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HELPING COMMUNITIES

Many Haitians are sacrificial and compassionate, helping others in desperate situations. I've seen them share food, take in orphans, and offer a spot to sleep in an already full home. Raymond Leopold has been a carpenter for 31 years and has served others by hanging doors or making and repairing chairs and tables. Some of our graduates have continued on to nurses training and they are using their skills to serve their community.

Many times, basic medical needs are unmet and there is no such thing as an organized home health system. Yadioule Nerat, Erlande Charles, and Shekenia Louis are helping to fill that medical need in the villages of Nepty and Bire. They often do dressing changes, administer medication, take blood pressures, start IVs, and complete necessary forms for patients. Without their skills and service, some things would be left undone or become more challenging and expensive.

Yadioule feels confident in her skills but also prays for guidance from God. She's very happy serving her village in this way. Erlande always encourages her patients and sometimes has an opportunity to pray with them. Shekenia senses the presence and help of God as she treats her patients. They each feel an anointing from God and a passion to faithfully serve Him by serving in their communities. ~Rachel DeTellis



Top: Erlande works as a teacher at the Bord-Mer school along with using her nursing skills to help neighbors.

Middle: Yadioule is a 2014 New Missions graduate and member of our Bord-Mer church; she's doing a dressing change.

Bottom left: Shekenia, daughter of Pastor Panel in Bire, blesses a community member with medical care.

Bottom right: Besides being a carpenter, Raymond is active in our Bord-Mer church and serves as a deacon.

WORSHIPPING GOD

Our church in Los Castillos is blessed to have a vibrant worship team made up of teenagers George Jean, Ashanty Pérez, Christian Cruz and siblings Mardoche, Clivens and Rodelina Codio. All of these youth are current or former students at Colegio Nueva Vida and are active members of the Leaders for Christ group. The worship team started as a small group after the pandemic and quickly grew into a key part of our church's music. With a dynamic blend of voices and instruments, they invite everyone to worship God.

This team is more than just a group of musicians. They see their music as an offering to God—deserving their discipline and best efforts. Their commitment extends well beyond regular church services; they invest countless hours in practice, ensuring that each service is full of meaningful, communal worship. When people share how the team's worship brings them closer to God's presence, it fills them with joy. It is a reminder that their dedication is worthwhile and fuels their passion for leading worship. They view their musical abilities as gifts from God meant to encourage the congregation. ~Heather Williams Katz



Los Castillos worship team (l to r): Mardoche Codio, George Jean, Rodelina Codio, Ashanty Pérez, Christian Cruz and Clivens Codio.



The worship team is very dedicated and practices for hours every Saturday to prepare for the service on Sunday.



A first grade student, Lucas Maley Lines, is sponsored by All Nations Church, a Haitian church in Tavares, Florida.



Pastor Alix Hilaire from All Nations Church in Tavares, Florida, is leading Haitians to be generous to help Haiti.

HAITIANS HELPING HAITIANS

When visiting churches in the U.S., we meet Haitians who remember their homeland and pray for God's continued help and healing. They are eager to help by sponsoring a child, and as a Haitian they know the efforts of our mission are vital.

Recently, I was speaking at All Nations Church in Tavares, Florida. The pastor, Alix Hilaire, is a former student of New Missions. They gave a financial gift to New Missions, and I immediately knew the greatest impact for them would be to sponsor a student from the very school Pastor Alix attended at New Missions. Today, first grade student Lucas Maley Lines who attends our Nepley, Bord-Mer school is sponsored by Pastor Alix and his church in Florida.

I asked Pastor Alix what people need to understand about Haiti today. He shared with me the importance of not giving up. Haiti is hard. The problems are spiritual. The same is true in America and every nation. We all need to find hope in God.

Prayerfully consider sponsoring a student by visiting newmissions.org/sponsor and together, we can help raise a new generation of Christian leaders.

~Tim DeTellis



BLESSED BY SPONSORSHIP

A fine Christian businessman from England came to visit in the Dominican Republic. He soon purchased a home, and found a lovely woman who was a single mom with a four-year-old boy. The man, David, quickly enrolled the four-year-old boy, Yensi, into our mission school. For 10 years, Yensi heard about Jesus at school, church, and from friends and missionaries. When his stepfather and mother were in England, Yensi lived with our mission directors, Heather and Arismendy Katz. It was at this time, he felt God's love encouraging him to follow Jesus. His most important life decision took place in July 2020, saying "yes" to Jesus with Heather and Arismendy in their home.

A beautiful memory I have of David, the stepfather, and Yensi is seeing them as greeters at New Life Church. Yensi said that after making his decision to be a Christian, he had love for others and a desire to help people. He also started making godly goals for his life. Yensi is now in England in college studying carpentry and joinery. I was drawn to Yensi's gentle spirit and his sensitivity when I first sponsored him. I thank God for Yensi's salvation, His provision, and I anticipate God working in Yensi to give him a good future. Child sponsorship just squeezes my heart good. ~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

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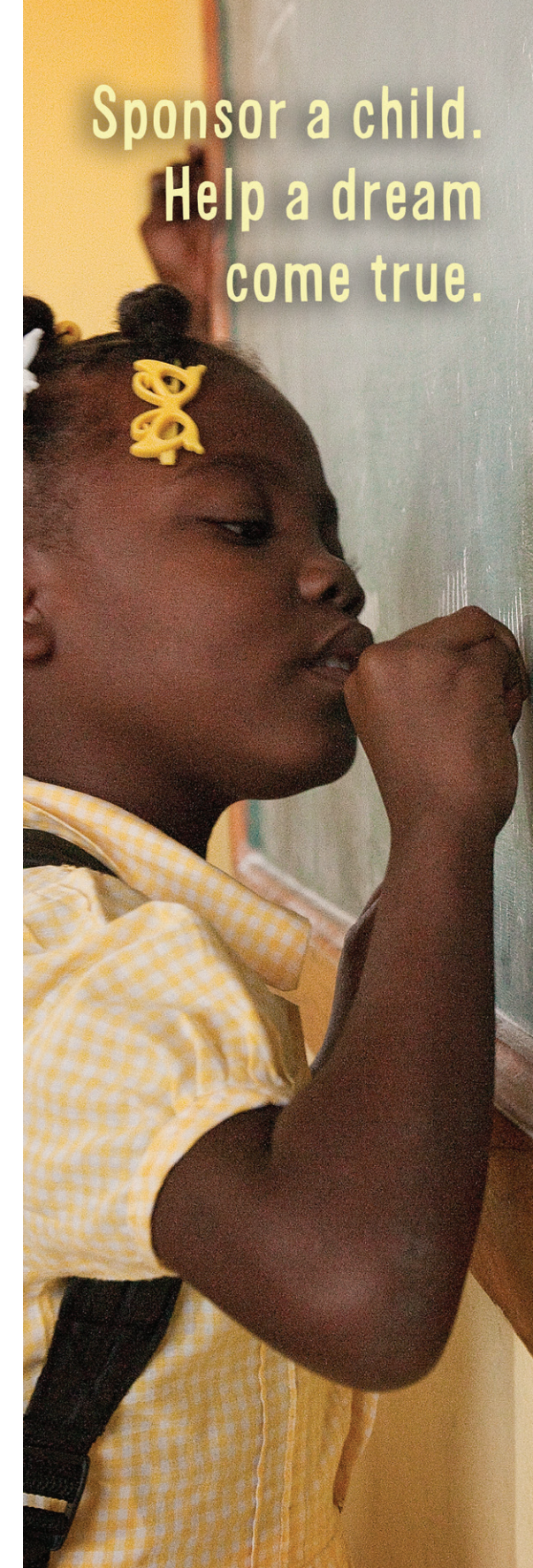
Top: Prayerfully consider sponsoring a student from the Dominican Republic by visiting newmissions.org/sponsor.

Bottom left: Heather and Arismendy Katz helped Yensi with housing when his stepfather and mother were in England.

Bottom middle: Yensi Vargas Mojica was sponsored by Jeanne DeTellis Loudon for nine years and now lives in London.

Bottom right: Our Bombita school hosts a weekly chapel and our students hear the Gospel message just as Yensi did.

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come true.



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THE SOURCE

I remember the anticipation of going to summer camp! Hiking, swimming, and meeting new friends made summer camp a special place. During the summer of 1981, at the age of nine, I prayed to make Jesus Lord of my life at Camp Woodhaven in West Boylston, Massachusetts. That week, Ranger Rick was our speaker and he had a fun exercise to help us memorize Bible verses. Using two felt boards, he would have words scrambled for us to put back in order to the music of the Lone Ranger song.

Our Bible verse to memorize the week Ranger Rick was there was: I John 4:7-8, *“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”* I’ll never forget putting this memory verse back in order and it was as if the same was happening inside my heart. Finding the source of God’s love for me was a spiritual work happening within me.

When I reflect on God as the source of love, I remember the story of Jesus at the well. Jesus answered, *“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”* (John 4:13-14) Jesus came to do the work and will of his Father. It was not to find hope in ourselves, but to surrender and find hope in God through a personal relationship with Jesus.

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I’ll never forget the day in Haiti when we drilled a well at our mission for the second time. The first attempt in 1983 failed. When the well drillers returned on March 17, 1986, God provided a miracle and they hit an artesian spring. They drilled 185 feet and bore through 15 feet of rock when they finally struck water which began to flood our mission. In one moment, we had no water and then the next, an abundance of water. The discovery was life-changing because we then drilled wells all across the coastal plain of Leogane and continued to find artesian springs...to the glory of God! This new source of water saved lives that were once sick from polluted water. This analogy is the same for our hearts and lives. We must dig deep into who God is and how He alone can fill us with His love as the source.

The well we drilled at the mission back in 1986 still runs today. I remember the first day I tasted the artesian spring water; I knew I would never thirst again. Can this be the same for us today with finding love from God as the source for our lives? Too often we hear people say, “love is a choice” or “love is a feeling” when in truth, love is a Source! If you don’t know the source you can’t make a choice to love. Our lives were not intended to be a reservoir but rather a river. When we are filled up with God’s love we can share it with others. Today, tap into God as the Source.

~Tim DeTellis

Jesus modeled for us a life of loving by serving others. In John 13:1-17, during the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples’ feet as a model for us to see. *“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”* (John 13:15) Jesus shows us how service plus sacrifice equals love from the Source.



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P.S. Love comes from God and whoever knows God knows love. May His love fill us so we can share it with others.

