



JOHN 3:16 FOR ALL

The good news of John 3:16 is a hope for people everywhere. Throughout our schools, we share the Gospel, and our students study God’s Word. To show how this happens, I asked Jean Marc Fontaine, one of our photographers, to visit a school and take a photo of students reading their Bibles.

God had a better plan for the results of this project. The photographs from Jean Marc began with a photo of his son holding his Bible opened to John 3:16. Typically, I then do research to find out who sponsors the student so I can recognize them. I checked with our home office and unfortunately, his previous sponsor was unable to continue sending support, and eventually the sponsorship ended. I quickly decided to be his new sponsor! Immediately, I sent a message to Jean Marc about the news. Now, we are both on a mission to pour the love of Jesus into Marc-Kwessy’s life.

I asked Jean Marc, “What advice do you give your son Marc-Kwessy regarding his faith in God?” Jean Marc replied, “To put his trust in God, despite the difficulties of life, because God is always there.”

Today, please pray for our students to learn to place their faith in Jesus. He is still the answer for our world today. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: Marc-Kwessy accepted Jesus as his personal savior last year at the New Missions church in Neplly, Bord-Mer.

Middle: Thanks to your generosity, our students have Bibles. Their hearts and homes are stronger because of it.

Bottom left: We start teaching Bible class in preschool. Lina Merthil instructs her students at our school in Signeau, Haiti.

Bottom right: Third-grade teacher, Darline Joacine, from our elementary school in Leogane, Haiti, teaches a Bible class daily.

PREGNANT WOMEN CARE

Our health center in the Dominican Republic welcomes everyone, with many traveling long distances for our excellent care. Many pregnant women in the DR do not go to the doctor for prenatal care, which poses serious risks for both the mother and her baby. To address the issue, we provide this service at our health center. Twice a month, we dedicate afternoons exclusively to pregnant women. This arrangement allows them to receive care without the concern of getting sick from other patients at the clinic who are being treated for an illness.

The expectant mothers greatly appreciate the care they receive at our clinic. Linda Louis, for example, came to us through a recommendation from her friend, Yeni Pierre. These two, along with many other pregnant women speak Haitian Creole instead of Spanish, so we always make sure someone is available to translate. Our support for pregnant women is comprehensive, continuing from pregnancy through childbirth—ensuring both mother and child are healthy. Please pray for Dr. Bryam Perez and our other health center staff as they diligently care for these precious moms and their babies. ~Heather Williams Katz



Pregnant women such as Esther Hernandez are very thankful for the prenatal care they receive at our health center.



Linda Louis (on left) with translator Prenia Mirand consulting with our health center doctor, Dr. Bryam Perez.



Music leaders helping church members connect with God through worship and praise.



A treat for the congregation was meeting Haitian comedian Adonice; Pastor Mario praying over him.

SIGNEAU CONFERENCE

For 12 years, our Signeau church has held an annual conference. The conference is for the development of their church family. This year, they had 14 evenings of meetings concluding with two services on a Sunday.

Pastor Mario Bijou likes to bring in a local personality his congregation can see face-to-face. This year, a Haitian Christian comedian, Adonice Joseph, known from radio and tv was interviewed. There was also teaching, worship, and special music.

A 45-member choral group from the church assisted with worship. Members Nadege and Denise both felt edified and transformed by the conference. Nadege feels that singing for God makes her joyful and helps her connect with Him better. Denise stated that singing is a way of communicating truth and that she tries to apply what she is singing in her own life.

Pastor Mario said the Holy Spirit was present—motivating people to worship. There was an anticipation of hearing from God, and this is what spurs people on to contribute time, talents, money, and knowledge to make an event successful.

~Rachel DeTellis



FAMILY FOLLOWS JESUS

The decision to follow Jesus takes a family to church. I remember on Saturday nights lining up four pairs of shoes for my four children to avoid an unexpected search on Sunday morning. In most Italian homes, on Saturday you could smell the garlic simmering in the olive oil in preparation for spaghetti sauce for Sunday's dinner.

In Haiti, the Fatal family of six children have decided in mind and heart to follow Jesus, and they go to church on Sundays. The mother of these children, Erlande, from the village of Neply, Haiti, prepares clothes and food in order for this to happen. When Sunday morning comes, with joy they put on their best clothes and as a family they walk the road to church. Erlande knows how to prepare in advance because electricity is not always present. If indoor plumbing exists, you may not have water on Sunday mornings. Together, the Fatal family makes time to worship God and put their confidence in Him for their lives and future. Happy and blessed is the family that goes to the House of God! They experience great pleasure and satisfaction as they are in the presence of God. They hear His voice and fellowship with a family of believers. With heart and mind, decide to follow Jesus. Go to church!

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon



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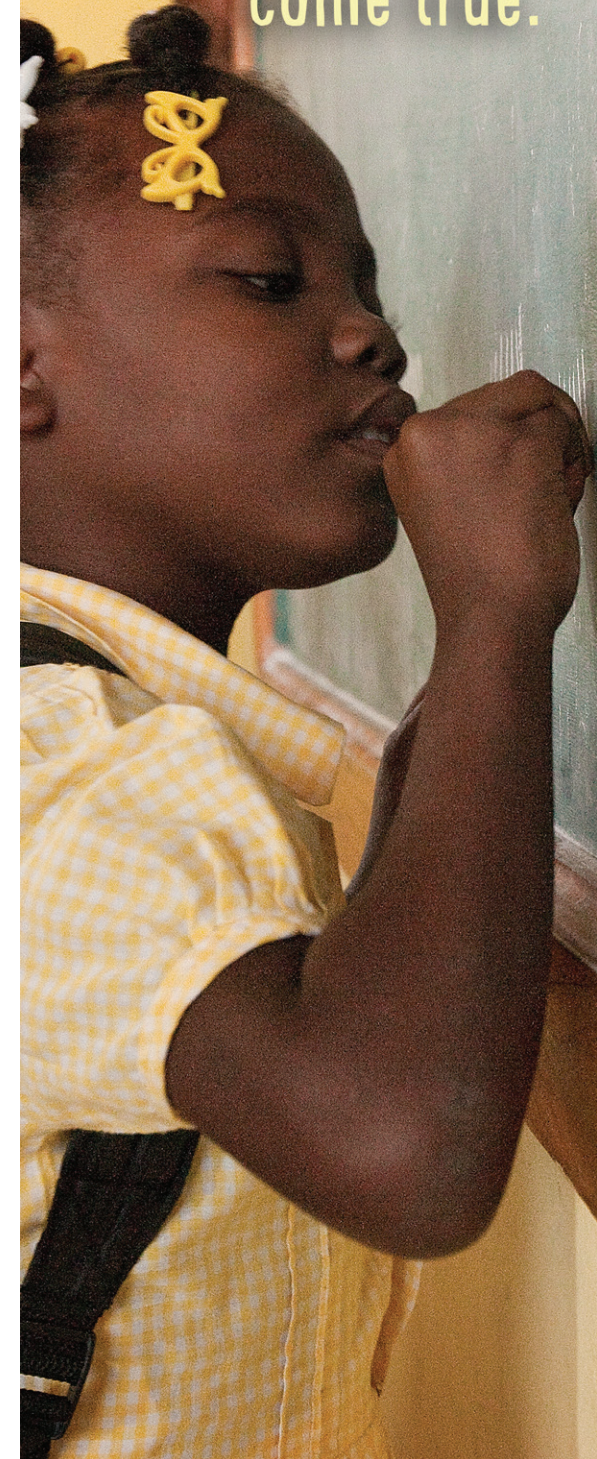
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Top: Is church a priority for your family? Going to church as a family builds the foundation for spiritual growth.

Bottom left: Renee Fatal (Erlande's husband) loves and leads his family as they attend church together in Neply, Bord-Mer, Haiti.

Bottom middle: "...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

Bottom right: Thank you to worship teams everywhere as they lead church families to worship together.



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NEW MISSIONS

YOU ARE FOR ME

Recently, I listened to a song by Kari Jobe which I like. It is called *You Are for Me*. Kari Jobe came to our mission in Haiti years ago and she met with our pastors and sang. God is true, loving and powerful, and God is for us. Psalm 23 says, *“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures: He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul.”* He is able to meet our every need. We need to remain in His Word and in prayer. When you feel alone or are in need, cry out to Him. *“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9*

God has helped me in my own life. I was born premature and could not speak as a boy. Even while at community college and Bible college I struggled to speak. As a child, I loved the song *The Sound of Silence* because it had the lyric, “Hello darkness, my old friend.” It spoke of my loneliness. When I was teased for my speech, I would say to myself, “I will never forget or forgive this person.” In time, God has a way of healing us. Now, I have a love for talking to strangers and I have a love for preaching.

Don’t let the world or people get you down. People can hurt us terribly in our lives, but we can’t stay hurt. We need to forgive and use it as a learning experience. Romans 8:28 tells us, *“And we know that in all things God works for the*

good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” I believe people who have experienced a greater amount of pain have a greater capacity to love. I believe my pain gave me greater compassion and love for the Haitian people. God delights in using people’s weaknesses to demonstrate His power.

God will reward each of us in this life and the life to come. I don’t seek after anything. I only want to love God, serve Him, and be with Him forever.

God’s ways are higher than our ways. I love this life—with all we are able to do and see. We can only imagine how much better heaven will be! That said, we are reminded of our aging bodies and realize we will not be here forever. It appears the return of the Lord is at hand. We need to keep heaven as our goal. *“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.” Revelation 22:12*

We need to keep our personal relationship with God a priority. I’m not one who sits around a lot reading books, but I do own a library of books and want to study more. I am a doer, and I have set a small goal of reading at least one chapter in the Bible each morning. I am always amazed how even one chapter of God’s Word will feed me. *“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword.” Hebrews 4:12*

~Charlie DeTellis

**GOD WILL WRITE
HIS WORDS UPON
YOUR HEART.**

I want to encourage you to be faithful to God. God is faithful, constant, loving, true, and so powerful. I realize I have entered the last third of my life. My grandmother once told me, “Beginning our spiritual walk is not what matters, but finishing our spiritual walk is what matters!” We need to keep running the race and fighting the fight.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

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*P.S. We are not alone.
Our God sees us and is
with us. GOD IS FOR US!*



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