



JULY 1, 2023 NEWSLETTER



NEW MISSIONS

REVIVAL IN OUR LIVES

Our God is the God of revival. He is the God of salvation and redemption. He makes all things new. The word revive means to return to life or consciousness. It is beautiful when a person is committed to Christ. There will naturally be abundant living in that person's life. Even when going through the storms of life the person can claim: it is well with my soul.

Recently, our churches came together for an annual baptism service. I decided not to drive, but walked a mile along the ocean to the baptism in the village of Concrab. New life was evident with these recent believers being baptized. It literally brought tears to my eyes. Some of these new believers left a life which was controlled by Voodoo and fear. We need to be reminded again and again of who we are in Christ, and give God first place in our lives.

As Peter told us, "...you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." 1 Peter 2:9-10

~Charlie DeTellis



Top: Walking to the ocean is a visual reminder for us to follow Jesus all the days of our lives.

Middle: In a country still impacted by the practice of Voodoo, the Gospel is paramount for hope and healing.

Bottom left: Our churches gathered to witness 38 Haitians follow in believer's baptism hosted at our church in Concrab, Haiti.

Bottom right: Pastor Sheguer Marc, a graduate from our Bible college, sees revival happening as more people are baptized.

STUDYING GOD'S WORD

The vision of New Missions is to preach the Gospel and make disciples. We work very hard in our schools to teach our students about God's love and His plan for them. The teaching does not end there, though. It continues in our churches through powerful sermons, Bible studies, and children and youth Bible classes. We are happy to announce that we have collaborated with the National Evangelical University (UNEV) here in the DR to offer university-level Bible courses for our students, staff, and anyone who wants to learn more about God's Word.

The first course that UNEV offered was Biblical Interpretation. Nine of our staff and students participated in this course and were deeply impacted by what they learned. One of our staff members stated she learned that the Bible does not change to adapt to what we want, but that we have to learn to understand the Bible correctly in order to avoid misuse of Scripture. We thank the Lord for this wonderful partnership and look forward to seeing how God will use their courses to advance the Gospel further and strengthen disciples!

~Heather Williams Katz



Gervens with his Bible at school in Signeau. He enjoys sharing about Jesus with other kids.



God's Word is powerful and changes lives! Leogane Middle School students are happy to have received a new Bible.



A special award ceremony was planned to present each participant with a certificate for completing the course.



Everyone who took the class thoroughly enjoyed it and learned a lot about how to interpret the Bible.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

Last year, we asked you to consider contributing towards the purchase of Bibles for our students. Well, that distribution just happened! To our delight, 2,200 French Bibles were purchased and shipped into Haiti on a container. Students in grades 7-13, our pastors, and 270 elementary and middle school teachers all received one of these Bibles as a gift from those of you who contributed to this project. The additional 4,500 Creole New Testaments that were bought for our first through sixth graders are arriving any day now, and will be distributed very soon.

Three students who were interviewed expressed gratitude to both God and the mission for their Bibles. Shnaika Francois, a ninth grader at our Vieux-Court school just accepted Jesus as her Savior. She was praying and hoping for a Bible and God provided soon afterwards! Gustave Patricio, who is about to graduate said, "I've been needing a French Bible for a long time." Gervens Lovince is in seventh grade at our Signeau school and says his mom and grandmother had Bibles but no one else in the family. He reads it every night before going to sleep. ~Rachel DeTellis



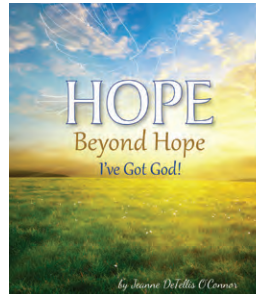
PARTYING WITH A PURPOSE

Who doesn't love a good party where friends gather with excitement in the air? The only thing that can make a good party even better is adding *purpose*. If your church is looking for an opportunity to share the best news of ALL this Christmas, consider hosting a Shoebox Packing Party; a party with a *purpose*. A shoebox gift given to our students in Haiti is a marvelous way to offer spiritual truth and meet a physical need.

Here are some ideas as you get started: First, choose a date for your packing party and invite family and friends! Next, you'll want to assemble a list of items to purchase or gather. Finally, collect your shoebox-sized containers to fill. Consider choosing a special Bible verse to enclose with each box. For your packing party, decorate...play Christmas carols...and have some snacks to make the event fun! As you pack your gifts of essentials and toys for children in need, please pray over each box. Ask the Lord to bless the child who will receive this shoebox gift—that they'd be touched by His love and changed by the Gospel. The New Missions Shoebox Drive runs from October 1 through December 31. For packing ideas go to shooboxdrive.com. You'll make an eternal difference!

~Emily Pearson

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GOT VBS?
Does your church host Vacation Bible School during the summer? Please include New Missions as your emphasis for missions. NewMissions.org/VBS



Top: Maya Hamilton and Sarah Kate from LifePointe Church in Eustis, FL, are experiencing how generosity changes lives.

Bottom left: Bring your families together to be part of something bigger and bless the lives of the families of New Missions.

Bottom middle: Your group can collect calculators, school supplies, hygiene items, and fun toys to pack inside your shoeboxes.

Bottom right: Your shoebox gifts will help share the Gospel with thousands of kids through New Missions this year.



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LA FAMILIA: HELPING FAMILIES FLOURISH
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"EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!"

Many of the newspapers from 50 years ago have now gone defunct due to the internet and social media. I have a memory of men carrying around stacks of newspapers, walking the streets and shouting, "Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Get your Daily Record!" But there is news that will never be defunct—the Good News of Jesus Christ; the Bible; the Word of God. It is the Truth. Matthew 24:35 says, *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."* No matter what the daily news tells me or what I read by the ding on my phone, God our Father gives me Good News. He will win!

Like some of you, I use Facebook to read all about it. I see photos of babies born and I read news of people who died; stories of life and death—the miracle and mystery of life.

My great-granddaughter Lily Jane had no choice in her birth on February 14, 2023. My husband George had no choice in his death on June 26, 2008. God is sovereign. He has my days numbered. *"Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be."* Psalm 139:16

I know people who suffer physically say they just want to go be with the Lord. Their words might be more to escape their present misery than their longing to see Jesus. I like my familiar status on earth, and the mystery of death strains my imagination. So, I would prefer, "Come, Lord Jesus. Come quickly!" I like what

my son George says when he feels poorly. He prays, "Jesus, give me another task to do for You!" Don't die before your time (Ecclesiastes 7:17c).

Going home to be with Jesus is the most important event in our lives. Our call is to work until He comes or calls us home. Work and worship while you are here on earth—even if it's with conflict, physical suffering, or disappointment. Remember, "It will be worth it all, when we see Jesus!" I place my faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, and will receive the gift of eternal life through my salvation. I persevere and listen to God's call and purpose for my life. I listen for one more task to do for Him.

A Gospel quartet, *Poet Voices*, sings a song: "Yes, I am! Yes, I am! I am going to live in heaven's splendor. Yes, I am! Yes, I am!" 1 Corinthians 15:55 says, *"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"* Jesus hated death and He defeated death for me and for you. Jesus is with me now, and Jesus is with me in death and for eternity. When people hear the news of my passing one day, they will also know my story, my testimony, and celebrate that I crossed the finish line. I can also preplan my celebration. My children know that they need to have a lot of food and take-home boxes after my celebration of life. I have a family member whose will has instructions to sponsor medical students' tuition in Haiti. What are your plans and instructions? "Extra! Extra! Read all about it!"

~Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

HOPE IS GOD
IMMORTAL IN YOU.

Do you feel hope within you for your transition from life on earth to eternity? Hope in God is true hope. Hope without God is no hope. By faith I live and live my best. By faith I will die. Die in faith. *"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope."* Psalm 130:5

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon

P.S. Our earthly passing is a celebration. Only Christians can rejoice and mourn at the same time. We believe in the EXTRA, EXTRA, Good News!

