purchased was not for that destination. This would be a surprise, and ultimately cause much confusion and disruption for the plans of the people on the flight that was intended to arrive in Atlanta.

Similar to the flight that needs to stay due course, organizations need to remain true to their mission and calling. I also consider New Missions part of my lifework—something I am deeply committed to and believe is making a life-changing impact in the lives of those we serve. I don't want an organization with a great 30+ year heritage to lose course. How can we focus our focus—stay true to our values?

If you ever met my father, you would say he was a man of great faith. He believed God was with him on a journey to change lives. As we celebrate Father's Day this month, I become sentimental about the leadership and passion my dad had toward his lifework. In reflecting back over the years I served close to him, and observing his tenacity to serve, here are the guiding principles we still live by because of my father's example.

I see our relationship with God as a daily step in trust and honor. *"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"* Matthew 25:23 Today, be faithful in the little. See God do big things when we honor Him with the little.

Serving together,

Tim DeTellis
timothy@newmissions.org

P.S. Please join us in caring for children without a sponsor. Join the I Am Hope Club.

Together, we are:

Preaching the Gospel...*because only God changes lives forever.*

Giving Generously...*because we steward what's not ours.*

Focusing for Impact...*because excellence requires our priority and attention.*

Only Fearing God...*because we report to God and He is our ultimate strength and provision.*

Making Disciples...*because this is the true measurement of success.*

Doing the Right Thing...*because our integrity and trust with others is our reputation.*

Listening to God...*because He knows what's best for us so we humbly seek Him.*

These are our values, since 1983. The strength of our foundation determines the long-term impact on the lives we serve.

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

When you think about values, what do you think about? Personally, when I think about values, I think about who people are, what they do, and how they live. That is when you see what people truly believe—their actions. And their actions come from their thoughts, which began by what was buried in their hearts—their values.

Reading through our values, I realize they do help us to focus our focus. I'm thankful for that. Most of all, I'm thankful that we are on this journey and calling together. Please continue to pray for us. We desire to be better and more effective at fulfilling our calling. To God be the glory! ~Tim DeTellis



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



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THE WORK AND THE WORKER IN PLAYA LAGUNA

When the people of Playa Laguna needed a pastor, Felix felt a bubbling, overflowing love for the people. Who are the people? Considered by the rest of the town as poor and needy, but to Pastor Felix, these people are one of the greatest loves of his life. Together, with his wife Lisselotte, they are building the kingdom of God.

Pastor Felix had an amazing medical miracle happen to him. As a young man, he was isolated and abandoned by his friends—due to complications from a surgical abdominal wound that would not heal. God spoke to Felix through Matthew 11:25-30. Felix said he felt fire on his body. Two weeks later the doctor was confounded to see him healed. The call of God came to Felix to serve in the ministry, and Pastor Felix serves with great enthusiasm and patient, long-suffering love.

Today, with the construction of the church and school, people are anxiously waiting to move into their new church. The children keep asking Pastor Felix, “When will it be done?” The youth are excited to get their worship team together to sing praises to God.

The work and the worker will not stop. Thank you to those who continue to work with us toward the completion of the church in Playa Laguna.

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



Thanks to your generosity, construction is not slowing down for the church in Playa Laguna.



Middle: Together with his wife Lisselotte, Pastor Felix is serving the people of Playa Laguna, Dominican Republic, with a steadfast love.

Bottom: The concrete roofing is being layered right now and construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Reading God's Word: Giving hope starts with God's Word. If we give only an education, food or medical care, but forget God, we miss out on what will change the life of a child forever. From one classroom to the next, new Bibles were given to children at New Missions. What a thrill it was to watch them immediately pick up their new gift, open it up, and write their name inside their Bible. Celia Claxton led her 6th grade class in reciting the entire chapter of Psalm 23 from memory. "I love Jesus," she says with a smile. We see her and each student as a child of God.



Bible College Graduates: With the choir singing, a group of 30 graduates began marching into the chapel at our high school campus in Signeau, Haiti. Equipped to lead churches and serve their communities, these Bible College graduates stood proudly—wearing their blue caps and gowns—now ready to make Haiti better with God's truth. Our Bible College graduates serve in their local churches. Pastor Ernst LeRoy is the director of our Bible College and also serves one of our churches in Leogane, Haiti. Each graduate was presented with a new French Bible. Join us in praying for these new Christian leaders.



TiRiviere Church Construction: TiRiviere, a fishing village located along the coast of the Leogane Plain, is home to a New Missions church and school that is currently under construction. With construction being completed by an all Haitian crew, ownership and respect increase by providing local jobs and community involvement. Pastor Denis Plaisimond, a graduate of New Missions, leads our church in TiRiviere, and also serves as the elementary school director. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of August.



Brache-Gilles Church: Leaving his home in St. Marc, Haiti, Antoine Gilles, moved to Leogane, met Pastor George DeTellis, and attended our Bible College. Antoine tells his story as one of a missionary sent from one region of Haiti to another. As a Christian, he wanted to spread the Gospel message to the Leogane area, where Voodoo was prominent. He now serves as the pastor in Brache-Gilles, and is our elementary school director. This marks the twelfth church built at New Missions since the historic earthquake. We have more churches to build—transforming lives and serving communities.





LET'S COVER MORE FEET

The idea of giving a new pair of sneakers to our students in Haiti is a blessing to more than just our students. The teachers who give out the sneakers at our schools are part of the team that makes this possible. We also have volunteers in Orlando who help pack the sneakers being sent to Haiti.

Each day, little Carita walks just about half a mile each way to attend her first grade class. Her smile represents the thankfulness for her new pair of sneakers that will look so nice with her yellow checked school uniform.

Pastor Richard Gay, our elementary school director from Masson, recently told me the school children would not be able to purchase new sneakers—as most of the shoes sold in the area were used and very worn. He was more than appreciative that we are giving the school children new sneakers.

Please join us in covering more feet by hosting a collection for new sneakers at your church, office or school. This is a great way to kick-off a new school year for the students at New Missions. Find out more at GiveSneakers.com.

~Tim DeTellis

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CHURCH CONSTRUCTION
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GENEROUS STUDENTS

During a chapel service, John Bosio Castillo stood in awe before his fellow students. This twelfth grade student was in an unfortunate motorcycle accident, and was unconscious for several days. As a result, John lost the use of his arm—which now requires surgery. His fellow students presented him with a check for \$230 from funds they earned by doing extra curricular activities. The students shared that it was nothing to give the money to him because John was their brother. Thank you to the teachers and staff at New Missions in the Dominican Republic for paving the way for these role model Christian leaders. These generous students represent our 2014 graduating class.



Top: With smiles of gratitude, Carita and her friend sit in class knowing they have new sneakers to enjoy during their walk to school.

Above left: So far, we have shipped 2,870 new pairs of sneakers to Haiti, and have distributed these to eight of our schools.

Above middle: Our teachers are directly involved with giving sneakers to the students—as they size each pair on site to make sure they are a perfect fit. **Above right:** Let's cover more feet! Our students enjoy the new sneakers shown with their school uniforms.



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JONAH, THE RELUCTANT MISSIONARY

Jonah was a reluctant missionary. He was a godly man living in a community of believers. God called him to go preach repentance to the city of Nineveh. Jonah didn't want to go. But, God's call to Jonah was irrevocable. His disobedience, rebellion and running away could not stop God's destiny for his life. So imagine you are Jonah. You are chosen of God to go on a mission. It wasn't your idea to go to Nineveh. You are afraid of those people. You don't want to go to that city. It's a dirty, dangerous city with people who are not like you. Every Sunday there are pastors who don't want to go to their own church. They ask themselves, "How did I end up in this city with these strange people?" Yes, Pastor, you are on a mission for God.

Are you a reluctant missionary? Has God called you to do something, but you don't want to go? The good news is that God loves you and has chosen you for a purpose. The bad news is that if God has chosen you for a purpose, you can't get away from Him. God will relentlessly pursue you until you submit to the call on your life. God's love for you is irrevocable. You can't quit. He won't fire you. You can't run away. You are trapped in your destiny. God is going to teach you a lesson through the very mission He is sending you on. It can be a scary, challenging journey. The best you can do is get on your knees and repent, and submit to the plan and will that God has for you. It's not about you.

**DO YOU HAVE AN
IRREVOCABLE CALL OF
GOD ON YOUR LIFE?**

But, like Jonah, God is going to use you in spite of your disobedience for His glory and divine purpose.

In America, our U.S. Constitution declares our free will and the right to pursue happiness in whatever manner we desire. "...Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." There was a popular American song that declared "It's my life and I'll do what I want." The American dream is about prosperity, and the pleasure and security that prosperity can provide.

There is a contradiction between the irrevocable call of God and the pursuit of happiness declared in our U.S. Constitution. As a Christian, I find that my life is not my own. My life is more like that of a soldier. There is the call of duty. I may

dream of the American dream and the pursuit of happiness. But duty calls. God's dream for Jonah was to send him to Nineveh to preach to a city of wicked, evil people. Where was Jonah's prosperity, pleasure, and security in that plan for his life? It is a risk to be a Christian and preach the Gospel to a foreign people. You might get hurt. Romans 11:29 tells us that, "*God's gifts and His calling are irrevocable.*" What a great promise of God's love for us. We have been chosen for a destiny and a purpose. Do you hear the call of God? Will you answer Him by saying, "Here am I, Lord, send me?"

~George DeTellis, Jr.

Self-preservation is nature's first law. Preserve your health, your time, and your money. Do what's best for yourself. As Christians we are living a life of paradox. It is natural that we want to enjoy the best life has to offer. While at the same time, as Christians, we are often called to make a personal sacrifice to share the Gospel. Jesus put this paradox in twenty words: "*For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it.*" Matthew 16:25.



George DeTellis, Jr.

P.S. Will you help us build a church in the village of Playa Laguna? Your gift this month will help us finish the construction.





BAPTISM FESTIVAL

Just off in the distance from the New Missions church in Concrab, Haiti, you could hear the sound of the ocean as 36 believers walked to the shoreline for their water baptism. Eleven of our churches came together for a baptism festival. The experience was breathtaking—as children stood by their parents during the worship service before they walked to the water.

The outward expression of water baptism speaks loudly and boldly in the Haitian culture, as a true profession of turning away from the practice of Voodoo. When we first came to Concrab, they did not have a church, and only practiced Voodoo. Concrab is the third church planted in Haiti by New Missions in 1984. I remember the very first time we went to Concrab to host an outdoor evangelism service. This village was without resources to break the cycle of poverty. There was no well, no school, and no church. Now, a graduate of New Missions, Fednel Oscar serves as the pastor of our Concrab church.

Changing lives is awesome, and we know it is only by the work of the Holy Spirit. *“So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.” (John 8:36)* We are celebrating God’s work of lives changed!

~Tim DeTellis



A former student of New Missions, Pastor Fednel Oscar of our Concrab church in Haiti, led the baptism festival welcoming 11 of our churches.



Middle: The 36 believers following in water baptism represent God at work—changing Haiti one life at a time. **Bottom:** We preach the Gospel because only God changes lives forever. *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17*

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Playa Laguna Church: Starting in a home, this growing church is now ready to serve the community of Playa Laguna—with the construction scheduled to be completed by the end of August. During the week, this facility will be open for school and become a new site for our I Am Hope Club—serving children under five by offering preschool classes. Our method for ministry is establishing local churches and schools that become the centerpiece of caring for children and their families. Ultimately, we want to impact the spiritual, physical and intellectual growth of those we serve.

Young Graduates: Singing with joy on graduation day, the 2014 kindergarten class from Bombita, Dominican Republic, are a snapshot of lives being changed. “I love my school!” is the sentiment of these kids as God’s love is poured into their hearts and minds each day. In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”* Our mission is to change the life of a child. Our vision is to raise a generation of Christian leaders. We celebrate our young graduates!

Summer Projects: Church benches and school desks are being built this summer at our mission in Haiti. Lumber supplies sourced in Haiti support the local economy, and our Haitian carpenters produce a high quality product for our school children to enjoy. Painting the benches blue, green, yellow or red makes them bright and beautiful for the classroom. Luckner Filiese, our lead Haitian carpenter, is from the village of Bire—where we have a church, school and medical clinic. He has worked with us since 1984—just one year after our mission was established in Haiti.

Building More Churches: Since the historic earthquake in Haiti, 12 churches have been built at New Missions. We have two more locations currently identified where we plan to build new churches and schools. Our construction is 100% Haitian led and provides vital jobs to people from local communities and villages. The self-dignity and respect this process promotes is critical for our ministry. We intentionally employ Haitians to build a new Haiti. Alongside each church, we establish a Christian school to educate children, and provide food and vital medical care.





SHOEBOX DRIVE

“We love because He first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) Share God’s love this Christmas. We need your help to make our 2014 Shoebox Drive special. Our collection runs from October 1 through December 31, 2014. This provides the opportunity for gifts to be delivered during the five-year anniversary of the historic earthquake. Let’s not miss this opportunity to show our love to those we care so much about.

On the actual day of the earthquake, we were giving shoebox gifts to our school children. Now, nearly five years later, we have the opportunity to share God’s love in a big way. This year, we are expanding and will have our 28th school and church in Haiti—enabling us to serve more children in the mountain region near Tom Gateau.

Our Shoebox Drive website has packing ideas and shipping labels. If you are not able to pack a shoebox, let us pack one for you by ordering online at www.shooboxdrive.com. Our goal is for each of the children at New Missions in Haiti to receive their own shoebox gift. Plus, we use additional shoeboxes for evangelism and outreach into new areas of Haiti. Plan now to host a packing party at your church, school, or office.

~Tim DeTellis



Top: Don’t miss the opportunity to share God’s love with the children of New Missions this Christmas. Find more info at ShooboxDrive.com. **Above left:** From sunglasses to school supplies, fun toys to surprises, your gifts bless children and their families. **Above middle:** You can also bless a teacher and pack a shoebox for a teacher. Visit BlessATeacher.com. **Above right:** Our Haitian leadership is represented by former students of New Missions. They are now giving shoeboxes to the next generation of leaders.

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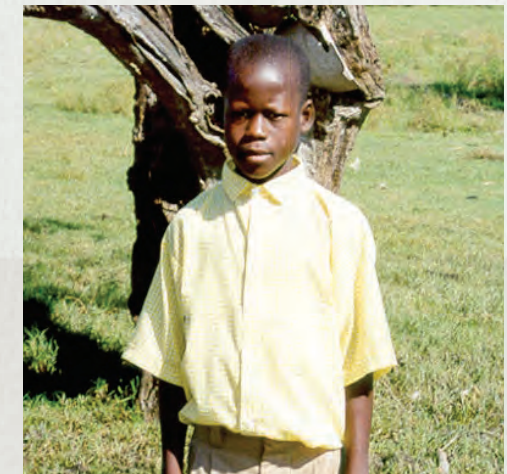
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PROFESSIONAL TAILOR

Sitting outside his home in the village of Nely, Haiti, Geto Milfort (a former student of New Missions) sets up his sewing machine and is open for business. As a local tailor, Geto provides for his family and lives his life with dignity and self-respect. He values the Christian-based education he received at school and currently plays bass guitar in the worship team for the New Missions church in his village. *“My life is better because I have an education and can now support my family.”* says Geto. Jobs do help solve poverty, and a relationship with Christ makes this life truly changed for the better.



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THE GOD WHO SEES ME

There is a story in Genesis 16 of a woman Hagar, who was the Egyptian maid to Sarah (Sarai). Sarah, in her old age had no children, and she thought it was a good idea for her maid to sleep with her husband, Abraham (Abram), to have a child for them. When Hagar conceived, Sarah was so insanely jealous that she tormented and abused the young girl. In desperation, Hagar left home. She found herself in the desert—alone, hopeless, overwhelmed, and reaching the point of giving up. Then, Hagar heard from God. She had the miraculous encounter of confidence that God saw her most miserable state. God told Hagar to return home to Sarah and Abraham; Hagar obeyed. God didn't tell Hagar that things would be different, or that Sarah had changed. But, the eyes of God upon her gave her the courage, endurance and strength to obey.

Genesis 16:13 says, *"You are the God who sees me,"* for she said, *"I have now seen the One who sees me."*

On June 25, 2014, my parents, Charles and Anna DiPietro, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary. How many 75th wedding anniversary celebrations have you attended? During the planning stage of the event, my mother wanted to be the speaker. At 94 years of age, she shared for 30 minutes. She told the story of when she was 12 years old, having a fall from an apartment building and being taken to a hospital far from home. She was hospitalized for a year and a half, and during that time, her mother was only able to visit on two occasions. Anna, like Hagar,

was in a desperate plight of loneliness, pain and illness. At her young age, she began to ponder about her faith. From her childhood, she was not sure if the saints in her Roman Catholic Church could help her. She also reasoned that she didn't know much about Jesus. But, with a strong cry, Anna said, *"If there is a God, I need Him and I want to know Him."* God saw Anna. Yes! Anna saw God. Her internal injuries eventually healed, and she went home to her family of seven siblings after one and a half years. For the past 82 years, with a grateful heart, she challenges people to believe that God sees us.

**YES! MY GOD SEES ME.
YES! I WILL OPEN MY
EYES AND SEE GOD.**

For most of us, especially those in our golden years, we see a lot of pain and sorrow. We hesitate to watch the world news to avoid increasing our troubles. In the Dominican Republic, an 11-year-old student who was in our worship team

died in a motorcycle accident. A 17-year-old boy from a good missionary family died in a truck accident. In Haiti, the infant son of two of our employees died from a high fever. There will be a great and final eternal change one day—when we go to be with the Lord or when He returns to take us home. *"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."* Romans 8:18

When you go through one of these "Hagar" or "Anna" times, remember to keep your eyes on God. When you take your eyes off of God, you will begin to sink! Look to Jesus now, and stay focused on His great power and great love for us!

~ Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

When we begin to think and feel in the natural, we are not standing stubbornly in faith for the supernatural. We are human, and our flesh screams against evil, pain, and hopeless impossibilities. I forever try to tell God how and when to do things, but He always does it His way; then I am amazed by His generosity and faithfulness.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

P. S. I love praying and responding to prayer requests each month. It is my spiritual jumping jacks to energize my faith to "see God see you."



Dennis and Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



NEW MISSIONS

Change the life of a child

MORE FIFTH BIRTHDAYS

Having a big sister or big brother to look up to can be a big advantage. Early in the morning, siblings begin their walk to school, and hope comes alive as they sing songs together during school chapel. Sharing these experiences together makes life better—as they bring the Biblical lessons taught at school back to their homes.

For Anna Similien, this is exactly what is taking place. Her oldest brother and sister attend high school at New Missions. Another sister, Catiana, attends the same elementary school as Anna. These siblings become encouragers and mentors along the path of learning.

Sitting on the front row of her class, Anna took her finger and began to taste the powdered sugar topping on the birthday cake in front of her. With a big smile, she turned to her classmate on her right and said, “Li gou!” (it’s tasty). This was a happy moment for the kids celebrating their fifth birthdays at New Missions. Anna just turned five in August. This year, 622 of our students will reach their fifth birthday—thanks to the love and care of our schools and local churches.

~Tim DeTellis



Catiana is a role model to her younger sister Anna, who just turned five on August 21, 2014.



Middle: Loving on our kids is the calling of our teachers. Marie Carmel Petit-Homme and Silla Fatal serve birthday cake to their students.

Bottom: Our goal is to celebrate more fifth birthdays at New Missions, and rejoice in seeing God change the lives of these children.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Playa Laguna Church: Because of your giving, this new church is near completion. We are in the process of ordering chairs, windows, and school furniture. The Gospel message will be proclaimed in this community, and lives will be forever changed. In Mark 16:15 Jesus said to them, *“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation.”* In addition to serving as a church, this building will be utilized as a school during the week. It will also serve as a community center where we will host special events to serve the children and families in Playa Laguna, Dominican Republic.



28th Church & School in Haiti: We have our twenty-eighth church and school opening in Decouze, Haiti this September. This location is in the mountain region of Tom Gateau. It will be our third location in the mountains, and we are thrilled to be reaching more children and families in this remote area of Haiti. We will have a church, and provide food and medical care at the school. Our staff will include a pastor (who also serves as the school director), a nurse, and Christian teachers. Pray for the first 125 students from preschool through second grade, as they begin school this fall.



New Classrooms in Neply: Our Bord-Mer Elementary School in Haiti is relocating to a piece of land in Neply, where we recently built a new church and school kitchen. Right now, we are building four classroom buildings plus new bathrooms for this campus. The entire construction is completed by Haitians, and utilizes our new post-earthquake construction model. Two former students of New Missions now serve as the pastor and the school director at this campus. Your gift to “Church & School Construction” will help make it possible for us to complete this project.



Fifth School in the Dominican Republic: This September, we are opening our fifth school in the Dominican Republic—on the Playa Laguna church campus. Our goal is to establish local churches, and then provide a Christian education for the purpose of developing future Christian leaders. Children will begin school in Playa Laguna starting with preschool. These students will be supported through our *“I Am Hope Club.”* Our other school campuses in the Dominican Republic are located in Mulata, Bombita, Playa Chiquita, and Redemption.





THE PAIN OF HUNGER

What is the real pain of hunger? I'm not certain I could tell you from personal experience. However, I have seen what hunger looks like. Since 1983, I have served in Haiti. I was eleven-years-old when I first went to Haiti, and remember my first glimpse of poverty up close. It was the faces of the children that shocked me most. Not their homes or lack thereof, but their faces. I could see the pain of hunger.

Today, as you follow the ministry of New Missions, you will notice we do not share or exploit the poor, sad faces of children going hungry. The real reason is because our children are not going hungry. I would not want to disrespect the dignity of any child by showing their pain merely for fundraising purposes. I want you to see the hope and joy found when we serve these children with God's love.

Our schools continue to be a place where hunger goes away—thanks to the lunch we provide. All of our food supplies are sourced in Haiti to help support the local economy, and we employ Haitians to cook and prepare the meals for our students. Thank you for partnering with us to help hunger go away.

~Tim DeTellis

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MISSION TRIPS

Haitians are serving Haiti. Thirty-six Christians from our Masson Church departed for a one-week mission trip to Petit-Goâve, Haiti. Led by Pastor Richard Gay, the team loaded their sound equipment, luggage and cases of shoebox gifts to be given away onto "tap-taps" (Haitian pickup trucks). Seven of our churches participated in mission trips throughout Haiti this summer. A total of 215 individuals from our Neply, Bire, Leogane, Lassale, Fond-Jacques, Signeau, and Masson churches went to five different destinations including: Saint Marc, Gonaives, Las Caobas, Les Cayes, and Petit-Goâve. Our churches represent new missionaries for Haiti, and we celebrate God at work through their lives.



Top: Children at New Missions in Haiti are thankful for the meals they receive at school. During the summer, they also enjoyed food for their continued nourishment and growth. **Above left:** Food deliveries arrive from local vendors in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, including cooking oil. **Above middle:** Trucks arrive monthly at our mission to pick up inventory of food supplies to cook meals for each school. **Above right:** We consume 50 tons of food each month and prepare over 2 million meals each year.

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1 John 4:19*



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FOCUSING FOR IMPACT

Working in Haiti is the foremost focus of New Missions. It is also the main work I focus upon. Each month, different goals and objectives are accomplished. Construction is currently taking place in multiple locations. This summer, Haitian churches are going on mission trips throughout their own country. School and church benches are being made and distributed in preparation of our schools opening this fall. We are also ready to launch new schools and churches in locations not yet reached with the Gospel message, schools, wells, and healthcare. In October, we look forward with excitement—anticipating the delivery of Christmas shoeboxes.

When I periodically leave Haiti, I usually feel torn because I will be leaving the place God has called me. And, as a husband and a father, my heart deeply misses my family. I believe we can make the most impact when we give the majority of our time to our main calling.

We need to hear the still small voice of God to know our calling in life. Many people will tell us to do something else with our lives. The plan God has for your life may not make sense in the natural. People may question the security and provision for your future. I will always love New England where I grew up. At the same time, I love when people are willing to embrace different cultures and people—for the sake of the Gospel. My wife's mother, Darleen, used to quote: *"Only one life 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last."* Our future and security is in Christ alone.

We want to do a great work for God in Haiti. However, this starts by spending time in prayer and in reading His Word. We must not put the work of God over our relationship with God. As we seek Him first, we will have a clearer understanding of what He's called us to do—along with the power and provision to accomplish His work.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

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P. S. Life is short. Set your heart and mind upon what God has for you.

However, we cannot do every good work alone. I cannot be a pastor in America and a missionary overseas at the same time. Or...at least I cannot do those jobs well if I am too divided. It thrills me to know God has called other people to minister all around the world. We must be content with the gifts and calling God has given each of us. Focus on your area of ministry for the greatest impact. Do a better job right where you are. Again, these are personal decisions, and each situation is unique. But, we cannot do this alone. Missionaries overseas rely upon family, friends and churches for resources, medical supplies, and most of all, prayer.

Expect greater fruit in your ministry as you focus more upon it. Expect more peace of mind as you are less divided with your attention. All of us seem to be struggling for more hours in each day. By cutting a few things out in other areas, we will have more time to focus on our main area of work. *"But seek*

first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33) It seems life is a balance of give and take. We need to prioritize. God will bless you and reward you as you serve Him. I Corinthians 15:58 says, *"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."*

~Charlie DeTellis





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HEALTHY CHURCH GROWTH

When it comes to a healthy church, there are three key identifiers: 1. New believers. 2. Discipleship. 3. Serving others. Right now in Haiti, our churches are a testimony of healthy church growth. We do not proclaim to have figured out a method or model, except for preaching the Gospel—because only God changes lives forever. Once God enters in, healthy change happens. Living a life that bears much fruit is our aim.

Looking ahead, we have pledges to build three more churches in 2015. With your help, I'm praying we will build five or more churches in 2015. These facilities become the center of their community.

From roofing trusses to church benches, our churches in Haiti are 100% Haitian built. Since the historic earthquake in 2010, we have built 12 churches in Haiti. New churches were built in Tom Gateau, Callitor, Brache-Milot, Concrab, Belloc, Signeau, Ti-Boucan, Lassale, Neply, Bire, Brache-Gilles, and Ti-Riviere.

Please consider a special offering to church and school construction before the end of this year. Through our churches in Haiti, we are making disciples—because discipleship is the true measurement of success. "...By their fruit you will recognize them." *Matthew 7:16* ~Tim DeTellis



During the construction phase of a church, nearly 50 local jobs are provided to support the local community and strengthen families.



Middle: From roof trusses to church benches, our church construction in Haiti is 100% Haitian built—which leads to greater respect and dignity. **Bottom:** We rejoice with the people of Brache-Gilles, Haiti, as their new church building is finished and this facility is open to the community throughout the week for other activities.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Food Delivery: We are here not just to feed them, but to lead them to the feet of Jesus. At our schools in Haiti, we help children say goodbye to hunger and hello to hope. Each school has cooks who are moms on a mission. They are employed to prepare nearly 9,000 meals each school day. Delivery trucks bring food we purchase in Haiti to our warehouse facility. Every month, each of our schools sends a truck to pick up their monthly inventory of rice, beans, cooking oil, and salt. Annually, we prepare over two million meals.



English Lessons: Empowering our students for future employment involves the intentional strategy of teaching them English. Across Haiti are other non-profit organizations and businesses looking for qualified Haitians with Christian values and the capacity to speak the English language. Graduates of New Missions are employed with other organizations—thanks to the skill of speaking English. We begin teaching English in preschool and continue through high school.



Ti-Riviere Church: Another church is built in Haiti. This represents our 12th church built since the historic earthquake. Now, with a new building, our church and school in Ti-Riviere will continue to be the greatest force of good for the children and families being cared for. During the week, the church will also be utilized by our school as a dining hall for the children to enjoy their lunchtime. Various other activities will be hosted in this facility by the community, such as weddings, funerals, etc.



Teacher Training: New Missions loves teachers! These Christian role models are on the front row of impacting lives forever. In the Dominican Republic, our teachers hosted their annual teacher training just prior to the start of school, so they would be prepared for the new school year. For many of our students, our Christian schools are the first place where they learn about Jesus. From the classroom, the Gospel message travels back into their homes. We have a local church as part of each of our schools for continued spiritual development.





EACH LIFE CHANGED CHANGES OUR WORLD

Jesus gave us a commandment to go, and in our going to change our world. Our world begins with our immediate loved ones, spouses, children and parents. But, it goes on to our neighbors, community, and it leaps across oceans and over mountains to touch the life of a child.

Jesus gave us the power to do what He asked us to do. Each child deserves to have their heart ignited with the love of Jesus and their mind exercised through education.

We can change the world. With each follower of Jesus obeying His Word, and empowered by His love...we can sponsor a child. For me, I am blessed that God gave me four children. I am further blessed to sponsor four children. When we all touch a life, we will together, mightily, quickly and gloriously see God's love come to all children.

When we sponsor, we begin to love and pray for a child that does not belong to us, but that child belongs to God. For many of the children being sponsored, they hold your photo in the pages of their Bible. We need each other. We need to be a blessing. There is a child who needs you...because every child deserves to be blessed. ~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



Top: Our mission is to change the life of a child. This is made possible because of child sponsors. **Above left:** Become a child sponsor and change the life of a child, as you help fund their education and place them on a path of hope. **Above middle:** We care for our children's health, education, mind, and most importantly their spiritual development. **Above right:** Your sponsorship empowers a child to grow up and become a Christian leader. "Now, I'm a teacher thanks to my sponsors Chuck and Jeannie Bruce" (Gamma Gay from Masson, Haiti).

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TEACHERS ON A MISSION

This school year at New Missions, we will have 374 teachers on staff. Between Haiti and the Dominican Republic, these role models of Christian leaders will be on the front row of seeing lives changed. Weekly, our schools host chapel services. Our teachers share a Bible class daily to help our students deepen their personal faith in Jesus. Together, we are making disciples, because discipleship is the true measurement of success. We are thankful for each of our teachers who help release the God-given potential of each student. This Christmas, you can send a special gift to our teachers by packing a special shoebox gift for them. Visit BlessATeacher.com for more information.



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TWO WAYS TO CHANGE THE WORLD

More than ever, it seems our world is in need of hope. When I think of how we can make a difference, I stop thinking about the big picture and start thinking about individuals. If you and I believe Jesus is still the answer for the world today, then how do we introduce this truth and saving grace to the people around us?

Ultimately, only God changes lives, and this is why we preach the Gospel. How is the Gospel preached? Once we know Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior, we are each ministers of the Gospel. *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* (1 Peter 4:10) How can God use us here and now?

Jesus gave us two ways to change the world by making it very clear for us to be salt and light. Jesus said in Matthew 5:13-16 *"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."* Jesus gave us two ways to change the world during his Sermon on the Mount: be the salt of the earth with your words, and

go light the world with your deeds.

You and I have two abilities to change the world by preaching the Gospel through how we speak and by doing good works. We are already saved by grace and now we are called to live a life of love out loud... literally. People only know us by what we say and do. Our words equal the salt we deposit into peoples' lives. Have you felt words of pain? The same is true for words of hope, peace, truth, and encouragement. Our words are powerful.

Standing in line at a sandwich shop, the lady in front of me was checking out with her two kids when she suddenly realized she did not have her credit card to pay for her food. She had no cash. She had a different purse and all her money was at home. I pulled out a \$20 dollar bill and paid for their sandwiches. Then when I ordered my sandwich the guy behind me said, *"Sir, I want to buy your sandwich. That was*

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ABILITIES TO CHANGE
THE WORLD: SPEAK
WORDS AND DO WORKS.**

really cool what you did for her." Actions really do speak louder than words. We can say all we want, but in the end we need to help people so they see how much we care.

What words are you using to change the world? What words do we need to stop using that hurt those around us? How can we take our words and turn them into actions and deeds—showing others how much we care? Let's go change the world with our words and deeds. ~Tim DeTellis

I leave you with two Scriptures to guide us on this journey of changing the world with our words and deeds. *"Let your speech be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."* (Colossians 4:6) *"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."* (1 Timothy 6:18)

Serving together,

Tim DeTellis
timothy@newmissions.org

P. S. It is not by our works that we are saved, it is because we are saved that enables us to speak good words and do good works.



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

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THE HAPPIEST WORD IS SHARING

When I think of the word “sharing,” I think of Jesus with the biggest smile, surrounded by a hungry crowd, as He lifted the bread towards heaven and broke it. The miracle happens in the sharing. The disciples rejoiced because the more they shared, the more they received. In fact, with those few loaves of bread, they had to pick up baskets of the leftovers.

This is similar to the miracle that transpires when you share a shoebox gift with a child. The idea of sharing in Haiti is ingrained in their culture. If you have visited there, you’ve likely seen children passing around a lollipop so that many children can have a lick.

I love how one of our shoebox donors, Ashley, talked about sharing. The joy she received was beyond words. She has seen the need and appreciation of the children—making her feel blessed in return.

Our team of Haitian pastors appreciate extra shoebox gifts to use during evangelistic outreaches, or for people who are ill and need encouragement.

When you share your love with the Haitian children this Christmas season, know that in your sharing, God will bring a miracle more than enough to bless each child.

~Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor



Each box filled with gifts to bless a child actually blesses an entire family. Please remember to include a photograph and note with your favorite Scripture to encourage them.



Middle: Volunteers serve in Orlando to process and pack the shoeboxes into cases to be loaded on cargo containers for shipment to Haiti.

Bottom: The fun and surprise of these gifts is a happy occasion for our school children in Haiti.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Neply Classrooms: The construction continues on the classrooms at our Bord-Mer Elementary School—now located in Neply, Haiti. This new campus will enjoy all post-earthquake construction style buildings. We have already completed the church building and school kitchen. Right now, the bathrooms and classrooms are under construction. During the week, the church is used as a school dining hall, as well as the location where students host chapel services. The new classrooms have roofs going on now and will be completed by the end of November.



Bible College Graduates: We celebrate graduates from our Bible College in Sosua, Dominican Republic. These new leaders are ready to serve local churches. Together, we are making disciples—because discipleship is the true measurement of success. We have Bible colleges in Haiti and the Dominican Republic—raising up Christian leaders. Subjects studied include: History of the Church, Old Testament, Hermeneutics, the Prophetic Books, Evangelism, Religions of the World, Homiletics, Pastoral Psychology, and Theology.



Goodbye Hunger: Thank you for helping us love and care for children in Haiti. From preschool through high school, lunch is provided. Monthly, 55 tons of food is prepared—over 2 million meals each year. As we feed their bodies, their minds are ready to grow and learn. Through education comes empowerment. Our founder, Pastor George DeTellis, often said, “The greatest poverty is not knowing how to read or write.” How can we teach a child how to read or write if they are hungry? Together, we are saying goodbye to hunger and hello to hope.



Ti-Riviere Classrooms: Construction has begun for new school classrooms in Ti-Riviere, Haiti. Our mission is to change the life of a child, and we do this through the method of establishing local churches and Christian schools. We are building new classrooms in Ti-Riviere, Haiti—a very primitive village located right on the ocean. We just completed the construction of a new church building in Ti-Riviere, and rejoice with this community as their church and school are the center of activities for the community.





LET'S BUILD ANOTHER CHURCH

Please pray about partnering with New Missions to help fund the construction of another church in Haiti. We are making plans to build more churches in one year than we have ever done in our history. For 2015, we are aiming to build at least five new churches. It's a blessing to know the churches we build in Haiti are constructed entirely by Haitians—providing local jobs and strengthening families.

We have selected the village of Masson to be the location for the next fundraising goal for a new church building. Your giving will make this possible. Please consider a special year-end gift to “Church & School Construction.” Let's build another church in Haiti!

What I enjoy most about the churches we build in Haiti is knowing these buildings are used throughout the week and not just on the weekend. They are used as school classrooms, and also serve as a dining hall for lunchtime. In addition, the building is used during the week by the community for various activities. He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” (Mark 16:15) The local church is the greatest force of good, globally. Together, we are preaching the Gospel, because only God changes lives forever.

~Tim DeTellis

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BLESS A TEACHER, NURSE, AND PASTOR

This year, in addition to sending gifts for our students, the 2014 Shoebox Drive welcomes the opportunity to bless those who love and care for the children of New Missions. A unique list of gift ideas is available for you to bless a teacher, nurse, or pastor. Each day they are pouring hope and encouragement into the lives of our students and communities. Now, we can bless them too with a special gift this Christmas. Please visit www.ShoebboxDrive.com for specific lists of packing ideas for our teachers, nurses and pastors. “We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19



Top: Denis Plaisimond is a graduate of New Missions and now serves as our pastor and school director in Ti-Riviere. **Above left:** The Ti-Riviere church construction provided over 50 local jobs to the community. **Above middle:** From the roof trusses to the church benches, 100% of our church construction in Haiti is Haitian led. **Above right:** This church will bless the community during the week as an activity center. The church building also serves as additional classrooms and a dining hall for the school.

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ACT AND GOD WILL ACT

I believe there is a spiritual principal at work in the life of the Christian. If we take action, God will respond to our action. James 4:8 tells us, *"Come near to God, and God will come near to you"*. God is a responder to our free will. God has given us a free will to love Him. God has given us a free will to be an agent of change in the world. It is our free will which gives us the power to imagine, to dream, to build.

If you do nothing, God will do nothing. Every miracle in the Old and New Testament is in response to the free will action of someone having faith in God.

Twenty-five years ago, my father sent me to the village of Ti-Riviere on our four-wheeler with instructions to photograph 50 children and complete the registration process to start a school in this village. I felt in my heart that there was something special about this village. The people were proud and hard-working fishermen. I said to my father, "Dad, we have hundreds of children in our other schools who do not have sponsors. I believe there is something special about this village. I believe that we should keep the fifty children together, and let's pray that we will find one large church in America to sponsor the entire school." My father agreed to my vision.

After I developed the film and assembled the photographs of the 50 children from the village of Ti-Riviere, I locked them up in a cabinet in my office. I had a dream. But, I did not have a plan. That is often true in our lives and ministries. We have a dream. We have a vision for what we want to become, but we

do not have a plan that will get us to our goal. We need to give our dreams to God in prayer, because His ways are higher than our ways. God's plans are always bigger than our plans.

Two years later, my parents met an American named Jim at a gas station just south of our mission. They invited him to have dinner with us later that week. At the end of the night, when Jim was leaving in his rental car, he said to my father, "I am flying home tomorrow, but I don't believe I have found my purpose in coming to Haiti." Then, my father told him the story about the village of Ti-Riviere and the 50 children. "Jim, maybe you would be interested in

helping us in this village of Ti-Riviere," my father said. Jim began to cry, and then told my father that when he was flying to Haiti God told him he had 50

children for him in Haiti.

Jim attended a large church in California. Teams of Christians began coming from California to Haiti to support the school in the village of Ti-Riviere. Through this divine appointment, one of the largest churches in America began to sponsor these 50 children in the village of Ti-Riviere. Our little school in the village began to grow. Soon there were over 500 children attending school in Ti-Riviere. God honored our small plan with His BIG plan.

This year, in the village of Ti-Riviere, we celebrate twenty-five years of ministry by building the twelfth new church building constructed since the 2010 earthquake in Haiti." ~George DeTellis, Jr.

**WE HAVE THE SMALL PLAN.
GOD HAS THE BIG PLAN.**

Act and God will act. I have experienced this spiritual principal in my life many times, and can tell you numerous stories of how I've acted in faith. Though our ideas may seem simple, God honors Christians who are stepping out in faith—believing God for a miracle. What are you dreaming about? Take action, express your free will, and watch God respond to your faith.



George DeTellis, Jr.

P.S. What step of faith or action could you take today that God could respond to with His action?





YEAR IN REVIEW

My Scripture this year has been Psalm 90:17. *“May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.”* As I review the activities of New Missions during 2014, I rejoice and give thanks.

We now have 28 churches in Haiti, and four churches in the Dominican Republic. Seeing the church built in Playa Laguna, Dominican Republic, was such a blessing. In addition, we built three new churches in Haiti—located on our Bire, Brache-Gilles, and TiRiviere campuses.

Our vision is to raise a generation of Christian leaders. Personally, I see us entering our greatest decade: 2015-2025. This year, we opened four regional high schools in Haiti. We now have 35 schools in Haiti and five schools in the Dominican Republic. Through our elementary schools, high schools, Bible colleges, trade schools and now a School of Journalism, we are seeing lives changed.

God is at work. We are His people serving together. He is our ultimate source of strength and provision. *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.”* (Ephesians 6:10) To God be the glory.

~Tim DeTellis



Education empowers our students to become future Christian leaders in both the Dominican Republic and Haiti.



Middle: Did you know we employ 374 teachers to help educate children? Each life is changed by the positive influence of our teachers.

Bottom: Our new regional high school in Leogane, Haiti, welcomes seventh and eighth grade students. Together, we are raising a generation of Christian leaders.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Students from TiRiviere: We rejoice with the children of TiRiviere as the foundation is completed for their new classrooms. They have a role model of a leader in Pastor Denis Plaisimond, since he is not only the pastor of the New Missions church in TiRiviere, he is also a former student of New Missions. Pastor Denis also oversees the elementary school in TiRiviere and prays for these children to become great leaders for Haiti. Bible class is taught daily in school, and chapel services are hosted weekly. Recently, we finished the construction of a new church in TiRiviere.



Nepty School Campus: The very first school we established in Haiti, in 1983, now has a new campus. With a new church, school kitchen, bathrooms and classroom facilities, the Nepty Elementary School campus is a model for future construction. The children who attend this school live in Bord-Mer and Nepty. Thankfully, these children mostly come from Christian families—due to the longevity of serving in this area of Haiti. God is at work in the lives of each child...thanks to the pastors, teachers, and child sponsors who love and care for them.



Trade School: Our Trade School students are eager to learn skills in plumbing, carpentry and masonry. They are graduates of New Missions, or active high school students. These students are also involved with their local New Missions church, and rely on their faith as the fuel to reach further in their purpose of seeing Haiti as a country on the rise. But, first comes Jesus as the anchor for their hope. Just two years since it opened, former students are already employed in Haiti—working as plumbers, welders, carpenters and window installers. Our Trade School is truly helping to equip Haitians make a better Haiti.



Playa Laguna Church: As the New Missions church in Playa Laguna celebrates its official launch, we rejoice with these children and their families. A preschool is now open on this campus to change the lives of children through Christian education. Pastor Felix is a passionate leader and, as a Dominican, he sees the area of Playa Laguna as his mission field. Remember Pastor Felix in your prayers—along with the children and families this church loves and serves. Together, we are making disciples, because discipleship is the true measure of success.



SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

There are many ways we can positively impact future generations in Haiti, and one of those is by influencing the areas of communication and media. From newspaper articles and photographs to radio and television reports, journalists play a key role in how and what a community learns. This is why we have launched a School of Journalism at New Missions in Haiti. This program, in partnership with Biola University, will train our graduates in the field of journalism—enabling them to learn about media ethics, reporting and other topics within the industry.

Jean Marc Fontaine, a graduate of New Missions and currently the director of photography for New Missions in Haiti, has selected the first group of students for the School of Journalism. They represent current photographers and English translators who are active in their local churches.

Our students in Haiti were able to greet Biola University students in the U.S. via web video. The first two classes being taught are introduction to journalism and introduction to photography. We believe Haiti is a country on the rise, and our graduates are at the center of this new day for a country that is still too close to ignore. We are excited about the God-given potential of our graduates and this new educational opportunity.

~Tim DeTellis

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Top: Graduates of New Missions, who speak English and currently serve on our staff in Haiti, are thankful to be enrolled in our School of Journalism. **Above left:** Dr. Michael Longinow, chair of Biola's Department of Journalism, taught classes in Haiti for the launch of our School of Journalism. **Above middle:** Shayna Brodsky, a senior at Biola University, provided training for the cameras. **Above right:** Via web video, students were able to connect with students on campus at Biola University for an "in class" greeting.

MANGO 5K RUN/WALK

This January will mark the fifth anniversary of the historic Haiti earthquake, and our 32nd year of serving on the island of Hispaniola. We have a long-term solution for Haiti as local churches are established and schools staffed by Haitians help strengthen communities with jobs and educate future leaders.

Join us on Saturday, January 17, 2015, for the Mango 5K Run/Walk—located in Orlando's Cultural Park (across the street from the Orlando Science Center). The race start time is 7:30 a.m. Your participation will help give the gift of education, food, and medical care to children through New Missions. Let's show our steadfast support for the people of Haiti.

You are welcome to run this race or walk it. Personally, I'll be doing a little of both. If you live out of town, or are unable to attend the Mango 5K, I have good news for you! You can be a "sleep-in supporter" and still receive the official T-shirt in the mail following the event. Simply register at www.Mango5K.com. Thank you in advance for your unwavering support.



SUCH LOVE, JOY AND PEACE

Christmas is an every day celebration of the living presence of the God of the universe. He, His Son, and the Holy Spirit are pulsating in our daily lives. For us, we describe Christmas far removed from shopping at a mall with lights, giving gifts, or indulging in holiday foods. We appreciate the festivities and love giving gifts and preparing a banquet. Come on and celebrate as much as you can to the highest degree for this holiday of great promise to the world. We want to preach boldly in word or song, plays and church programs—to the ends of the earth—proclaiming the miracle birth of Jesus Christ, born to a virgin, Mary.

This gift that brings all of mankind the greatest sacrifice of God's only Son—giving us our new birth—is a personal, intimate, living relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We live a life of purpose because of Christmas. We live a life with a future knowing Jesus will come again...because of Christmas. We acknowledge and proclaim the truth of the Word that Jesus Christ was sent by His Father, out of His comfort zone in heaven, to become the most humble, innocent, and helpless example of humanity—a babe. How such a great God can be in a tiny babe is beyond our understanding. But, by faith in our redeeming God, we rejoice and sing—shouting the “Good Tidings of Great Joy.” The birth of Jesus brings joy—indescribable joy. The birth of Jesus brings peace—a peace of perfection that calms the highest wave in the strongest storm.

Yes, we Christians celebrate Christ and the gift of His birth. We may be able to have the biggest parties, and also offer the biggest gift to anyone, anywhere—

but... it is about Jesus. His love for us is in us, and comes out of us to reach others.

For New Missions, we see the Christmas love expressed in countless men and women who have sacrificed to go on a mission team or serve as a missionary. We see Christmas love in the countless child sponsors—loving a child and changing the life of a child. We see Christmas joy in innocent children opening Christmas shoeboxes. We see Christmas joy in new church buildings—facilitating Christians to sing the glorious Christmas carols. We see the celebration of Christ when we fellowship together. Everything inside of us leaps with joy for Who is

inside of the other—much like John the Baptist leaped in Elizabeth's womb at the presence of Mary, who was pregnant with God's Son, Jesus, as told in Luke 1:40-42.

“...she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!'”

We have everything for the party, because Jesus gives us all we need to continue the celebration. Most of all, we see Christmas peace when we remember His voice promising us that He gives us His peace. We have Christmas peace that is permanent and pervasive, and the strongest Christmas light in this darkened world. We have Jesus and we share Jesus. It will never stop until Jesus returns for each one of us who call Jesus our Savior, Lord and coming King.

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

SUCH LOVE—JESUS LOVES YOU
SUCH JOY—THE GIFT OF SALVATION
SUCH PEACE—SECURITY FOR THE FUTURE

The day my son Tim emailed me to write this Christmas article, I was in Boston for speaking engagements, and was staying with my parents. I felt like that day was Christmas for me. I started writing immediately, and before dark, headed to Costco—overflowing a cart with holiday gifts of food for my parents. We celebrated! Wherever you are, remember the gift of Christmas is there now—enabling you to experience love, joy and peace in the highest.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

P.S. I appreciate how you honor the Christ of Christmas with your expressions of love through your financial support, allowing others to come to know Christ, too.



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