



JANUARY 1, 2017 NEWSLETTER



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BELIEVING GOD FOR LA GONÂVE

This month we celebrate thirty-four years of ministry in Haiti. Many hands labor to make this ministry possible—including staff in the United States, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. But we cannot do it alone. We depend upon the prayers and support from those of you who partner with us. Our ministry focuses on the poor children of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Many of these children are helpless, and often do not have an advocate.

For many years we have been seeking the Lord’s guidance as to when and where we should expand our mission. We now believe it is His will and His perfect timing to move forward by planting three churches and schools on the Haitian island of La Gonâve in 2017. Located fifteen miles (a one-hour motorboat ride) off of our Haitian coast, there are approximately 130,000 people living on the island. We have visited La Gonâve in the past and even held church services there. Currently, we have several children from La Gonâve in our schools on the mainland, as it is not possible for them to receive an education on the island.

Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to serve and follow Him. ~Charlie DeTellis



On January 6, 1983, New Missions began as Pastor George and Jeanne DeTellis founded this mission; they lived in tents for three months.



Middle: We are keeping the pioneering spirit alive at New Missions as we continue to seek new sites for churches and schools. **Bottom left:** Tamar Calixthe is from the island of La Gonâve and attends school at New Missions in Bord-Mer, as there is no school for her to attend on the island. **Bottom right:** Together, we are changing the lives of children because each child matters to God.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Shoebox Gifts: The children from the mountain areas of Tom Gateau walk in the toughest terrain to arrive at their school, where songs of joy and Scriptures are recited in their classroom. Can you imagine walking to school and then the surprise of finding a shoebox gift? Because of your generosity, all of our students in Haiti will receive a shoebox gift. The gift of a shoebox goes beyond each child, as they share the surprises inside with their family. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with these children.

Pastors' Training: The local church is the greatest force of good, globally. Traveling from all across Haiti, pastors gathered at the Timothy Barnabas Training Center at New Missions in Signeau, Haiti. Dr. Johnny Hunt and J.J. Washington from Woodstock, Georgia, trained our pastors, along with New Missions network church pastors. Together, we are strengthening the local church as we encourage and train pastors. Join us in prayer as we plan to plant more churches in 2017. Jesus is still the answer for the world today.

DR Health Screenings: We hosted a one-year-old birthday party at our health center—which was planned and hosted by Christ the Savior Lutheran Church from Fishers, IN. The purpose of the party was to do developmental screenings for children between the ages of six and twenty-four months. We are very thankful to members of the Dominican Child Care Foundation, for helping with the screenings. Over 40% of the children we screened had some developmental delays. We plan to work with the parents of these children to educate them on ways to help their children at home.

Serving Others: Students from the National Honor Society at The Master's Academy in Oviedo, Florida, decided to collect shoeboxes as a service project this year. They collected over 60 shoeboxes, and went the extra mile by coming to serve at New Missions once their shoebox drive was complete. During their time volunteering, they sorted and boxed items that were donated after Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti. It was a blessing to see their hard work and willingness to serve. Thank you for giving of your time and resources to share God's love this Christmas.





SCHOOL IN LOS CASTILLOS

The community in Los Castillos is waiting to see their school built.

New Missions came to this neighborhood in 1999. The children were mostly from Haitian sugarcane cutters. They had no birth certificates, and were not allowed to attend the public school. We did our best to renovate a building and begin school. For the past 17 years, we have dreamed of them having a campus of their own, with both a church and a school. God's great love provided the land and all of the finances to build a church. The land is high—with space and beauty.

Throughout 2016, visiting teams ministered in the community, and they heard the same question from the parents and children, "Will the mission build a school?"

For the children in Los Castillos, they are dreaming of the day when they put on their uniform for New Missions Christian Academy, and enjoy the green grass, open space, loving, Christian teachers, and academic training for a better tomorrow. "He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted." (Job 5:9) Together, let's build a school in Los Castillos.

~Jeanne DeTellis

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Give a special gift to help build a school in Los Castillos, Dominican Republic.



Top: When a child enters our classrooms they feel loved and encouraged. **Bottom left:** Will you prayerfully consider sponsoring a child from the Dominican Republic? Call our office at 407-240-4058 or visit newmissions.org **Bottom middle:** The land is purchased and the church is almost finished; construction for the new school will begin once funds are raised. **Bottom right:** We build quality schools, and want the best for our students—enabling them to be difference makers in their communities.

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MY CALENDAR

I've often had a calendar from the dollar store, or even free ones. But for the past three years, I have indulged in a Barnes and Noble calendar book; 2014 was hot pink, 2015 was pale aqua, and 2016 is coral. These calendars are me, my life, my plans, my things to do and people to meet. I've made these plans. But, in Proverbs 19:21 God tells us, "*Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.*"

I'm not an early riser unless I have a 6:00 a.m. flight. But, one recent morning I was awake at 5:00 a.m. with thoughts of writing about "My Calendar." I tried to go back to sleep, but my mind was busy thinking about the day ahead. I'd fix some meals for my parents, and then head to church for the 11:00 a.m. service. It was going to be a productive day.

By 8:30 a.m. all of these plans changed. My mother was experiencing an eye issue that required a trip to the ER. The whole day was spent waiting for doctors and going from one hospital to another. Finally, arriving home after 11:00 p.m. with a dusting of snow, my heart was flooded with thoughts that I may make good human plans, but God is my Planner. He is my Calendar.

When I write in my calendar, I want to say a prayer over my desires, my plans, my travel and ministry. I want my prayer to be one of surrender. "*God, Your will be done.*" Psalms 94:11 says, "*The Lord knows all human plans; He knows that they are futile.*" I want my desires to be His desires so that I can have His promise in Psalms 20:4, "*May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.*"

I WANT MORE
OF JESUS ON MY
2017 CALENDAR.

Surrendering your calendar requires a trusting spirit in a good, good Father. In November, I had plans to be in the Dominican Republic. My son asked me not to go. During that time there were torrential rains, flooding, and suffering; maybe not the place God wanted an old, twice-widowed lady.

I'm sure you love your calendar like I treasure mine. I have dates penciled in through most of 2017. Exciting ministry dates; weddings, etc. As I write each event in my calendar, I say a prayer: "God willing," or "Dios Primero (God first)" or "Si Bondye vle" (if God wills).

Pastor George told a story about a farmer who was walking his cow to the market. Along the way, someone asked the man where he was going, and the man said, "I'm going to the market to sell my cow." Robbers came and beat up the farmer and stole his cow. After his beating and loss of his cow, someone asked the farmer where he was going. With humility, the farmer replied, "God willing, I am going home."

Last month, I went to the cemetery where Pastor George is buried to give his black granite bench a cleaning. I polished these words: "*The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.*" How's your calendar? Is it covered with a spirit of humility and surrender? God's will is the best for us. His will may lead us in days of joy or in days of sorrow, but God's will is always sovereign. In 2017, God, please guide my calendar.

~Jeanne DeTellis

Do I really know what's best for me? I know what I think, what I want to do, and where I would like to go. Trusting in Jesus is to let Him take command—to lead, to guide, and to choose for me; to let Him enable me to do a task, and for Him to have His way with me. Where He leads me in 2017, I will follow (running with a smile).

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis

*P.S. No one loves me more than Jesus.
I will rejoice as He marks my calendar
in 2017 with His love and grace.*



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BAPTISM FESTIVAL

Arriving at the village of Concrab, Haiti, for the “Baptism Festival” reminded me of when I was a teenager living in Haiti, and visited this village for the first time. At that time, there was nothing in Concrab except for Voodoo and extreme poverty. We eventually established a school, church and also drilled a well for the people of this village.

I remember setting up the musical equipment for our very first outdoor evangelism service in Concrab. At the end of the service, just one girl prayed to receive Jesus as her Savior. I was discouraged. Only one life? But we went back again and again to Concrab. Today, we have a thriving church and school led by a graduate of New Missions, Fednel Oscar.

This time, we were back in Concrab to witness 52 believers (representing 15 of our churches) follow in water baptism. It was a glorious sight. *“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.” Matthew 28:19*

Singing and sharing from several of our pastors took place before the baptisms began. One by one in a processional line the baptism candidates walked to the ocean—followed by other believers rejoicing in their public confession of Jesus as their personal Savior.

~Tim DeTellis



The new church we built in Concrab, Haiti, welcomed 15 of our churches for a baptism festival.



Middle: The local church is at the center of all we do—because only God changes lives forever.

Bottom left: Villagers came to witness the water baptism as a testimony of changed lives.

Bottom right: We celebrate with the 52 Haitians following in believer's baptism.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Cargo Containers to Haiti: Container days are exciting at New Missions. Between the months of Oct. and Feb. we typically send three cargo containers to Haiti. Throughout the year, volunteers come to New Missions to prepare donations to be shipped to our students in Haiti. All of the cases containing shoeboxes, sneakers and other supplies are carefully hand-loaded and shipped from our office in Orlando. Every empty space is strategically filled. Each year our staff and students in Haiti anticipate the arrival of these gifts and supplies.

I Am Hope Club: We celebrate the fifth birthday of our children in the *I Am Hope Club*, because we know this is a miracle that they have escaped death from disease and hardship. For generations, Haitian women had many children because half of their children died. Praise the Lord, each year we celebrate at least 700 children who reach five years of age in great health. We have a party with balloons, party hats, noisemakers and birthday cake—celebrating life and giving thanks because Jesus gives them a reason to rejoice.

Dominican Republic Health Center: Our health center in the Dominican Republic is a huge blessing for the community of Sosua. In 2016, we treated 9,780 patients. Since its beginning, all patients are treated for free and are also given the medications they need. Thanks to several generous donations, we are in the process of purchasing an ultrasound machine to extend this service to people in the area. As God provides, we plan to offer more healthcare services to help meet the medical needs of the people we serve.

Our Cooks in Haiti: Please meet an amazing team of Haitian women who consistently cook the best food in Haiti. Their names are Anite, Chryisia, Clerna, Donia and Rose Vada. In the early days, our women kept these recipes safely in their head by memory. Our younger cooks now read and write and have the mission cookbook with sacred hand-written recipes. With fresh bread, sticky buns, chocolate cake, plantains, beans and rice, biscotti, spaghetti, BBQ chicken, snapper or pizza, they cushion the shock of our visiting teams and comfort them with delicious and familiar foods.





YOUR GENEROSITY

We rejoice in God's love in you to generously bless our children with Christmas shoeboxes. Your personal love to pack a shoebox for your sponsored child touches the heart of your child and their entire family.

I watched as Jean Fritznel, from Ti-Boucan, open his shoebox with sports items, school supplies, and gifts for his mother. His mother told how she prays with her six children every day. Jean was playing kickball with his sponsor—smiling and having fun in a world where life is often difficult.

The first Christmas shoeboxes were given to our students in the village of Bire. It is an exciting atmosphere to pack up the truck with big boxes of Christmas shoeboxes. At the site, the children are crowded in, and their voices are bellowing out praise songs and Bible verses they have learned in school. We love to see their Christian training at an early age—knowing it will change their lives forever.

The Bire children were excited to see what was inside. Opening the gifts—giggles and smiles were our gift from them. I hope you know how appreciative they were for all that you gave. During my time in Haiti, I was blessed to help give out Christmas shoeboxes. You are giving generously, and God makes it more than enough. ~Jeanne DeTellis

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Top: The thrill of a surprise gift and knowing you are loved gives smiles to our children.

Bottom left: Our warehouses in Haiti are home to our shoebox drive logistics in the field.

Bottom middle: Transport trucks deliver shoebox gifts to each of our church and school campuses.

Bottom right: Jeanne DeTellis encouraged our students from Bire, Haiti, prior to receiving their shoebox gifts.

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LOVING GOD ISN'T ENOUGH

God wants us to love Him, but why? And is that enough? I don't think so. The second greatest commandment comes from Mark 12:31. But, first in verse 30, we are instructed to love God but then what? *"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."* Mark 12:30-31

God wants us to love Him, but then He really wants us to love others. Are we loving Him just for ourselves, and if we are...that isn't enough.

Growing up in church as a preacher's kid, I remember how my father displayed on the outside of his church at 135 Belmont Street in Worcester, Massachusetts, the letters to spell: "Jesus Loves You." I grew up knowing Jesus loved me but the big question was why? I have learned that Jesus loves me so I can love others. This is how His Gospel spreads. We grasp it, and then we share it. If we keep it only to ourselves, then we miss out on the blessing of how it is more blessed to give than receive.

Recently, I was in Haiti giving shoebox gifts to children in Bire, Haiti. Sitting on the church bench was a girl around 10 years old, who was wearing all black. This signifies she was mourning the loss of a family member. I wiggled in to sit next to her and began to ask a few questions. "Who died?" I asked. "My grandmother," she said. I then placed my arm

**"YOU SHALL LOVE
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YOURSELF." MARK 12:31**

around her and told her I would be praying for her and that she was a beautiful person and Jesus loved her. A young girl walked over toward us. "This is my friend," she stated. I smiled—knowing God loved this girl so much that He sent a friend to be by her side. I then asked, "How long have you been friends?" "Since we started school here (Bire) at four years of age," replied the girl in mourning.

In my heart, I began to thank God for His gift of love. Who do you need to go visit...just to be by their side and love them? Remember, love is better when it's shared!

In Mark 12, Jesus declared the importance of loving your neighbor. He also told a story (Luke 10:25-37) about a man traveling to Jericho who was attacked

by robbers, badly beaten, and left on the side of the road. Everyone passed him by—even the religious people—until a stranger came to his aid. The stranger bound his wounds and took him to an inn with instructions for the innkeeper to tend to him. In the story,

Jesus said the stranger who extended help to the man was truly his neighbor.

If loving God isn't enough, then what? Love your neighbor. Love your family. Love your friends. Love a stranger. Here is my prayer, *"Dear Lord, help me love You so much I cannot help but love others because loving You filled me to the point of overflowing. God, thank You for loving me...because when I start to love others, my love for You becomes alive."*

~Tim DeTellis

On a personal note, I'm seeing how God loves me so I may love my neighbors more. Each of us can love God, but then what? Loving Him isn't enough. Today, more than ever, our world needs good neighbors who make great neighborhoods. Loving God sitting in the safety of our homes or churches isn't enough. Instead, we must go outside, cross the street, or go next door and serve our neighbors.

Serving together,

Tim DeTellis
timothy@newmissions.org

P.S. Please join us in prayer for our spring fundraiser starting next month. God is at work through our mission and I'm thankful you are part of making a difference.



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

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BETTER BECAUSE OF YOU

My husband and founder of New Missions, George DeTellis, often said that anyone can raise a flag, but not everyone can keep the flag raised.

At New Missions, we know we cannot keep the flag raised alone. We need an army around the flagpole keeping the flag high and flowing in the breeze. Every person's prayer, every offering, our early pioneer missionaries, and every visiting mission team have built New Missions. It is your mission. New Missions is blessed to have a foundation that firmly holds to the Biblical mandate and principle of discipleship. We now have a new, strong generation of Christian Haitians and Dominicans leading the work of the mission through 28 churches and schools in Haiti, and five churches and schools in the Dominican Republic.

Our Haitian and Dominican leadership teams need us surrounding them around the flagpole. We need to provide them with our time, talents, and treasures—to help them continue preaching the Gospel and equip them with the infrastructure to build churches and schools. Please come and stand at the flagpole with us, and help us build the new projects God has placed in our hearts to continue to spiritually grow and bless the people of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. ~Jeanne DeTellis



Our high school teachers are influencing the next generation.



Middle: *Each child matters to us, because each child matters to God.*

Bottom left: *Please stand with us as we continue to equip our Haitian and Dominican leaders.*

Bottom right: *Our mission is a spiritual work of seeing lives changed. We rejoice when Christians follow through with baptism.*

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Bible College: When it comes to raising a generation of Christian leaders, our Bible college in Haiti is where these leaders are trained to serve local churches across the Leogane Plain region of Haiti. The two-year program provides such classes as: Old Testament and New Testament studies, Theology, The Role of the Local Church, Discipleship, The Life of Jesus, and Church Leadership. Your giving to our mission makes this possible.

Feeding Children: Annually, we prepare over 2 million meals to serve at our schools in Haiti. For too many of these children, the lunch they receive at school is their only meal. Parents tell us how having food at school releases the pressure of providing food for their entire family. Often, the mother is working and the father is absent from the home. Consistency in feeding our school children keeps them healthy and strong for learning in the classroom. Because of your generosity, we are saying goodbye to hunger and hello to hope.

Medical Care: In Haiti and the Dominican Republic, our medical clinics serve as a place of healing and hope. Reaching a person at critical times often opens their heart to hear about the love of Jesus. We provide medical care for all our school children and their families, as well as the surrounding communities. Since 1983, providing medical care has been a priority for our mission. Your generosity makes it possible for us to have doctors and nurses on the front lines—making a life-saving difference.

Local Employment: Jobs eliminate poverty as communities become stronger and families become self-sufficient in meeting their needs. Here at New Missions, we are honored to serve communities with employment opportunities through our construction in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Everything we build is completed by nationals living in the villages and towns we serve. This promotes dignity and respect, while delivering much needed jobs. From church benches and school desks, to construction jobs in building our churches and schools, local jobs are created thanks to your partnership.





GENEROUS WATER

Water is essential for life. I know this first hand because I remember living without access to water for three years. We did not have water at our mission when we arrived in 1983. Soon after our arrival, we tried to drill a well but did not find water. At that time, we were driving eight miles each way to the closest well to fetch water.

In March of 1986, we finally had the funds to attempt drilling a well again. First, we went to the village of Neply to drill them a well. To the glory of God, we hit an artesian spring for them, and God blessed their village with safe drinking water for the first time. The next day, the well drillers came to our mission on the ocean and we prayed and fasted. They hit bedrock at 160 feet. My father insisted they continue drilling. Then at 170 feet, the well drillers hit an aquifer and immediately water began gushing out of the ground under its own pressure. What a miracle!

Since then, we have drilled dozens of wells across the Leogane Plain, and built three water cisterns at our school and church campuses in the Tom Gateau mountain region. We now have plans to drill more wells in Haiti...and your giving will make this possible. Thank you for partnering with us to give generous water to the communities we serve. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: In Haiti, clean drinking water prevents disease. Give the gift of water that keeps on giving.

Bottom left: Clean water is vital for food preparation and proper hygiene. It is essential for a healthy life.

Bottom middle: Your generosity makes it possible for us to drill new wells in more villages.

Bottom right: Every day water touches the life of each student at New Missions Christian Academy.

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TOP THREE PRIORITIES FOR GIVING:

1. School in Los Castillos
2. Wells for Haiti
3. Sponsor a child

Sponsor a child.
Help a dream
come true.



THE CALLING OF GOD

Serving God has always meant a lot to me. At the age of nineteen, I felt called to go to Haiti to start a brand new mission with my parents. While living in rural Haiti, I was always busy addressing the biggest task which had to be completed each day. I have now been working in Haiti since 1983. The work is all-consuming and endless. There have been many challenges and victories along the way. We give all of the glory to God for the work which has been done. Just as God called me, He is calling each and every person.

God calls us to salvation. We all seem to have different stories of how we came to faith in God. As strange as it may sound, one night I prayed and told God I would try being a Christian for a week. The next morning when I woke up I sensed I was a changed person. Our experiences are different. God gets our attention in various ways. The important thing is that we know God through a true salvation experience. We are saved by faith and we must walk by faith. John 20:29 says, *“Blessed are those who have believed and have not seen.”* God is calling to all—offering forgiveness and salvation. *“He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”* 2 Peter 3:9

God calls us out of sin. There is a code of ethics for Christians to walk by—given to us by God in the Ten Commandments. Many times I refer back to them to remind myself of God’s loving requirements. Upon our salvation experience, we are new creatures

in Jesus Christ. God wants to change us as we work with the Spirit to live a life of obedience and love. The New Testament command to love the Lord our God supremely, and love our neighbors as ourselves is important to ponder as we evaluate our actions. We cannot fool God. Galatians 6:7 says, *“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”*

God calls us to service. Our purpose is to bring others to faith in Christ. Like a flower full of seeds, we need to multiply and bring forth growth in God’s kingdom. In Ephesians 2:8-10 we read, *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,*

which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” When I came to salvation I felt the need to walk away from a sinful life. I was filled with a willingness to serve God. It is worth it for everyone to serve Him! How we serve God may be different. You may not end up in Haiti like I did, but God wants you to serve Him right where you are with your gifts, resources and abilities. God has not disappointed me, but instead has surpassed my expectations by providing for and protecting me. God will not disappoint you either. It is always worth it to serve the Lord! ~Charlie DeTellis

**GOD IS CALLING TO ALL—
OFFERING FORGIVENESS
AND SALVATION.**

Our heavenly Father has an eternal kingdom. It is a privilege to be a part of that kingdom. God will reward us beyond our expectation or imagination. *“And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”* 1 John 2:17

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

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P. S. God wants you to meet the needs which you see in front of you. There is a sphere of influence which only you have.



Rachel and Charlie DeTellis in Haiti.



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A CHANGED LIFE

Yensi is the little boy I sponsor in the Dominican Republic. He is 10 years old, and he attends our mission school in Bombita. Yensi is a quiet, shy boy. His mother, Isis, is a beautiful woman, and I did the wedding ceremony for her and her husband, David. Yensi never knew his biological father. I've been told that Isis trusted her love to a man who gave her a child, Yensi, but the man was not faithful and faded away with no support—emotionally or financially. Yensi also suffers physical challenges from a blood disorder. My heart aches for him, and I wish I could change his life.

Feelings of rejection and abandonment can cause deep emotional scars that can dictate one's personality and future. However, Yensi has come to know God—all powerful, all loving, and he is standing taller. He stands secure. He stands loved. Yensi knows Jesus loves him. On Sunday mornings, he stands with his stepfather and his brother, Luca, at the entrance of New Life Church in Sosua, DR, welcoming people to come and worship. Your prayers for your sponsored child are the healing power to bring miracle changes into their lives.

~Jeanne DeTellis



Right to left, Yensi, Isis, David and Luca at our New Life Church.



Middle: Two students from our school in Ti-Boucan led a Bible reading during chapel service. **Bottom left:** Teaching children about Jesus happens in our classrooms. Our teachers model prayer for our students. **Bottom right:** Jean Fritznel is top of his class. His mother prays for him before school each day. Thank you, sponsors, for partnering with parents to change the life of a child.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Final Shoebox Delivery: All of the shoeboxes from our 2016 Christmas Shoebox Drive have been delivered to Haiti. We collected a total of 17,215 shoeboxes. Thank you to each and every person who gave a shoebox to bless a child and their family in Haiti. Sponsored children have been writing thank you notes to their sponsors for their gifts. It is exciting to see photographs of children of all ages with their shoeboxes. Please save the dates: October 1 through December 31, 2017 for this year's shoebox drive.

Mission Team Impact: Love speaks every language. We are thankful for the mission team that visited New Missions in the Dominican Republic from Foundation Academy and First Baptist Church Winter Garden. From experiencing a different culture, to multi-lingual worship services and working on projects at our schools, these students came alongside Dominicans and partnered to see God at work. The spiritual impact and personal leadership development from this trip will impact their lives for eternity. God is at work everywhere—and we are thankful you are part of this mission.

Teaching English: Being able to speak English in the Dominican Republic is an asset when looking for a better job and more opportunities. There are many people living in Sosua who speak English. When Pastor George and Jeanne started working in the DR, one of the first things they established was an English church. We are thankful for the native English speakers in our church who are helping our students and teachers improve significantly with their language skills. We are working to help improve the future for our students.

Pastor Training: From all across the Leogane Plain of Haiti, and from our network churches, pastors gathered at our Signeau Church for a special two-day training seminar. The first day focused on pastoral needs, and the second on music and worship teams. Thank you Dr. Timothy Sloan of The Luke in Humble, Texas, along with Worship Arts Director, Chad Brawley, for pouring into the lives of our leaders in Haiti. The local church is at the center of all we do. Please remember our pastors in your prayers.





NEW MISSIONS ALUMNI

The first generation of students at New Missions came from homes where their parents were illiterate. For Pierre Jean Vilner, from Lassale, Haiti, his life is on a new path thanks to his education at New Missions Christian Academy. Today, he is an engineer in Haiti and building homes.

Recently, my assistant Cheryl and her husband Ed took a trip to New York City to surprise her friend for her birthday. At the end of their trip they took separate Uber cars from the hotel to different airports. One couple left for LaGuardia and the other to JFK. My assistant's friend noticed the driver had an accent and asked where he was from? The Uber driver replied, "I'm from Haiti." She said, "Wow, my best friend works for a mission organization in Haiti." Then the Uber driver asked, "Is it New Missions?" "Yes," she said. Without pausing, the Uber driver exclaimed, "New Missions is the best thing that ever happened to Leogane. I am from there."

"Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went." (Acts 8:4) Our alumni are scattered all over, and you are part of their story for the glory of God.

~Tim DeTellis

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Top: Pierre Jean Vilner went to our school in Lassale, and still attends our church there. He is now an engineer in Haiti.

Bottom left: Pastor Yaguel started school at our Nepley campus at the age of four, and now pastors the first church we planted in 1983.

Bottom middle: "Because of New Missions, I'm a nurse. I serve in the Leogane region. Thank you and may God bless you." Nerylne Movil, class of 2005. **Bottom right:** Today, Peterson Salomon owns a motorcycle shop in Masson, and teaches mechanics at our trade school.

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GOD WILL MAKE A WAY

In Acts 12, Peter has been put in prison by King Herod. The night before Peter is to go to trial the Christians were praying at Mary's house—the mother of John. They were having an all night prayer meeting. King Herod had already executed James the brother of John. Peter was in an impossible situation—he was going to be executed in the morning. King Herod had four squads of four soldiers guarding Peter. In the middle of the night an angel appeared to Peter, woke him, and his chains fell off his body. The doors opened from the prison and the angel led him back into the city. As Peter was walking with the angel, suddenly the angel disappeared. So, Peter decided to go to Mary's house where the believers were meeting. Rhoda, a servant girl, answered the door. When she told them Peter was at the door, everyone thought it must be his ghost. Once inside, Peter quietly told them how an angel had rescued him from prison.

The next morning King Herod had all of the guards executed for allowing Peter to escape from prison.

Peter was in an impossible situation and God made a way where there was no way. The new believers were praying for Peter, but God answered their prayers in a most unexpected way. Throughout the Bible God has a history of answering prayers in the most unexpected way.

In the Dominican Republic we have been working in the village of Redemption since 1998. There are hundreds of children that meet in a two-story school building we do not own. These are both Haitian and Dominican children. Most of the Haitian children

are illegal aliens who were born in the Dominican Republic, but do not have legal citizenship. For several years we have looked to purchase land but have been unsuccessful. On Sunday, January 25, 2015, we had a dedication service at our new church building in the village of Playa Laguna. We had been working in this village for over ten years—using a rented house. That Sunday night I met our builder who oversaw the construction of the building. Francesco is from Switzerland and is a fourth generation architect. He is a Christian man who loves the Lord, and he did a great job on the building. That night Francesco told me that he had found a piece of land for sale in Los

Castillos to replace the school in Redemption. The next morning he showed me a corner lot with the ruins of an old bar and restaurant on a high hill. I climbed through a jungle of overgrown brush and went to the highest point, and could look

out at views of the surrounding hills. I felt in my spirit the property was perfect. Francesco and I were of one mind for the layout of the property and where the church building should be situated. The price was a \$127,000...a lot of money! In my mind I braced myself for how many speaking engagements I would need to do to raise that much money. Amazingly, the money came in from one unexpected source. Then we raised the funds to build a church for Los Castillos on the top of the hill. Now, we have begun the process of raising funds to build a two-story building on the property.

~George DeTellis, Jr.

ARE YOU IN AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION?

I was at a home fellowship group and they were going around the room with prayer requests. When they got to me I said, "I am believing God for unexpected miracles." A lady asked me, "But, what is your need that you want us to pray for?" I replied, "I don't know—I'm believing God for His unexpected miracles." We know that with God all things are possible. The reason we expect little in our prayers is because we fail to see the God who is in charge of answering our prayers.

George DeTellis, Jr.

P.S. We are believing God for a new school in Los Castillos for September 2017. We covet your prayers and support for this new work.





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A THIRD WORLD MOTHER

Mothers in Haiti and the Dominican Republic could tell you a bit about their lives by saying they don't have electricity, nor a car, a bed to sleep in, indoor plumbing, or the luxury of taking a hot shower. Mothers who have responded to the Gospel message and have become yoked with Jesus have His ears and eyes attentive to their desires for their children. They have blinders to focus on God, who is a good, good Father to their children.

On my last trip to Haiti, I met Jean Watson's mother from the mountain region of Ti-Boucan. She certainly would agree with the material things she does not have, but that was not what this mother shared with me. Instead, with the biggest smile and pure confidence, she told me about her seven children, and how she prepared them for school every morning. This mother exclaimed upon her rising, that she prayed with her children to prepare them for their walk to school—covering them in prayer for the protection of our Lord Almighty, and trusting Jesus to give them the wisdom to learn. But most importantly, she continually instructs them that for their household, they are serving God! Can we meet her spiritual bar of excellence?

~Jeanne DeTellis



Together, with your help, we partner with parents to help their children step out of poverty.



Middle: Jean Watson and his family are a shining example of God's love to change lives. **Bottom left:** When mothers come to church with their children, they open the door for hope to find its way back to their homes. **Bottom right:** The prayer of mothers in Haiti are for their children to receive an education and find employment. We are equipping them now.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Friendship Matters: Jenny Adames is helping Estafany Elice with an assignment in their class. Estafany moved to Redemption Village three years ago with her parents and five siblings. They moved in search of a better life, and Estafany found a very good friend. The girls enjoy playing with dolls together and share their snacks at school. Both girls live in an area that has experienced major flooding during the past few months. Their friendship has helped them during these times and makes their lives better.

Student Volunteers: Students from Pine Castle Christian Academy graciously volunteered their time to come and serve at New Missions. They helped us process the shoeboxes that arrived after our last container of the season was shipped to Haiti. Their joyful service was a blessing to us. They chatted as they worked and were able to pack enough shoeboxes to create a new pallet of shoeboxes in our garage. These shoeboxes will be ready to go to Haiti on our first container of the 2017 Christmas Shoebox Drive season. We love seeing students give their time to meet the needs of our students in Haiti.

Give Sneakers: In Haiti, our students often have to walk a long distance to get to school each day. Having a nice pair of sneakers to protect their feet is a blessing. From now through June 30, New Missions is hosting a *Give Sneakers* drive. We would love for you, your church or your school to partner with us to put new shoes on the feet of our students. New sneakers in child, youth and adult sizes are welcome. For more information about the *Give Sneakers* drive please visit www.givesneakers.com

Dominican Pastors: Pastor Nicolas Santos can remember a time when there were only three faithful churchgoers at the church in Bombita. But, he knew God had called him there to pastor and he remained faithful to his calling. The church has been through many ups and downs, but has seen amazing growth and continues to grow. God is using Pastor Nicolas and his church to reach Dominicans and Haitians in their community. The church is fasting and praying weekly until the Lord returns—praying for growth, unity and sanctification for their church.





CHURCH TOGETHER

During our early years in Haiti I was involved with hosting outdoor evangelistic services in villages where we had not yet planted a church. God used the music to draw the villagers from their huts to come listen and learn. The Gospel changed their lives forever.

Now, our 28 churches in Haiti are serving families who are growing up with the Good News of Jesus in their lives. Our early churches were mostly filled with children and a few adults. Years ago, their parents were still involved with Voodoo. Now, parents who grew up with New Missions have children of their own with Jesus in their lives. I love seeing families going to church together in Haiti. Where Voodoo once thrived, the local church is on the rise!

Please join us in partnering with parents to raise a generation of Christian leaders. Right now, as part of our Spring Fundraiser, we are seeking child sponsors. This is a priority—as new enrollments are taking place for school this fall. As of this writing, we still have over 1,000 children in need of a sponsor. You can help one of two ways: 1. Sponsor a child; 2. Tell a friend about a child waiting for a sponsor. You can search and share children to sponsor directly from our website at newmissions.org/sponsor or call us at 407-240-4058. Thank you. ~Tim DeTellis

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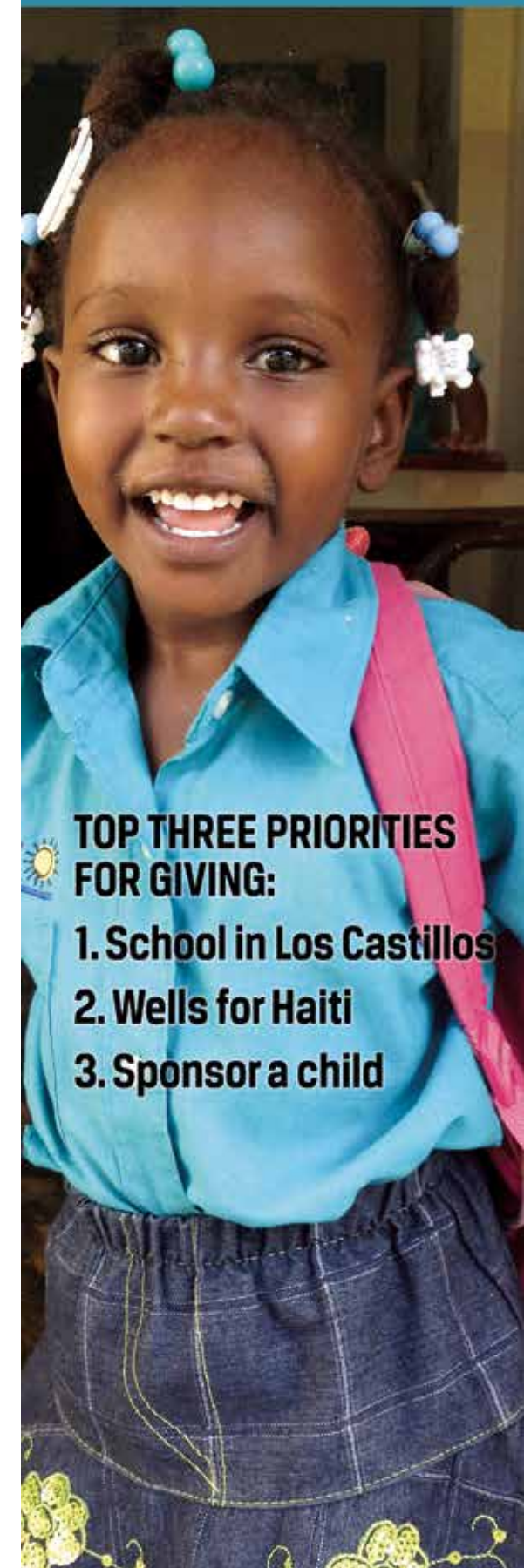


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Top: Families attending church together are changing Haiti's history. **Bottom left:** The Estinfl family: Lycée, Shelaica and Julia attend church together, and see Jesus as the hope for Haiti. **Middle left:** The Edmond family: Robenson, Rooby and their young son Darline look forward to the day when he starts school at New Missions. **Middle right:** The Paul family: Buteau, Joceline and Ruchama are thankful for the joy of the Lord. **Bottom right:** The Delva family: Emmanuel, Lima, and Samuel covet your prayers for their New Missions church in Leogane.

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DEFINING A MOTHER'S LOVE

Love is a decision, an emotion and often a feeling not possible to define. A farmer suffered a loss when his barn burned down. As he walked through the ashes, he saw his mother hen charred. His foot nonchalantly kicked the fire victim and under her charred wings were her baby chicks...alive! This love is the all-consuming, non-compromising, sacrificial love. It is paralleled to the love of Jesus our Savior who allowed His body to be crucified so that we can have eternal life.

Those of us who are mothers would like to reach the highest level of motherhood, where our decisions cause us to make the most significant sacrifices for their lives.

Sometimes, by the grace of God, we reach that goal of love. I recall being in the Dominican Republic with my husband George, and he allowed me to leave to tend to my son George, Jr. who was having back surgery. It was my most comforting blessing to be there with my 'baby chick' the day of surgery; to dress his wounds, to nurse his health, and see him up and walking without pain. There were other times as a mother, being on the mission field, I was not granted this grace or privilege to be with one of my chicks going through surgery or a crisis in life. These are painful memories when I believe I failed and neglected to give my 'chick' the most loving attention. As mothers we all have our memories and regret. But, there is a way to heal these thoughts, as today, we choose to love our chicks, and have eyes

**HIS LOVE LIVES IN US
BURSTING FORTH TO EXPRESS
OUR LOVE TO OTHERS.**

to see how we can again reach the highest goals of giving loving attention to keep them healthy and alive through the storms of life. We cannot erase our lack of mothering, but today we can choose to love, and ask forgiveness to begin a new day. God loved us, His chicks, so that His deepest defining love was to give His best—His son Jesus—for our salvation. We mothers are created in His image, like God, and we have a deep defining love to give our children the best. We can pray and ask God to enable us to love our children with our time, treasures and talents: to spare them the most pain in life and to give them the most joy of life. We are human, but we do have the Divine element of love as a force of power and inspiration to protect and enhance the lives of our children.

I do not believe I could find a mother who would tell me that she regrets the time she spent with her children: with homework, at school events, in times of listening, or times when she would make every sacrifice again to nurture her child. But I, along with some of you, may tend to review occasions when we failed to love and heal. Being a pastor's wife, and then a missionary away from my children for more than 30 years, I can dwell on my neglect—willfully and sometimes not my will. Thank God we have Divine forgiveness and we can ask our children to forgive us so we can love and heal today.

~Jeanne DeTellis

I thank God for every opportunity to be with my children and grandchildren. There is the precious gift of family. I love making 100 meatballs—knowing this Sunday after church my family is coming for dinner. I love texting to pray over my family when we're apart while traveling or serving our mission. Love and be loved. It is when we are the most like God.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis

P.S. Yesterday is gone, and God has forgotten our mistakes. He gives us today to make a new loving relationship. His Love is unlimited and healing.





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FAMILY REUNIONS

The excitement of a family reunion can include introducing a new member of the family, such as a child born in the past year. With all the technology today, there is still nothing quite like seeing and touching a loved one.

Many of our sponsors have written and prayed for their sponsored child, and have exchanged photos. But deep inside, their desire is to see their child. Over and over, I have witnessed a sponsor meeting their child for the first time in Haiti or in the Dominican Republic. Our mission knows and appreciates the impact in the life of the child—feeling and receiving love and affection from their sponsor.

I love to see the hands of the sponsor holding the hands of their child. It is a love that ripples to the family and community. We were created to love and to be loved. Seeing your sponsored child is one expression of that love.

Please know we encourage your face to face visit with your sponsored child. We believe in your mission to be the impact to see a life changed for God, family and community. Most of all, this blessing of love boomerangs right back to us, and we are loved and encouraged in our child-sponsor relationship.

~Jeanne DeTellis



"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13) Love speaks every language.



Middle: Pastor Johnny Hunt from First Baptist Woodstock with his sponsored child, Rose, when they met for the first time.

Bottom left: Together, we love because He first loved us. Each child matters to God and they matter to us, too.

Bottom right: Janet Hunt with Rose who is now finishing her first year of high school—thanks to the blessing of sponsorship.

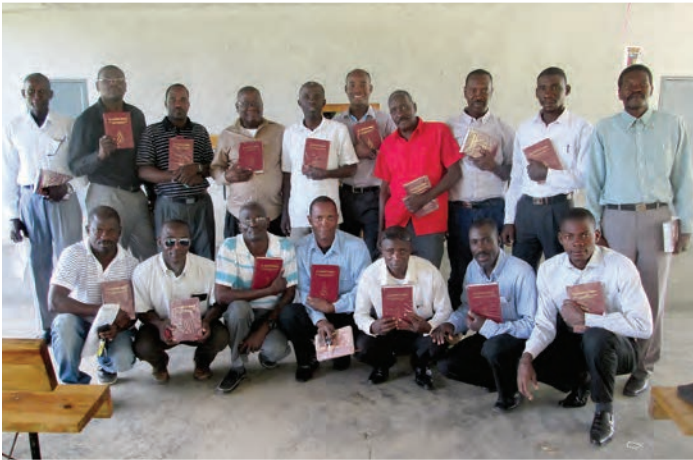
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Writing Changes Lives: Each of our schools have translators who serve children and sponsors as they correspond back and forth. The joy of reading a letter from your child living in a third world country is encouraging beyond words. Many of these translators grew up as a student in our schools. They learned English at New Missions and now serve children rising up as the next generation of Christian leaders. Change does not happen overnight—it happens with consistency over time.

Geography Week: Our students at Colegio Nueva Vida in the DR recently participated in “Geography Week.” During this time, the students learned about the need to protect the rivers, lakes, and natural surroundings in their country. Each class prepared and presented a project that highlighted different problematic areas in their country, along with ways to better care for the land. As part of their education, we are teaching our students to love and care for the earth that God created for us to use and enjoy.

Equipping Pastors: Our pastors and local churches are at the center of serving communities. When we arrived in Haiti in 1983 and established our first church, we hung a banner between two coconut trees that read, Haiti: Esperance en Dieu (Haiti hope in God). The only life-giving answers for our world today come from a personal relationship with Jesus. All of our pastors in Haiti were given a French Scofield Study Bible. Thank you for remembering our pastors in your prayers—as they serve as messengers of hope.

Pray for Teams: This summer, teams will travel to Haiti and the Dominican Republic to serve alongside our churches and schools. Join us in prayer for these individuals representing churches from across the United States. Vacation Bible School programs will be hosted at our schools during the summer months to deliver some fun and Gospel outreach. Each team serves a special part, with evangelistic efforts to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel. Together, we are preaching the Gospel because only God changes lives forever.





THIRD WORLD IMPACT DAY

Here at New Missions, we are seeing how sponsorship changes the lives of children as we give them the gift of education—enabling them to escape poverty both physically and spiritually.

You may know Haiti as the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere—where Voodoo is still very prevalent and practiced today. Recently, I was told of a Haitian taking public transportation to the capital city of Port-au-Prince. He sat next to a woman who was transporting child body parts for a Voodoo sacrifice. He jumped off and tried getting the police to help. Sadly, the police said they could do nothing. This is horrific and is happening in a country just 700 miles off the Florida coast!

As we welcome young children into our schools, we intercept them from the darkness that still permeates their country and replace it with the light of truth: Jesus. We must push forward with greater passion and urgency—sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to change lives forever.

Right now, children are being enrolled to start school this fall. You can help us find a sponsor for these students by hosting a “Third World Impact Day” at your church. It’s easy. Simply email info@newmissions.org or call us at 407-240-4058. Let’s continue to make a much needed impact. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: Haiti is still too close to ignore. With your help, we can give these precious children the gift of education and the love of Jesus.
Bottom left: Education leads the way for employment, as children rise up to become new leaders for Haiti.
Bottom middle: At the center of all we do is the Gospel. Our students have Bible class daily at their schools.
Bottom right: Thank you for joining us in hosting a Third World Impact Day at your church—helping children find a sponsor.

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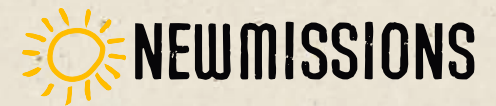
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THE LOCAL CHURCH



EDUCATION



MEDICAL CARE



FOOD

You and your church can host a Third World Impact Day



BEING A DAD

Time is not a replaceable commodity. You can go earn more money, but you cannot go earn more time. Love is best spelled: t-i-m-e. You know what it feels like to be in the room with others and still be lonely. When it comes to kids, they know when someone is really “with them.” More than ever, with mobile technology, it’s harder to capture their attention, too. We need to be intentional about spending time together with those we love. Specifically, our kids won’t forget the effort we make to be with them.

On a Friday morning I departed Orlando for Atlanta, for a weekend full of events. Originally, I was scheduled to fly to Nashville to meet up with my son (who is in college), as we’d planned for him to join me for my weekend speaking engagements and to celebrate his birthday, too. Unfortunately, he got sick and was not going to be able to travel with me. I knew I had to do whatever it was going to take to see Luc. So, around noon on Saturday,

I began the four-hour drive to see my son. I picked him up around 4:00 p.m. and we were able to go out for dinner and celebrate his birthday. But, of utmost importance was just seeing him and giving him a big hug. While he felt only a bit better, the face to face time was just what we needed. We said our goodbyes around 8:00 p.m. and I finally arrived at my hotel in Anderson, SC, at 2:30 a.m. Some would think that ten hours of driving was too much just to share dinner together, but as a dad, I was willing to do whatever it took to see my son.

**BEING A PARENT IS
A BLESSING. BEING
A DAD IS A GIFT.**

Being a parent is a blessing. Being a dad is a gift. “*Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him.*” *Psalm 127:3 (NLT)* Today, I want to encourage dads to be their child’s greatest fans. See their God-given potential. I pray you take your fatherhood a step further and seek to serve those who are fatherless. For most of my adult life, I have reflected on the purpose and meaning of this Scripture, “*A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling.*” (*Psalm 68:5*) Due to our mission, we are uniquely placed in the role of being a father to the fatherless.

A home without a father is a place where there is a missing piece of leadership both for the home and for the heart. Spiritual leadership is needed in the lives of our children. My heart breaks for single parent homes, and I pray God sends other Godly, spiritual leaders to pour into the lives of the children of those homes. God uses us to be advocates of truth and hope for children without dads.

I leave you with a reflection of my father. My earliest memory with my father is walking together in the garden with him and picking string beans at our home on Campground Road in West Boylston, Massachusetts. We lived there until I was five years old. Dads, are you walking with your children? Spending time together with them? Please do. Time together matters.

~Tim DeTellis

Our Heavenly Father desires time with us, too. Are we too busy checking on other people’s status on social media or watching shows of people acting out lives that are not even real? May we pause and honor our Father who art in heaven with our prayers and praise today. “*Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*” *Philippians 4:20*

Serving together,

Tim DeTellis
timothy@newmissions.org

P.S. If you would like to sponsor a child without a father, simply call our office at 407-240-4058 or email info@newmissions.org.



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



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LOS CASTILLOS CHURCH

A new church in the Dominican Republic has been planted in Los Castillos. Last year, while construction was in progress, we began a home church. Our desire was to have people in the community begin to come together, so that when the church was completed we would have a family of believers to start off this new church.

The leadership has been faithful to their calling. Our other Dominican pastors have supported this new church plant with their presence and preaching. Mission teams visiting have done evangelism in the community, and gatherings have already been held on the site. Finally, this month, the first service was held in the newly completed church building in Los Castillos. More than 100 people gathered.

Now, the construction of two school buildings has begun. The children in the community are hoping and waiting for their school. In God we trust. What a great nation's motto! And in God, we have the perfect heart of love and provision. Thank you for your prayers for the provision of finances for this school to be completed. This will be a mission of children hearing the Word of God and becoming the next generation to preach Christ.

~Jeanne DeTellis



Because of your generosity, the new church in Los Castillos, Dominican Republic, is built.



Middle: We rejoice in seeing families gather at our church in Los Castillos, because only God changes lives forever.

Bottom left: Sunday school is a special part of our ministry at each of our churches. The children attending are hearing God's Word.

Bottom right: Join us in prayer as we still need to raise funds to complete the construction of a school in Los Castillos.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



Bible College Graduation: Join us in celebrating and congratulating our Bible college graduates from the class of 2017 at the Royal Caribbean Institute in Haiti. Together, we are raising a generation of Christian leaders. These graduates will serve in our churches and throughout Haiti at other missions and churches in leadership roles—serving as pastors and school teachers. God is reshaping Haiti’s culture with His love to change lives forever with the Gospel at the center of it. Thank you for your partnership to make this possible.



Feeding Children: Our warehouse received delivery of 920 sacks of rice, 300 sacks of beans and 510 gallons of cooking oil. Together, we are saying goodbye to hunger and hello to hope. For too many children in Haiti, their lunch at school is still their only meal of the day. We have graduates who continue to tell us their memories of school, and how they could eat as much as they wanted. Your sponsorship of children and special gifts to *Rice for Children* make this possible.



DR Children’s Programs: In addition to the church services at our new church in Los Castillos, we have also started a children’s program on Saturday mornings. Every Saturday, at least 50 children from our school and the community come to church to learn songs, Bible stories, and memorize Bible verses. Recently, two of the boys from the class quoted Bible verses in front of the congregation during one of the evening church services. We are teaching the children about God’s love and about following God’s instructions— raising a generation of Christian leaders in Los Castillos.



niceSERVE Volunteers: Summit Church has a church-wide service week twice a year. We were blessed to have two groups come and serve at New Missions during their niceSERVE week. One of the groups helped us prepare a mailing for sponsors. They joyfully stuffed envelopes with letters, photos and stationary for our sponsors. Their willingness to serve made it possible for us to complete this large project very quickly. We are thankful our volunteers are willing to help with the everyday tasks and “*work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.*” *Colossians 3:23*



SPONSORSHIP CHANGES LIVES

Meet Roland Henry. He is a graduate of our New Missions Christian Academy in Haiti, and is the “very first” graduate to sponsor a student at New Missions. In fact, the girl he sponsors attends the same school he attended in Lassale. Roland is now a pastor in Westbury, NY. During a recent phone call with him, I hung up and began to weep with thankfulness for how God has touched his life. Yet, it did not happen without challenges.

Roland shared how a storm came through his village when he was a young boy and he became very ill. He went to our clinic and received free medical care for three months. Friends of his died from the same storm. “*The mission saved my life,*” he told me.

Life in Haiti is still a struggle, and the fight for survival is real. Through the gift of sponsorship, children escape the suffering and find a new path and a better future. Roland expressed how grateful he is for his sponsors, Ed and Joyce Cronin and family.

If you already sponsor a child, please pray for your child, write your child, and I hope one day you meet your child. God is at work and you are part of making a life-changing difference. If you do not yet sponsor a child, prayerfully consider making a difference through sponsorship. ~Tim DeTellis

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SAVE THE DATE
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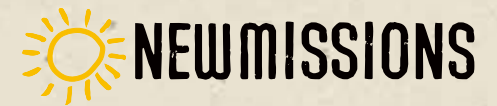


Top: Now a pastor in New York, Roland Henry, a graduate of New Missions, is a role model of change.

Bottom left: Roland Henry grew up at New Missions as a student and remembers free medical care and lunch each day.

Bottom middle: Because of the gift of sponsorship, Roland grew up and accepted Jesus at his school in Lassale.

Bottom right: Ange Dona Desrosiers is from the same school Roland attended at New Missions, and is sponsored by him.



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LIBERTY NOW AND FOREVER

This year, I will be in the States for our July 4th Independence Day celebration. I would like to visit the ocean and see my children. We enjoy our liberty and blessings in America. We need to always remember that we cannot live our lives absent of laws and responsibility. This is true of our country and our faith in God. Many soldiers have made sacrifices for our freedom here on earth. Jesus alone has saved us and has set us free from our sin nature—now and for eternity. We need to keep our eyes upon Him and upon His Word.

Jesus has come to proclaim liberty to the captive. In Isaiah 61:1 we read, *“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the suffering and afflicted. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted, to announce liberty to captives, and to open the eyes of the blind.”* The great plan of God is all about our deliverance and redemption. Living a life of sin is described as a bondage. Deliverance and salvation can happen today for anyone seeking liberty. The Bible tells us, *“Today is the day of salvation.”* It is not a process that takes a lot of time. There is an open gate today for anyone who needs deliverance from sin and salvation in Jesus Christ.

In John 8, Jesus spoke these words: *“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* (John 8:31-32) To the Jews who had believed Him He also stated, *“Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is*

a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:34-36

Freedom happens by believing in Jesus Christ. We cannot save ourselves. A great change occurs in our spiritual lives when we become saved. Salvation occurs by believing in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. In John 14:6 Jesus said, *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”* The Gospel message is: *“Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.”* (Acts 16:31) A great ransom was paid to redeem us. Take that step of faith towards God.

TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION

Liberty is for anyone. We need to come to Christ just as we are. Christ Jesus came to save us all—as we are lost without Him in our lives. It does not matter how old we are—we just need to come to Him. Our enemy would want to tell you that you are too bad to be saved. This is a lie from the enemy. We need to believe God for all things.

Liberty is forever. The kingdom of God is an eternal kingdom. This attracted me to God—even at a young age. Through Jesus, all of us can have eternal life. Eternal life with God is what it is all about. Life is not only about today—it is also about forever. *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* John 3:16

~Charlie DeTellis

All of mankind is equal before the eyes of God. We each need to find our freedom in Christ and keep walking in that liberty. *“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.”* Galatians 13:38-39

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

Charlie DeTellis

P.S. Today is the day of salvation and liberty. Speak words to our Father in Heaven. God is willing to forgive you and to restore you into His family.



Rachel and Charlie DeTellis in Haiti.





NEW MISSIONS

Change the life of a child

BACK TO SCHOOL

When I find myself talking with a student at New Missions Christian Academy, I enjoy asking about their family and faith. One of the questions I ask is, “Who do you live with?” Too often students are from single parent homes, and our role is to help be a support to their parent as they are raising a child in the Third World.

The question about faith can be fascinating. Recently, a student told me she could not accept Jesus as her personal Savior because her mother practices Voodoo and she would not approve of that kind of decision. I quickly called for the school principal who is also the pastor of the local church. He came and sat down with me and this student to talk about how following Jesus is a personal choice.

Many parents have told me they decided to follow Jesus because their child first made Jesus Lord of their life. Here at New Missions, we are part of a spiritual work. It’s bigger than education, food, and medical care. It’s about Jesus changing the life of a child forever. Going back to school means we are sharing the love of Jesus with every child each day. *“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever!” Romans 11:36*

~Tim DeTellis



Because of each child sponsor, we are able to serve children and their families with education and the best gift—the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.



Middle: Yaguel Nerat, graduate from the class of 2005, is now the school director and pastor at New Missions Christian Academy in Nely, where he attended school. **Bottom left:** Please remember our school teachers in your prayers, as they are on the front row of seeing lives changed. **Bottom right:** Graduates of New Missions are now doctors, pastors, engineers, teachers and business owners. This is the next generation of Christian leaders in Haiti!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Churches in Haiti: Over the past seven years, we have built 16 new churches in Haiti...to the Glory of God. In a country where Voodoo is still practiced, the local church becomes the greatest force for good in villages and communities. Our Leogane church just received a brand new roof—including all new pressure treated trusses. A fresh coat of paint will complete this remodel on one of our original churches—established in the 1980s. Thank you for your prayers on behalf of our church leadership serving in Haiti.

Kindergarten Graduation: Hope is on the rise! We celebrated our kindergarten graduates at each of our New Missions Christian Academy campuses. Parents and teachers gathered to watch these little ones walk down the center aisle with their anchor of hope necklace—commemorating their accomplishments. These kindergarten graduates represent an upcoming generation of Christian leaders. We celebrate these young graduates as they reach this milestone of thriving in the Third World. Together, we are seeing lives changed, because each child matters to God.

DR Mission Teams: This summer, our mission teams in the Dominican Republic were able to accomplish a lot! With their help, we hosted basketball and softball tournaments, a lunch of appreciation for all of our employees, Vacation Bible School in multiple locations, and many other outreach activities. Additionally, most of our students received fluoride treatments and dental screenings. Many people accepted Christ as their Savior during our outreach events, and many seeds were planted. We are very thankful to all of the teams who came this summer and for all of their hard work!

Haiti Mission Teams: People from Ebenezer Baptist Church (NC), The Crossing Church (NV), Buffalo Baptist Church (VA), and The Grove Baptist Church (MS) went on a “trip of a lifetime” to Haiti earlier this year. During their time in Haiti, they were able to help build school desks and benches, deliver medical supplies to our clinic, make salvation bracelets with the locals, and share the Gospel. We are grateful for the sacrifice and service of our mission teams. Through them, we are sharing God’s love, spreading the Gospel, and seeing God change lives forever.





DEFENDER OF WIDOWS

In Psalm 68:5, God's stance toward widows and the destitute hints at how He wants His people to treat them: "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling." Vesta and Felicia are two widows who live in the Bord-Mer community near the mission. Both of these ladies are older now, but worked for many years serving lunch in our school kitchen.

The mission built a house in the village for Vesta and continues helping her, as her grandson—her sole relative—is the only person assisting her. We have also employed her grandson as a way of helping her. In Lassale, a woman lost her husband to a fishing accident. She was left with several children suffering from malnutrition, and her house was a dilapidated shack. A visiting team built her a small, simple home. We enrolled her children in our schools, and employed her as a cook in Lassale. Madame Emmanuel, a pastor's wife, lost her husband tragically and was left with a family to raise. She has a job cooking for the high school students. The list goes on and on. We want to always be on the lookout to do more for the widows in our community.

~Rachel DeTellis



Top: Lassale widows are blessed with ministry time and food distribution. **Bottom left:** Vesta Jean is a former cook at Bord-Mer and is a faithful church member. **Middle left:** Felicia was one of the earliest employees at New Missions. **Middle right:** Rachelle cooks for the students at our school in Lassale. **Bottom right:** Madame Emmanuel joyfully serves as a cook for our high school students.

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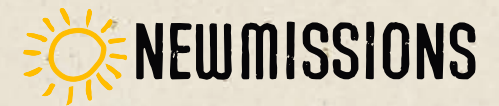
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THE BLESSING

The most famous wrestling match in the history of the world was between Jacob and "the angel of the Lord," as told in the book of Genesis. Jacob was the younger twin son of Isaac and Rebecca. Jacob had tricked Esau out of his birthright as the firstborn. Then, with the help of his mother, Jacob lied to his father Isaac, and deceived him into thinking he was Esau. So, Isaac mistakenly prayed a blessing over him instead of Esau. Blessings in the days of the patriarchs were more than well-wishing. They were a form of prophecy. When Esau came home from hunting, he and his father realized they had been deceived. Esau promised to kill Jacob as soon as his aging father was dead. When Rebecca heard Esau's threat, she sent Jacob far away to go live with her brother Laban in the land of Haran. Rebecca never saw her son Jacob again.

When Jacob met his cousin Rachel, he fell in love with her. Jacob agreed to work for Uncle Laban for seven years in order to have Rachel as his wife. There was a wedding late at night. Disguised as Rachel, behind the veil of clothes, was her older sister, Leah. The next morning the truth was revealed. Jacob worked seven more years for Rachel, and Uncle Laban gave Jacob both daughters as his wives. Jacob reaped what he had sown. He was deceived into believing that one daughter was the other—the same deception he played on his father. Jacob then agreed to work six additional years for Uncle Laban in exchange for all of the brown sheep and speckled

goats in the herds. After twenty years of hiding, God put it on Jacob's heart to go home to the Promised Land of his father Isaac, and grandfather Abraham. Jacob packed up his wives, children and herds of animals and started a caravan for the long journey home to Canaan.

On the way home, Jacob was told that Esau was coming to meet him with 400 men. Struck with fear, Jacob divided his family into two groups and sent them ahead to cross the river Jabbok. *"Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when he saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, 'Let Me go, for the day breaks.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go unless You bless me!'"*

(Genesis 32:24) This was Jacob's all night prayer meeting. Jacob repented of all he had done. Life's circumstances had reduced Jacob to helplessness. He was desperately crying out to God in prayer. It was God who brought Jacob to this point of no return. It was God who was wrestling with Jacob; wrestling for control. We are all like Jacob—trying to manipulate God into giving us His physical blessings. It is only when we are broken and surrender to His will that He can bless us spiritually. There is power in repentance. After Jacob repented of what he had done in the natural, then God blessed him with a supernatural blessing and a new name. ~George DeTellis, Jr.

**WILL YOU WRESTLE
WITH GOD UNTIL
HE BLESSES YOU?**

Like Jacob, we need to wrestle and refuse to let go of God until He blesses us. It pleased God when Jacob said, *"I will not let you go unless You bless me;"* In response to Jacob's refusal and declaration that he would not let go of God until He blessed him, God gave Jacob a new name, a new relationship, and a new blessing. Jacob became Israel, *"...for you have struggled with God and men and have prevailed."* Genesis 32:28

George DeTellis, Jr.

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P.S. The secret is Jacob refused to let go of God. Hold on to the promises of God until He blesses you!



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SHOEBOX DRIVE

The road was so steep that we hired motorcycles to carry cases of shoeboxes higher than we could hike with such a heavy load. I was in Haiti with a visiting mission team in the mountains of Tom Gateau surrounded by children. Inside our church we began to give away shoebox gifts. I knelt down next to a boy and asked him in Haitian Creole if I could help him open his shoebox gift. His reply surprised me. “No. My grandmother told me to bring the shoebox home unopened.” When I asked why, his reply was, “We want to open it together because there are so many good and beautiful things inside.”

We are going further than ever before this year with our shoebox drive. We will be delivering gifts to the island of LaGonave—where our 30th church in Haiti is located. Please join us in delivering love and essential items to families in even more remote parts of Haiti. Most importantly, the Gospel message will be shared.

There’s plenty of time to participate! Our shoebox drive runs from October 1 through December 31. Find packing ideas at www.shoeboxdrive.com. Together, we love because He first loved us.

~Tim DeTellis



We are thankful to announce shoebox gifts will go even further this year, as we reach the island of LaGonave.



Middle: Parents are thankful for these shoebox gifts that bless their family.

Bottom left: Plan now to host a shoebox drive and help us send shoeboxes all across Haiti.

Bottom right: Please visit www.ShoeboxDrive.com for packing ideas. Thank you for sending your love.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



Haitian Missionaries: This summer, 185 Haitians are being sent from our churches in Haiti—traveling all across their country on mission trips. Haitians ministering to other Haitians represents one of our core values: making disciples. We like to say it this way: Together, we are making disciples because discipleship is the true measurement of success. During their visits, they will be handing out shoebox gifts. The greatest part of our mission is the spiritual work—taking place as the Gospel message of Jesus Christ changes lives forever.



More Fifth Birthdays: During this year, 689 of our students will celebrate their fifth birthdays. We rejoice with each of these students as they reach this milestone of surviving life in the Third World. During the summer, our visiting teams traveled to 12 of our New Missions Christian Academy campuses to host fifth birthday parties. Our time with these children included singing, sharing the Gospel message, and playing soccer. The girls enjoyed having their nails painted, and we had fun blowing up balloons and giving the children slices of birthday cake.



High School in the DR: Our high school at Colegio Nueva Vida is growing! This year, we have many more students studying in our high school classes—including some students who finished their elementary grades at our schools in Bombita and Redemption Village. We are starting a leadership training program for our high school students this year, to develop and train more Christian youth leaders. Please pray for our high school teachers and administrators as they teach our students their educational classes, as well as the importance of living for Christ.



Summer Volunteers: Throughout the summer months, we have had countless volunteer groups serve at New Missions. Their projects have ranged from packing shoeboxes to helping with mailings. Recently, a group of students from Kernan Boulevard Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, came and helped us organize donations, fill water bottles with school supplies, and unpack items for shoeboxes. For the past three summers they have made a trip to Orlando to serve for a full Saturday. It has been a blessing to have students come back each year and willingly serve with joyful hearts.

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SPONSOR REUNION

Traveling to Haiti as a family, Brian and Karin, along with their son and daughter Zach and Abby, were beyond excited to know they would meet their two sponsor children Berline and Louvenson. They packed all the previous letters and photographs received from their children in Haiti to express appreciation for all of the correspondence.

“For Karin and I, we were so encouraged to see our sponsor children face to face, and to see how New Missions is such a reputable organization in Haiti. Whenever you give to an organization, there’s always the question, ‘What kind of impact will you make?’ We feel fantastic about New Missions, and I can say we are making a life-changing impact.” ~Brian Taggart

Their sponsored boy, Louvenson, told us how he began to follow Jesus as his Savior following the Haiti earthquake in 2010, and then decided he wanted to become an engineer when he graduates. Thank you to each child sponsor who believes in the God-given potential of their student at New Missions. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: Louvenson Doirin wants to be an engineer, and decided to follow Jesus after the Haiti earthquake.

Bottom left: Meeting your sponsored child equals quality time to enjoy a game of Dominoes together.

Middle: Congratulations to Brian, Karin, Zach, and Abby Taggart on your sponsor family reunion with Berline Cange.

Bottom right: Arriving with past letters and photos brought joy as they reflected on stories of lives changed.

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STEEPLE TO STEEPLE

A steeple is something that began to be built on churches as early as the empire of Constantine in the 300s after Christ. Steeples were built as high as possible—typically with a cross on top—making it higher than any other building in town. Today, in many villages and cities across the world, the steeple on a church still towers above any other building.

Are we still sending the message to come back to the cross, to look to God? How high is the steeple in my life? How am I looking to God and how is my life a steeple to lift Jesus higher and to point others to look to Jesus?

Are any of you going through a time of suffering? Are you in need of a miracle? In this world we do have sufferings, and at times it's for a season. But, we also have miracles! We need to have faith and turn it over to God.

While we are suffering, God is still at work. How do we accept and surrender to God's sovereignty—knowing He has a plan for our lives? God hears our prayers, cries, and groanings—then He answers in His own time and His way. At times, He just gives His sufficient grace to endure and keep going.

Let me tell you a story of a man who now lives in the Boston area, and how he learned to survive his tragic sufferings from steeple to steeple.

This young boy, Andrew, lived during the time of Hitler. Andrew lived an idyllic life with his father, mother, and younger brother. His father owned a lumberyard in town, as well as their own home. Life was good. Then, Hitler started blasting in the streets. He took their home, and led his family with bayonets

to the concentration camps. His mother and other relatives were murdered upon arrival. But Andrew remained with his father and brother.

One day, the prisoners were given orders to march in the freezing cold. As they were marching, Andrew became separated from his father and brother. Andrew was alone. He could not bear the suffering. He tried to muffle his cries of, "Papi, Tibi (his brother)."

Andrew remembered what his father told him the day they arrived at the concentration camps: "Keep yourself clean and don't get sick. Act with integrity and honor. Whoever lives through this inferno—go home and wait for each other." Home represents heaven. The inferno is the suffering of life. We are all pilgrims on life's journey. When we get home, we'll wait for our loved ones, as well.

Andrew could not bear to walk in the freezing cold with his heart broken from isolation from his family. A fellow prisoner said to Andrew, "See that steeple? Just keep your eyes on that steeple and reach there...and then the next steeple...and the next." For Andrew, he learned a new tune, "Steeple to steeple!"

You can't live in this cold world in isolation from Jesus Christ. Today, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be warmed by His love, His promising presence and strength to endure the cold sufferings of life.

I'm going home some day, after this life with its joys and its seasons of sufferings, and then I'll wait for my family. But until then, I'm pushing up my steeple as high as I can to point others to Jesus.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

**"IT IS GOD WHO ARMS ME
WITH STRENGTH AND
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PSALM 18:32**

My steeple is 75 years old, and my life is in His hands. Though life has not always been easy—spending over thirty years on the mission field, and grieving the loss of two spouses—God never left my side. He continues to guide and direct my path. On August 5, 2017, I married Ted Loudon in Lansing, MI. We look forward to serving the Lord together through missions.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. Steeple to Steeple: Andrew survived the concentration camps. After the liberation, he went home to find his father and brother. God is faithful.



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OCTOBER 1, 2017 NEWSLETTER



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THE POWERFUL GIFT OF HOPE FOR LOS CASTILLOS

When we signed the contract to build a Christian school in Los Castillos, we were stepping out in faith for the funding. I had a strong and steadfast hope in the God who provides. God is the One who has great passion for children. We have been under construction for six months, and God has extended a strong hope to the children that it will be finished.

I am thankful and honor God's people who are full of passion for missions and for children. A Christian education sets up a child for success. We have children hoping to be walking into their classrooms soon. I pray there are those who have the means to help us finish this great dream. I hope for people to commit to seeing lives changed forever through Christian education.

I have a Heavenly Father, and He is in charge of time and mission projects. He gives and calls and He supplies. I thank you for your passion and your provision to see what God has called to be done for His honor. I invite you to extend your hand in prayer and finances to build this school as a powerful gift of hope to the children of Los Castillos.

God bless you.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



To God be the glory, the church in Los Castillos is built and now we are building the school.



Middle: The quality of construction is important to us as our schools and churches recently survived Hurricane Irma.

Bottom: We still need your help to finish the construction of the school in Los Castillos, Dominican Republic. Thank you for your generosity.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Hurricane Irma: We are thankful to report no loss of life, and our buildings in both Haiti and the D.R. escaped damage during Hurricane Irma. The day prior to the hurricane passing across the north coast of the Dominican Republic, we opened all of our churches and schools as shelters. The morning of the storm, we received reports from the Dominican Republic about families gathering at our Bombita, Los Castillos, and Redemption locations. *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1*

More Fifth Birthdays: This year at New Missions, we will celebrate 689 fifth birthdays. This milestone of surviving in the Third World is something to celebrate. During a recent birthday party at our New Missions Christian Academy in Ambas-Peres, Haiti, Pastor Andrew Valiere opened this special time in prayer. Together, we are raising a generation of Christian leaders with the local church at the center of all we do. Thank you for being part of seeing lives changed for the glory of God.

D. R. Teacher Training: We were honored to be able to send some of our school directors and teachers to a national convention hosted by the Association of Christian Schools International. During the convention, our staff learned about becoming transformational leaders. They received training about using the model of Jesus’ leadership to guide and mentor their students. When they returned to our schools, each of our teachers and directors who attended the convention had an opportunity to share their experiences of what they had learned with the rest of our teachers.

Shoebox Volunteers: First Baptist Church of Woodstock donated and packed almost 800 shoeboxes for children in Haiti. A team of eight traveled from Georgia to prepare the shoeboxes. Laughter and conversation filled the air as they happily worked. The fun did not slow them down. They were able to pack a record number of shoeboxes in one day. Our volunteers play an integral part in our ministry to Haiti. We would not be able to process all the supplies and gifts that are donated without the help of our faithful volunteers.





INSIDE A SHOEBOX

What will you pack inside your shoebox? There are many great ideas: school supplies and hygiene items including soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Some of the feedback we receive from parents and kids is that they love items for their family, too. Games such as Dominoes are great, as they can play together. Flashlights and home utensils (spoons and forks) are very useful. Water bottles are a big help as our students walk to school.

You and a group from your church, school, office or neighborhood can host a “packing party” and fill more shoeboxes. Divide up the list of items needed and have fun hosting your “packing party!” Our collection runs through December 31, so there is still plenty of time to participate.

You can even pack a shoebox gift for pastors, nurses, and teachers. To view suggested packing lists visit www.shoebboxdrive.com. Our goal is to deliver shoebox gifts to each of our schools, and also through our churches—to provide additional gifts for use during their mission trips across Haiti.

~Tim DeTellis



Top: It's time to send shoebox gifts to bless the lives of children and their families.

Bottom left: For a complete list of packing ideas visit ShoebboxDrive.com

Middle: Together, we can put smiles on the faces of children living in the Third World.

Bottom right: We also receive shoebox gifts for pastors, teachers and nurses, to bless those serving our students.

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NEIGHBORS LOVING NEIGHBORS

With my carry-on luggage on the floor, I began to pack for a trip that was looking like it was going to be canceled. When Friday arrived, the decision was made not to go. Hurricane Harvey was off the coast of Texas and my weekend plans to be in Houston were cancelled.

Waking up Saturday morning to the news of the flooding across Houston broke my heart. Reaching out to friends and churches there made me begin to pray: "May the local church rise up and neighbors love neighbors like never before."

Over the next 72 hours, I received updates from Champion Forest Baptist Church in Houston, Friendswood Baptist Church, and The Luke Church in Humble, Texas. Each of their pastors were on the front lines of helping neighbors and letting their testimony be their life. I was in awe and inspired to see God at work in the midst of this catastrophic storm.

Dr. David Lorenz serves as the senior pastor of Friendswood Baptist in Friendswood, Texas, and his wife Brandie (who formerly served at New Missions in Orlando) had posted on her Facebook wall a photograph of her husband and neighbor out making boat rescues together.

Watching Dr. Timothy Sloan, pastor of The Luke Church in Humble, Texas, host "Believers Call" meetings via Facebook Live, to unite the church family to be ready and serve after the storm, was inspiring. Jesus commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves. In the moment of a crisis, we can wonder who will help us; or we can love others first in the midst of our own need. One of my life dreams is to see neighbors loving neighbors everywhere.

**MAY WE LOVE ONE
ANOTHER. MAY WE
LOVE IN ACTION.**

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV) As we look around us, we know we live in a world that needs faith. We can be part of sharing faith and hope as we love. As my friend Pastor Johnny Hunt would say: "Love loud!" I believe we must love loud to lead others to know Jesus. Why? Because God is love. "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:8 (NIV)

Today, where you live, will you be the neighbor who loves? Two days after Hurricane Harvey hit Houston, I watched a YouTube video from Dr. David Fleming as he shared how the downstairs of his home was completely flooded, and he made a video with flood waters surrounding his home to announce one of their church campuses was open as a shelter. In the midst of his own personal crisis, he was leading efforts to care for others. I am thankful for how he models reaching the neighbors and nations. His Christ-like testimony is something we all can learn from.

Tears began to flow when I reached out to a dear family and close friends who live in Kingswood, Texas, and learned their home was flooded. Thankfully, they have family who live only a few miles away and came to their rescue.

Galatians 6:2 reads: "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (NIV) May we love one another. May we love in action. Through the trials of life, may we love loud and draw others toward Christ because of His love for us.

~Tim DeTellis

How may we pray for you? Feel welcome to send us your prayer requests. We want to believe with you for God's peace and provision. Whatever the storm you may be facing, God is able to surround you. "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Serving together,

Tim DeTellis

timothy@newmissions.org

P.S. Join us in sharing God's love with children and families in Haiti during our 2017 shoebox drive happening now through December 31.



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

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PASTOR TRAINING

Multiple times a year, we welcome pastors from the United States and Canada to come alongside our pastors and churches for special conferences.

Singing the hymn *How Great Thou Art* a cappella, you could feel the passion for their purpose and calling in God. To preach the Gospel and serve their communities is why these pastors gathered for a time of encouragement and training.

We are keeping the pioneering spirit alive! This year, we have established a new church on the Leogane Plain in Bossier, and we are planting a new church on the island of La Gonâve. Pastor Diebon Aladin is from the island of La Gonâve and will represent our 30th church in Haiti—to the glory of God.

Our vision is to raise a generation of Christian leaders. We establish schools to educate and provide food and medical care. However, our greatest mission is the spiritual work; alongside each school is a church. We see the local church as the greatest force for good.

Please remember our pastors in your prayers, as they are on the front lines of meeting the spiritual and physical needs of the children and families in their communities. ~Tim DeTellis



Pastor Tim Anderson from Clements Baptist Church in Athens, AL, hosted a pastors' training for our churches and network churches.



Middle: *We are a house of prayer and as church leaders we come together for unity and encouragement.*

Bottom: *The local church is the greatest force for good, globally. Thank you for praying for our pastors.*

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Sponsorship Matters: What happens when a child is sponsored? The child's life is forever changed. The parents are thankful for the partnership, too, as they see their children receive an education, food, and medical care. As a sponsor, your life is also impacted as you model generosity and begin to see life from a new perspective. Generosity becomes an attitude you live by, because of the gift of sponsorship. Thank you to our sponsors for sharing your love to see lives changed.

Container Days: The first container of the Christmas shoebox season shipped out in September. Container days at New Missions are full of activity and hard work. Each box is carefully put in the container by hand so we can best maximize the space. The children in our schools love when containers arrive in Haiti—because they know that they are full of fun gifts. Thank you to everyone who has lovingly packed gifts to send to our schools. If you would like to send a gift to Haiti there is still time to pack a shoebox for our Shoebox Drive. For more information visit www.shoeboxdrive.com

Shoebox Deliveries: We are thankful for our mission teams visiting Haiti. Many have the opportunity to travel to our school campuses to love on our school children with shoebox gifts. From remote villages up in the mountains to schools located along the ocean, children of all ages find love and encouragement from the gifts you send. Our Shoebox Drive continues through December 31, so there is still plenty of time to participate! Visit www.shoeboxdrive.com for packing ideas. You can send a shoebox gift specifically to the child you sponsor.

Sewing Classes: Nine years ago, Delia Espinosa felt called to start a sewing class for ladies in Sosua, Dominican Republic and the surrounding areas. In these nine years, not only have women learned how to sew and make their own patterns, their lives have been changed. Each class begins with a devotional, and many women have accepted Christ through this ministry. Additionally, women have been empowered by this class to better their lives by finishing high school and starting their own sewing businesses. We are so thankful for Delia and her amazing ministry! To God be the glory!





YEAR END GIFT

Some of us are blessed beyond our daily bread. We have abundance and luxury that most of the world does not know. We have more than enough. With our financial blessing, we take care of our family—perhaps college education, or aging parents’ needs. We also can make stewardship decisions to invest in the Kingdom of God.

Most of us are thinking of making extra financial contributions as the year closes. I would like to ask you to pray about designating a gift to help us finish the school in Los Castillos, DR. Children will come to a school where they will experience Christian teachers sharing the love of God and inviting them to make a decision to follow Jesus. The children’s needs will be met so that they can focus on their future, with godly guidance from their parents and the local church. We may say all that we have belongs to the Lord, but we do have the joy of making the decision to give by financially supporting the Kingdom of God. Have the joy of using your blessing today by designating your tax-deductible gift to *Los Castillos construction*.

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Top: The school in Los Castillos is making great progress but still needs your support to complete the construction.

Bottom left: The construction team is comprised entirely by Dominicans—providing local jobs.

Middle: School children will soon step into their new classrooms because of your generosity.

Bottom right: Together, we are raising a generation of Christian leaders thanks to your faithful prayers and support.

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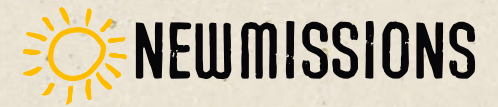
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THE LOCAL CHURCH



EDUCATION



MEDICAL CARE



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THANKFULNESS AND PRAYER

We naturally think about our blessings during the Thanksgiving holiday season. This year, I will be in New England with my family. I enjoy sitting at our dining room table with a nice roasted turkey—and all of the trimmings—looking at the faces of my family. We have a time of prayer thanking the Lord for His provision and protection. We are to be content in whatever state we find ourselves. Spending time with family during the holidays is always sacred for me, as I am away from most of my children for a significant part of the year, due to them being away at college and the fact that I am in Haiti most of the year. I thank the Lord for my wife, Rachel, and our four children. I thank the Lord that each of them is following the Lord. I thank the Lord for His strength in my life as I continue to serve Him.

The book of Philippians instructs us to have a mindset of thanksgiving, prayer and supplication. *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7*

We need to be faithful in our prayer time. *“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”* (James 5:16) I have a friend who is a rough character. I pray for him, and recently I have seen ongoing positive changes in his life. In the past he has really offended me, and at times he will make derogatory remarks. I decided as much as possible

to not be offended by him, and to keep loving and praying for this friend. I keep giving him gifts and showing love towards him. He now tells me that all of his other friends have left Haiti and that I am like a brother to him. I thank the Lord for the friends that are in my life. We need to show love to one another.

We are also to bring our supplications before God. We have all experienced trials and victories in life. We need to believe God for all things. There is nothing too difficult for the Lord to do. We need to continually bring all of our concerns before the Lord. I Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, *“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

I believe in a season of time you will have the victory.

We need to be people with thankful hearts. Are you thankful? Are you thankful for your current stage of life? Are you thankful that

you know the Lord? Are you thankful for those who raised you and poured into your life? What about your friends...your job? Being thankful might be difficult while in the midst of a storm, but there is ALWAYS something to be thankful for. It’s a state of mind—just like your attitude. Charles Swindoll said it best: *“Words can never adequately convey the incredible impact of our attitudes toward life. The longer I live the more convinced I become that life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it.”* There is power in a thankful heart.

~Charlie DeTellis

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THANKFUL FOR.**

With Thanksgiving Day approaching, let us rejoice and give thanks for the many blessings the Lord has given us. *“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness to all generations.” Psalm 100:4-5*

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

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P. S. God has promised us His peace, which surpasses all understanding. The peace we have in God will guard our hearts and minds.



Rachel and Charlie DeTellis in Haiti.

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GIVE HOPE

Hope in God has been our motto since 1983, when we planted our first church in Haiti. Because of your generosity, hope is happening in the lives of children and families as you sponsor a child, volunteer, pack shoeboxes, and pray.

My husband Ted and I were quite excited to recently sponsor two boys from Bire, Haiti. We look forward to the day we meet our sponsored boys—both five years of age. Just seeing their smiles and joyful spirits will be such a blessing.

Each of us can be generous through volunteering, the sending of thoughtful gifts, and also with our faithful prayers. We thank you and appreciate your love for God and your passion for His people. Together, we can accelerate our daily work in making the Good News seen and heard.

Hope happened for each of us through the birth of baby Jesus—who came to the world to live and to give His life for every one of us. At New Missions, we believe without God there is no hope. Only God can bring us a steadfast hope of calm and peace until we leave this earth. This Christmas, let us continue in the breath of the One who gives us the love to serve, pray and give our best. You are greatly appreciated! ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Hope happens when our teachers love and care for our students... thanks to each child sponsor.



Middle: *Our mission equals a simple beginning, plus faithfulness over time. Our first church in 1983 had the banner, "Haiti: Hope in God."*

Bottom left: *Thank you to the nearly 500 volunteers who serve annually at New Missions.*

Bottom right: *We pray each child finds a personal relationship with Jesus, because Jesus gives hope for life.*

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



High School Shoeboxes: Packing shoebox gifts is so much fun. Giving them to our students is also a joy to witness. The girls at our high school campus in Signeau, Haiti, were happy to receive shoebox gifts packed especially for them. Some of these very students may someday be teachers at New Missions. We employ hundreds of women as teachers, nurses, cooks, and school administrators. Thank you for sending your love, packed in a shoebox, to the next generation of Christian leaders. Our collection continues through December 31, 2017.



Shoebox Drive in Full Swing: We are so grateful that shoeboxes are beginning to arrive at our Orlando office. It is our hope and prayer that we will collect enough to bless all the students in our schools, and have enough shoeboxes left over to distribute in other Haitian communities. During the summer, our New Missions churches take missions trips throughout Haiti, and use shoeboxes for outreach as they are ministering and sharing the Gospel. Your generosity opens doors to share the love of Christ in a tangible way.



Los Castillos Update: The children at our school in Redemption village are eagerly waiting for their new school building to be finished in Los Castillos. A short walk from Redemption village, this new school offers hope to our students for a brighter future. By giving them our best, we are showing them how much we value each one of them. They can begin to envision a life out of poverty and oppression, and a life full of promise and hope in Christ. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to positively impact the lives of these children and their families.



Video Projectors for Churches: At the center of all we do is the local church. Our churches in Haiti received video projectors and DVD players to serve the families in their communities. Hosting special events, educational seminars, and movie nights is something our churches do to reach others with the Gospel message. Since 1983, we have kept church planting a priority for our mission, because without a personal relationship with Jesus there is no hope. To the glory of God, we now have 35 churches combined in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Together, we are preaching the Gospel, because only God changes lives forever.

SPONSORSHIP CHANGES YOUR LIFE TOO

Over dinner with Joseph Ortiz from El Paso, Texas, I asked some questions about his family sponsoring a child and what it was like meeting her in Haiti.

When did you decide to become a child sponsor? *Deciding to sponsor a child with New Missions was like having our own child. Walking up to the sponsorship table at our church is when we saw a photo of Marriana for the first time. The experience was similar to seeing an ultrasound of your baby. My whole family fell in love with her! I pondered the possibility of meeting her one day in Haiti.*

How was it possible for you to visit Haiti? *God totally orchestrated my going to Haiti. I learned to make balloon animals for an event at my church (Cielo Vista Church). The mission team leader said they had one spot open for the Haiti trip, and maybe I could go and make balloon animals for the kids in Haiti while we gave away shoebox gifts. I was so thrilled! Then, I learned the reason there was an opening on this trip. A woman paid for a spot on the trip, but her intent was to scholarship someone else to go to Haiti. I went in her place.*

What was it like when you met your sponsor child? *The moment I met our sponsor child I was so thrilled! She was standing in front of me...and she's real! I extended my arms and held her for the first time. At that moment, I realized this child is part of my*



family. She just changed my life forever! She is part of our lives and we are part of hers. We cannot wait to see what God is going to do in her life. Now, because of our journey with Marriana, my daughter Gabriela and my son Juan are using their allowance money to sponsor another child from New Missions.

Today, I encourage you to pray for your sponsor child by name. We are loving God as we love the children He entrusts to our care. Joseph Ortiz and his family are experiencing a greater joy and contentment in their home because of perspective and lessons gained through child sponsorship. When you sponsor a child, your life is changed forever, too. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: Inside each classroom, lives are being changed with the gift of education—thanks to our child sponsors.

Bottom left: Prior to lunchtime at school, our students wash their hands to promote good hygiene.

Bottom middle: Joseph Ortiz was overwhelmed with joy when he finally met his sponsor child, Marriana, from Masson, Haiti.

Bottom right: Together, we are changing lives, because each child matters to God.

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GREATNESS AND THE CALL TO SERVANT LEADERSHIP

One summer, while working at a Christian camp, we stood around the campfire with the sun setting and the cool breezes from the north enveloping us. After sharing the vision to our new team, my wife passed out short pencils and index cards. She asked us to write something on our card that we wanted to give to God—a gifting or a talent—whatever was on our minds. One word came to me, “greatness.” I wrote it on the card. I was struck by the word. What was I feeling? We folded up our offerings and one by one we placed them in the campfire. Greatness, why did I want to give God greatness? We all desire to be great. We can even feel a moral obligation to make something out of our lives. We don’t want them to say of us, “He never amounted to much.” The need for accomplishment can come out of a sense of responsibility or guilt. What about you? Do you desire greatness?

There were two brothers who were Jesus’ disciples. They desired greatness, too. So much so, that they asked Jesus if they could be the leaders to sit at the right and the left of Jesus in His kingdom. Jesus did not scold them for their desire to be great. He redefined greatness. He told them that whoever would desire to be the greatest would be the servant of all. Like Jesus, your greatness will be a reflection of your service to others. A servant leader is focused on the needs of others. A celebrity leader wants all the attention focused on him. Jesus calls us to be servant leaders.

DO YOU DESIRE GREATNESS?

It was a wet summer that year at camp. We were having rain every day. The third week (on Wednesday) the director of our counselor-in-training program quit. She was swamped emotionally. I could see the morale of our team starting to tip like a canoe. I knew I had to do something fast. I decided that I needed to surprise the team with breakfast in the morning. That night, I went to Sam’s Club and bought a carload of food. Late into the night, I started prepping for French toast, scrambled eggs, and blueberry pancakes.

In the morning I picked up Steve, my maintenance man, at 5am and we started cooking sausages on the outdoor grills and roasting bacon in the oven. Smoke overtook the kitchen from the old gas ovens and smoke detectors started beeping. My wife arrived at 7am with an electric skillet and rescued us by making the scrambled eggs. In the chapel where we held our staff meetings, I put up a big sign: Staff meeting this morning in dining hall. When the staff arrived, there was a surprise feast waiting for them. After breakfast, I gathered everyone around in a circle. “I know the weather has been difficult lately, but I want you to know that I appreciate you,” I said. It was a breakthrough moment. We were all in this together. We were going to make it. The next day, a sixteen-year-old counselor said to me, “What you did yesterday for the team, that was great! I want to do something like that. Would it be okay if I bought pizzas for lunch today for all the children in my group?” “Sounds great, Joshua!” I said. ~George DeTellis, Jr.

“You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:42-45

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Will you answer the call to serve?*



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