



THE PASTOR'S CALLING

Carnise Durverglas, who goes by her nickname Marie Yves, attended the revival service at Eglise de Dieu de la Dernière in Mariani, Terre Force, Leogane, Haiti. With arms raised, she exemplified the words on her shirt: Blessed. For any pastor or any church, the joy of seeing others follow Jesus is a sign of a healthy church fulfilling its purpose. The pastor's calling is not to find followers for themselves or even for the church. The pastor's calling is to disciple passionate followers of Jesus.

Pastor Sheguer Marc was excited to send photos to me of the revival service at his church where Marie Yves is a member. I was thankful to see the faces of people worshipping and growing in their faith. Why? Because Pastor Sheguer is a disciple making disciples. He grew up at New Missions, graduated from our Bible college, planted a church, and is now discipling the next generation. We sponsor him as a pastor and church planter in Haiti.

Together, we are making disciples because discipleship is the true measurement of success. Our goal is making followers of Jesus and the pathway of discipleship begins with relationships surrounded by God's Word. Our pastors are shepherds—walking alongside the people from their community. Let's remember our pastors and churches in our prayers as we are making disciples who will be able to teach others also. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: Carnise Durverglas, a former student at New Missions, is a passionate follower of Jesus.
Middle: Our churches in Haiti have been hosting revival and prayer services to offer hope to families.
Bottom left: Pastors such as Sheguer Marc are praying for God to raise up passionate followers of Jesus.
Bottom right: Pastor Louis Panel from Bire desires to make disciples, and led a group of Haitians on a mission trip to Port-Salut, Haiti.

GROWING IN CHRIST

The teenage years can be challenging as they go through so many changes. We thank the Lord for our student leadership group and our church youth groups that have been so instrumental in helping teens grow in their relationship with Christ and stay on the right path. As we work to raise a generation of Christian leaders, we know that working with our teenagers is of utmost importance. Our groups meet weekly for Bible study and discussions about how Christianity relates to current world issues.

In addition to weekly meetings, we look for opportunities for our youth to serve in their communities and beyond. This past summer our youth took two mission trips where they had opportunities to lead VBS for kids in those communities. They also were able to participate in local church services and help with a project to benefit families throughout the area. At home, one of our youth groups leads two children's Bible classes every Saturday. This is a big commitment for them, but one they take very seriously. Please pray for our youth leaders as they continue to mentor and lead our youth to become strong Christian leaders. ~Heather Williams Katz



The youth led worship in Spanish and Creole at a church service they attended while on a mission trip.



The youth enjoyed planning activities to do with the children when they were on their mission trip in Jarabacoa.



Bire church sent out a ministry team with the theme on a banner describing their mission.



Our Masson church loaded for their trip with everything needed for cooking and sleeping on the floor at the host church.

FRUITFUL GENEROSITY

“Come, get your name in the Book of Life” was on a banner that hung on the bus that the Bire church rented for their mission trip. Four other churches also sent groups to do ministry in different areas. Evangelism, special services, and the distribution of clothing, shoes, and food was their focus. Mark 16:15 tells us, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”

The generosity of some former students now living abroad, as well as faithful members in Haiti, helped fund their outreach programs. One church said that the same students have been helping for 10 years and that this year a member donated a bull for food. Prayer, fasting, and teaching were done in advance, and there were 172 people who participated in these mission trips. The generosity of all who contributed funds, their time, cooking, loading, organizing, and preaching was fruitful. We rejoice that 75 people accepted the Lord as Savior and four people who had backslid returned to Christ. Lives were set free from demon possession, and God's people came back strengthened in their faith and more deeply motivated to pray.

~Rachel DeTellis



CHRISTMAS FOR YOUR CHILD

Think of a time when you received an unexpected blessing...maybe a time when it just plain knocked your socks off! I have a core memory of receiving a pair of grey boots from my grandmother when I was about eight years old. I opened the box and squealed with delight! She'd known exactly what I'd wanted! She'd picked something out especially for me. Imagine providing such a moment of joy for your sponsored child. A child who may have worn the same pair of socks for a week straight...or who has to share a toothbrush with their siblings. You can have an unforgettable impact simply by sending a gift to your sponsored child.

I can't think of a better time to extend God's mercy and love than through a shoebox filled with surprises. The touch of love in a gift chosen specifically for your sponsored child is felt by that child. There are two ways you can bless your sponsored child in Haiti. You can pack a shoebox yourself—picking out items that you know your sponsored child would love. Or alternatively, you can purchase a prepacked shoebox gift where items have been carefully selected. Order a shoebox gift for your sponsored child or find packing and shipping instructions at ShoeboxDrive.com. ~Emily Pearson



Top: Shoebox gifts packed with love are a blessing to our New Missions students in Haiti.

Bottom left: Elementary school students from Leogane-Leroy received shoebox gifts together in their classroom.

Bottom middle: Prepaid shoebox gifts are packed with care at our headquarters in Orlando, Florida.

Bottom right: Shoebox gifts bring smiles to our New Missions high school students.

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"We love because He first loved us."

1 John 4:19



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POWER IN PRAISE

There is a story in the Bible about King Jehoshaphat when he ruled over Judah. A great army had formed to attack Judah and the king was gripped with fear. He prayed these words: *“Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You.”* (II Chronicles 20:12) Fear will either paralyze you or empower you. It can immobilize you or propel you. The king’s fear caused him to call the nation to fast and pray. The king set his face to seek the Lord. Praise starts with humility. Jehoshaphat realized that he was powerless against this mighty army. *“We do not know what to do.”* But we look up to our God to save us. The secret to “how” to win a victory is found in these words... *“Our eyes are upon you.”* Our eyes are on Jesus!

Then the word of the Lord came through a priest named Jahaziel. *“He said: Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s.’”* (II Chronicles 20:15)

The battle is not yours, it’s God’s battle to fight. Just as the king recognized that the only hope for Judah was to rely upon the Lord God of heaven, we too must humble ourselves before Christ and stop believing we can fight our own battles.

“After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise Him for the splendor of His holiness and they went out at the head of the army saying: ‘Give thanks to the

Lord, for His love endures forever.’ As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.” (II Chronicles 20:21-22)

Change your focus from your troubles to God’s greatness by praising Him. Celebrate God even before the victory has been won—understanding the power of praise over our enemies. Praise precedes victory. Praise works in the heavens. We are fighting spiritual battles every day.

Praise is verbalized faith. If you praise God after the fact, that’s gratitude.

If you praise God before it happens, that’s faith. This is one of the wonders of praise. Praises bring down His presence and invite Him to show His power and might. God’s desire for us is that we praise Him at all times. He desires our praise. He inhabits the praises of His people. First, declare who God is. Second, remember what God has done. Third, remember His promises in Scripture. The Spirit of God works through praise. As we praise God, the Holy Spirit speaks to us. Praise has the power to realign our spirit with God’s spirit. Praise refocuses our affections. How did they fight the battle? Praising the Lord! Remember the good things He has done!

I praise God with these words, “Thank you, Jesus that you love me!” With those words I acknowledge Jesus as Lord, Savior, and the promises of our relationship.

~George DeTellis, Jr.

IF YOU PRAISE GOD BEFORE IT HAPPENS, THAT’S FAITH.

What words did King Jehoshaphat’s singers use to praise God? *“Give thanks to the Lord, for His love endures forever.”* My translation, ‘Thank you, Jesus, that You love me!’ Instead of fear and doubt, fill your mind with praises to a God who loves you. All day long, praise Him! When Jesus hears the praises start, that’s when He can respond to our faith.

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P.S. “Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess His name.” Hebrews 13:15

