



SPECIAL PROJECTS

I want to give God thanks because I remember so many times when He has provided for our mission. *"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds."* Psalm 9:1

In January 2023, New Missions will celebrate our 40th anniversary! When the mission began, we did not own a generator or a truck. We started with five tents and camped out on five acres of land on the ocean in Nepty, Bordmer, Haiti. Piece by piece we began to build one block at a time. I remember just the idea of a new wheelbarrow was a big deal. Today, I don't take for granted running water or even electricity because I remember not having either.

Fast forward 39 years, and here we are spread out across the island of Hispaniola where our churches and schools with 110 buildings now serve families representing 607 villages. Would you like to give a gift toward one of our *12 Days of Christmas* projects? We have identified some special projects available for funding. From maternity and prenatal programs to chalkboards, solar power systems, and funding our Leaders in Christ mentoring program in the Dominican Republic, there's something at various levels of need for your prayerful consideration. Learn more at newmissions.org/projects and together we will continue to give thanks for God's provision as we serve others.

~Tim DeTellis



Top: Our Leaders in Christ mentoring program in the Dominican Republic is developing strong leaders.

Middle: Join us in building a cafeteria for our Bombita, Dominican Republic, church and school campus.

Bottom left: Solar electricity runs our Haiti office, and now we want to set up a similar system at our medical clinic in Bire, Haiti.

Bottom right: Moms matter and providing prenatal and postnatal care is vital for healthy and safe pregnancies.

READ YOUR BIBLE

At each of our schools, the Gospel is shared daily with our students. One of the ways we do that is by celebrating Bible Day every year. Normally, the students have special presentations prepared to share during the morning assembly. However, this year, our school director of Colegio Nueva Vida, Keyla Mercado, wanted to do something more special. As she so poignantly states, “We celebrate dates less important than God’s Word. Why not praise Him with a big activity?”

For this special day, each class prepared different Bible stories and dramas to share with their fellow students and parents. In the weeks leading up to this school program, the students were reminded daily of how important the Bible is to us and why we should always be reading it. Our continued mission is to help our students and their parents know God better through His Word. We ask for your prayers for our teachers and school staff as they continue to share God’s love with our students and teach them about God through His precious Word to us, the Bible.

~Heather Williams Katz



Kindergarten students sharing a part during the program about the power of God's Word in our lives.



Our fourth grade students enjoyed dressing up to present the story of Jesus' birth during this special event.



Edeline at her graduation. Because of high gas prices, she is thankful her nursing program was close by in Leogane.



Wideline's graduation. She'd like to work with patients who have various diseases and serve the most needy in her community.

NURSING GRADUATES

In September, two of our graduates finished four years of nursing school, thanks to their hard work and their sponsors' generosity. It was a dream come true for Edeline Jean Baptiste and Wideline Andre to be afforded the opportunity to have full scholarships to their nursing programs. They are so grateful to the Lord and to their sponsors. New Missions also thanks their sponsors and each of you who participate in God's work through sponsorship!

Francine Myre (a nurse herself) from Quebec, Canada, chose to sponsor Edeline in 2000. Edeline was a tiny four-year-old in our Leogane school. She is still small but has a big heart. She states, “I want to serve using my profession with all my heart.” Diane Zizelman and her daughter Stephanie, from Stephenson, Michigan, visited Haiti on mission trips multiple times and felt especially connected to Wideline. They sponsored her in 2001 and have grown to love her and her family. Wideline knew Stephanie completed a nursing program and that became her passion, too. They feel privileged to have had this opportunity to be a part of Wideline's life and education. ~Rachel DeTellis



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21 DAYS OF PRAYER
Join us for our annual 21 Days of Prayer which begins January 6, 2023. Sign up by visiting NewMissions.org/prayer

SHIPPING CARGO CONTAINERS

In Orlando, we call it "Container Day" when we load a tractor trailer with supplies for shipment to Haiti. We always begin the day in prayer as a team asking God for protection and provision for the delivery to arrive safely at our warehouse in Haiti. My brother, George, pointed out that the blue cargo container was longer and taller than normal as it was being loaded. Thank you, Jesus, because the boxes fit snug and tight right to the ceiling which meant more supplies were on their way to our mission.

Logistics keep the mission running. Typically, I say it simply: "It's a miracle!" A forklift was donated to our Orlando office years ago and it continues to run smoothly. The pallets are placed inside the cargo container and then several men repack the boxes one at a time to fill every space inside.

Recently, due to gang-controlled areas in Port-au-Prince, the tractor trailer was unable to drive through and pass safely. My brother, Charlie, organized for the cargo container to be delivered by boat further south of our mission and then drive the shipment to our mission safely. Prayerfully consider being part of our Shoebox Drive happening now through December 31. Learn more about collecting gifts for our students and their families at ShoeboxDrive.com.

~Tim DeTellis



Top: Our team in Orlando enjoys container loading days as we see the blessings of so many shoebox gifts.

Bottom left: In Haiti, we have two warehouses for receiving deliveries of shoebox gifts, food, and construction supplies.

Bottom middle: Unloading a cargo container is a joy because our workers know these gifts will bless thousands of children.

Bottom right: We look forward to receiving your shoebox gifts before December 31, 2022. For packing ideas visit ShoeboxDrive.com.

"We love because He first loved us."

1 John 4:19



You can send a shoebox gift to bless a child in Haiti.

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CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX DRIVE



Order a shoebox gift. newmissions.org/gift



SEEKING AFTER A GREAT PEARL

I recently became familiar with conch pearls in Haiti. Conch pearls are extremely rare and valuable. Very few conchs produce a pearl and very few pearls are gem quality. The pearls come in various shapes, sizes, and colors. The colors can be white, brown, pink, orange, and red for example. I have purchased some pearls from the fishermen, but I am realizing many of the pearls do not have much value. I have learned to look for blemishes. However, I do know I may find an exceptional pearl of great value. *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls, When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.” (Matthew 13:45-46)*

One Biblical commentary suggests the merchant not only sold all that he had, but also became a bond servant in order to purchase the pearl. It is also suggested that the merchant did not sell the pearl but wanted to keep it for himself.

Our salvation in Jesus Christ can be compared to a treasure. *“...if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.” (Proverbs 2:4-5)* I had great joy when I came to know the Lord. We must continue seeking after God with all of our heart, mind, and strength. *“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6)* Give God first priority in your life.

We cannot purchase or earn our salvation. However, just as the merchant gave all to acquire the treasure he recognized as invaluable, Jesus teaches us to give ourselves totally to Him. The merchant who found the great pearl did not earn his income by physical labor. He earned his income by buying and selling pearls. He must have a knowledge of pearls. We also cannot labor to obtain our salvation. We put our faith in God by having knowledge of God. I’m certain the merchant believed he was getting a good deal. But we are getting the best deal by putting our faith in Christ. We will be spending eternity with God, friends, and family in a city which has twelve gates carved out of pearls.

A pearl reflects the light. We also need to reflect the light of Christ in our lives. We are to be a light in the world which points men to Christ. When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)* The disciples left everything behind in order to follow Christ. Paul declares, *“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.” (Philippians 3:7-8)* Paul knew who he believed in. We need to keep our eyes upon our greatest treasure.

~Charlie DeTellis

**HAVE YOU
FOUND THE
GREATEST PEARL?**

We need to keep our eyes, devotion, and love upon the treasure we have in Christ Jesus. Our ultimate reward will take place in heaven. *“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:20-21*

Sincerely,

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PS. Allow the treasure of Christ to fill your life with all joy, peace and love. Soon and very soon we will be with Him.



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