



40 YEARS OF NEW MISSIONS

I was called to missions at the time of my salvation in 1954. I served God through missions early in life at my home church and other church plants. As a pastor's wife for 25 years, I was always on a mission. But my greatest joy was when my feet touched the soil of Haiti. I was ecstatic to be with the Haitian people—communicating the freedom and peace of knowing Jesus. The absence of housing, transporting water from eight miles away, bathing in a stream, and walking the dirt roads were not my focus.

What I didn't realize over the years was that whatever I did, someone was nearby to watch and learn. Discipling is a multiplying factor! Missionaries, short and long-term, were hearing from God and their calling brought them to Haiti. But the greatest blessing was our Haitian children growing spiritually and developing into our present leadership of 508 in Haiti. The same miracle process happened in the Dominican Republic where 81 Dominican people are serving New Missions. Today, graduates of New Missions are scattered across Haiti and the Dominican Republic working in churches, schools, and businesses. In addition, former students now live in France, Canada, and the United States—and they are following Jesus and proclaiming the Gospel. We are called to go, disciple, and watch God at work. There are not enough words to honor and thank God for all He has done. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



Top: Pastor George DeTellis, Sr., at the age of 49, moved to Haiti full-time to pioneer New Missions.

Middle: Jeanne DeTellis Loudon had the call to be a missionary in 1954 when she accepted Jesus as her Savior.

Bottom left: Since 1983, New Missions has educated 39,366 students—to the glory of God.

Bottom right: We are thankful to be led locally with 508 Haitians and 81 Dominicans serving with New Missions.

FAMILY TOGETHER

When I moved to work with New Missions in the Dominican Republic eight years ago, I had no idea how God would change my life. I met my husband here in the DR in one of our churches. He accepted Christ as a teenager and was the first one in his family to be saved. As a teen, he remembers riding on one of the mission trucks to go to our church in Playa Chiquita. He was part of the youth group and his relationship with Christ grew. He struggled and questioned God when his mom died from cancer, but praise the Lord his faith in God was strong enough to get him through the trial.

I believe in the work New Missions is doing—teaching children and youth to follow God is such an important ministry. I am thankful for the vibrant children’s Bible programs in each of our churches, as well as youth groups that are growing. Our Christian student leadership group in our high school is actively working to raise Christian leaders. I look forward to the future and seeing how God will use these children and teens to further His kingdom.

~Heather Williams Katz



Heather, Arismendy, and son Max are thankful to be serving God with New Missions in the Dominican Republic.



Our Leaders for Christ students are serving others and being a godly example for their fellow students.

LET GOD ARISE!

Charlie was converted when he unconventionally prayed, “God, I will try being a Christian for a week.” In the morning, he woke up changed and sensed the Holy Spirit in his life. Immediately after that prayer he reasoned, “If God’s real, it’s worth serving Him,” not knowing that two years later he’d head to Haiti to serve God. Now, 40 years later, Charlie’s still in Haiti and God’s still at work there changing lives for His glory!

God has given Charlie courage and faith to continue serving in Haiti. In the early days, Charlie and Ken Carroll were leading a “rara for Jesus.” Raras are musical parading bands typically associated with Voodoo, drunkenness, and carousing. Often violence will develop between different raras trying to occupy the same road. Charlie and Ken were playing drums and singing, “Let God arise, His enemies be scattered...” and they wouldn’t budge when faced with the opposing rara. At that moment God sent a heavy downpour of rain and everyone from the opposing rara ran for cover. I’m so thankful for all who have stood their ground and seen the enemy defeated! ~Rachel DeTellis



Charlie DeTellis at our well drilling in 1986, which produced an artesian well for the villages of Neply and Bord-Mer.



In 2000, Charlie became mission director and recognized it must be God to sustain, grow, and direct the mission.



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THE FIRST MISSION TRIP

December 26, 1979, when I was 18 years old, I traveled to Haiti with my parents and a team of 10 people. My father was the pastor of Calvary Evangelistic Center in Worcester, Massachusetts. Our church was supporting a feeding program through the Council of Evangelical Churches. For six cents a day we could feed a child. The first Sunday of each month, we would collect a mission offering of nickels and pennies for Haiti.

We were met at the airport by Pastor DeSarmes, and stayed at a guest house in the foothills of the capital city of Port-au-Prince, in a neighborhood called Delmas. Our first day in Haiti, we drove three hours to the town of Gonaïves to visit the feeding program we were supporting. For 10 days, Pastor DeSarmes drove 11 of us all over the country in his tiny Nissan van. This would be the first of many trips to Haiti. On one of those trips Pastor DeSarmes showed us a piece of land for sale on the ocean in Leogane for \$7,500. In March of 1982, my father and I went to Haiti with American Express Travelers Cheques to purchase this land to start a mission in Haiti. On January 6, 1983, seven missionaries from our church arrived with tents to pioneer a new mission.

~George DeTellis, Jr.



Top: At age of 18, George DeTellis, Jr. took his first mission trip to Haiti and returned again with a team to purchase the first piece of land.

Bottom left: George Jr. and his father in Haiti, December 26, 1979, exploring the town of Gonaïves.

Bottom middle: Clearing the land to build our missionary housing in 1983 was our first construction project.

Bottom right: The first piece of land became home to our church, school, office, medical clinic, warehouses, kitchen and missions training center.



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THANKFUL FOR FAMILY

Medical complications led to my mother being faced with a life and death situation. I was the last of eight pregnancies for my mom. Prior to me, my mother had seven children, four who did not survive. The difficulties with her pregnancies may have been a great struggle and pain for her as a mom, but it later became a common bond between her and the Haitian mothers she served and loved in Haiti. It was typical for a Haitian mother to lose their child during pregnancy or shortly after birth. My mother could relate.

Family is something I'm extra thankful for, because I was not supposed to live. Originally, the doctor scheduled an abortion. My mother returned home from the hospital where the Chief of Staff at Boston Children's Hospital made the recommendation for the abortion. She called her mom to tell her the news and when she hung up the phone, little did she know that her eldest son, George Jr., overheard the entire phone conversation as he sat on the staircase. He walked down the stairs that night and went up to his mommy and said, "If you know the baby is going to die, why not let the baby die on its own like all the others?" The next morning my mother called the hospital and canceled my abortion. I was given the gift of life. However, it was met with complications such as six blood exchanges while still inside my mother's womb, and another 19 blood transfusions after birth.

Family is a gift and not to be taken for granted. Family says you are safe and welcomed here. Family says you are loved no matter what. Family

LIFE IS FOR
SERVICE TO
OTHERS.

says you are valuable and we see the best in you and want the best for you.

Family is not only what you are born into...but also adopted into. I could tell you who taught me how to tie my shoes, ride a bike, swim, ski, and whistle. However, none of them were blood relatives, but what I refer to as my adopted family. God's family. They were all people from church. God sends people to help when help is needed. Today, I see New Missions as a family of God's people joined together for His mission and purpose to help families flourish. I want to see you and your family flourish.

When you're missing family, you're missing out on love, leadership, and legacy. When we are family, we care for one another; that's love. When we are family, we help each other to excel; that's leadership. As family, we serve others and that's our legacy. Life is for service to others.

God spoke and made it very clear how He felt about His son. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17) Will we hear that same voice about our lives?

Will you begin to look at your family and adopted family (those you welcome into your family) with these three words in mind: love, leadership, and legacy? Will you love those God has entrusted into your care? Will you lead them to be better than they see themselves? Finally, will you serve others? As we love, lead and serve, we will have a flourishing family and leave a legacy—because what we give outlasts us.

~Tim DeTellis

A healthy family equals a stronger community. Since 1983, New Missions has helped families flourish across the island of Hispaniola. We partner with moms and dads to see their kids rise up as a new generation of Christian leaders. Our spiritual lineage is growing as we love and serve children and families, representing 607 villages through our churches and schools.

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