



# HELPING FAMILIES FLOURISH

Little did we know, generational change would happen and scatter around the world. For our 40th anniversary, Erlande Fatal made a video testimony. She shared that because of New Missions, she is now a nurse and school teacher. She met her husband, Rene, at our high school and quickly began to date and eventually married. In Haiti, where marriage is rare and men typically have multiple wives and children with different women, this man became a Christian. His life changed.

Since 1983, New Missions has educated 39,366 students. Today, we are hearing stories like MariJoe Charles who grew up at our first school and church in Neply, Bord-Mer, Haiti. She now lives in West Palm Beach, Florida. Her son, Kelly Alcius, is attending Florida International University in Miami, where he was recently a speaker on campus proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to his fellow classmates.

Across all of our schools, the teachers and school directors knew our mission was: Change the Life of a Child. Why? Because only God changes lives forever. The classroom was a discipleship environment to help families flourish...spiritually, physically, and mentally.

What's next for New Missions? It's what is now. Continue to preach the Gospel and make disciples. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support as we continue to help families flourish. ~Tim DeTellis



**Top:** Erlande, her husband Rene and family represent the hope found in God, as Christian parents raising a family to honor the Lord.  
**Middle:** Erlande Fatal, sponsored by Deb Runge, graduated from New Missions and was given a scholarship to nursing school.  
**Bottom left:** MariJoe Charles was sponsored through high school by Pat Lamont from Surrey, British Columbia.  
**Bottom right:** MariJoe's son, Kelly, attends Florida International University and spoke at a campus event sharing his faith.



# BIBLE QUIZ COMPETITIONS

Last month, I wrote about our youth groups that are continuing to grow and flourish. In February, we hosted our first Bible quiz competition for our youth groups, and it was a great success! The youth divided into groups of three or four for this very exciting tournament; we had seven teams compete. The teenagers have been working for the past few months to memorize the first six chapters of Genesis, the subject for this month's quiz. We will continue to have competitions monthly until the final round during the summer months.

I have been very impressed with how many of the teens are memorizing the chapters and taking it seriously. I believe one of the most important things we can do for our children and youth is to help them memorize God's Word. When we go through difficult times, verses that we have memorized often come to our mind, give us peace, and guide us. We praise the Lord that these competitions are helping motivate our youth to memorize large portions of Scripture, and we hope to get more youth and churches involved in the future.

~Heather Williams Katz



*We have multiple rounds of two teams competing against each other to win the prize in the final competition.*



*Ashanty Perez, George Jean, and Yelbi Jean compete as a team during the Bible memory competition.*



*(L-R) Pastors Jules, Fontaine, Guillaume, Gay, Imelda (standing in for her dad, Dantes), and Panel have worked 30+ years for our mission.*



*J. M. Fontaine, G. Guillaume, B. Jules, E. Guillaume, G. Guillaume and G. Gay, working with their fathers at church, school, and office.*

## WORKING TOGETHER

The heart of the message New Missions has shared from the beginning is: Jesus loves you or Jezi renmen ou in Haitian Creole. Sharing Jesus's love takes many forms: preaching, education, medical help, food, and Christmas shoeboxes. It's a joint effort between sponsors and our Haitian pastors and staff. We're so thankful for the pastors' faithful service over the years, and for their children who've taken hold of the baton.

Richard Gay, pastor in Masson, sees his work as a real victory. Ever since he was 10 he wanted to be a teacher. When he was 16, he had an opportunity to help children with their studies. And in 1990, his dream became reality when he began teaching for the mission. Now, as school director, he loves his students, enjoys playing with them (he says this keeps him young), and likes giving them gifts: the best of which is Jesus. His son, Gamma, who graduated from New Missions High School, works with his father. He completed teacher's training and is now halfway through a four-year theology program. He has seen God answer his prayers for healing in his own life and others, and loves working for God.

~Rachel DeTellis





## HAPPY DAYS

Our high school students are happy when it is chapel service time. They resound the Word, *“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’” Psalm 122:1*

When Kensy Delmas was 13 years old, he was walking through his village in Lassale, and he heard music coming from the local church. He kept walking and stepped inside the church. At the end of the service, he walked out...but not as the same Kensy. He accepted Jesus as his Savior in this church revival service. Although Kensy had heard the Gospel shared in school chapel and church services, this was his time to become a new believer. The Holy Spirit moved Kensy to commit his life to Jesus.

This month, our high school chapel preacher was Kensy Delmas, just 19 years old. Kensy’s mother and father were also students at our high school. He preached from Eccl. 3:1-5, with the subject: *“There is a time for everything.”* Can you imagine a call to the students from this young preacher, *“This is the time for you to give your life to God?”*

When our students participate in chapel services, they feel honored and privileged. When it’s chapel time at our high school, it’s a happy day. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

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**Top:** Students representing our senior class stand in the front row of the chapel as role models of change, thanks to Jesus.

**Bottom left:** Our student-led worship time gives opportunities for our students to serve their churches.

**Bottom middle:** Worship is a central part of our chapel services, and our students then take their skills back to their churches.

**Bottom right:** Weekly chapel services are hosted on Wednesdays at all of our schools, and the gatherings are energizing.



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## LOVING WITH A WHOLE HEART

Have you ever loved someone with your whole heart but the same love was not returned? Perhaps the person portrayed a measure of love but didn't love you fully. Maybe there was even some betrayal. How can you love someone when there is a question of trust and commitment? Sometimes it's all a misunderstanding. Communication is key; we must express our doubts and fears. People need people in their lives, and we are to search and seek after loving relationships. Our Heavenly Father and our loved ones need us to love them with a whole heart.

The greatest example of love is God. The Bible tells us that God is love. I remember learning in college that when someone loves someone, they naturally give of themselves. They give gifts, as well. When I first started dating my wife, Rachel, in Bible college, I remember taking flowers to her dorm and picking out a nice friendship ring for her in Port au Prince. God gives us many gifts. God gave His own son to save the world. Isn't it amazing to know that nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:39)? God doesn't change His mind regarding us. He has our best interest in mind. God is long-suffering with us and not willing for any to perish. In 2 Peter 3:9 we read, *"...He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."*

It's comforting to know we can come to God, and He'll accept us and love us. There is also no sin too great that God will not forgive (Hebrews 8:12). We need to keep clinging to God; He is holding on to us.

*"For You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me."* Psalm 63:7-8

When we forgive those who have offended us, we love with a whole heart. The Bible tells us that love does not keep track of offenses. We are to forgive those who have wronged us, but this can be hard.

I believe we can keep loving a person even if the relationship isn't the best. Forgiveness is the key to everything. None of us are perfect. We live in an imperfect world, and need to trust the people we love. God remains true and pure. Our greatest hope is to live with God for eternity.

Loving with a whole heart begins by loving yourself. Frequently, I neglect myself. It takes time to eat well and exercise. I often put my work responsibilities first. The other day, I just felt like I needed some rest and enjoyed sleeping in my grandfather's leather chair here in Haiti before addressing my work. Afterwards, I took a cold shower and enjoyed lying in the sun for a while. I felt refreshed and renewed.

Jeremiah 29:13 tells us we will find the Lord when we seek Him with our whole heart. God knows our hearts even before we say a word. We cannot fool God. I have learned to be intimate with God, and I ask Him to direct every area of my life—including my relationships. I encourage my friends to put God first in their lives. Our Christian faith is the foundation for our lives.

~Charlie DeTellis

**WE NEED TO  
LOVE WITH OUR  
WHOLE HEART.**

We need to always be true with our devotion to God and loved ones. *"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."* I Corinthians 13:4-5

Sincerely,

*Charlie DeTellis*

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*P.S. It is wonderful when people are united in heart and mind. Don't think these ideals cannot be obtained. With the measure you give of yourself...it will be given to you.*

