

Missions

Birey, Bord Mer
Leogane, Haiti, W.I.

January 6, 1987

Dear Friends of Haiti,

OUR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

January the 6th, 1988, is the 5th anniversary of our mission in Haiti. There is real cause for celebration. I wish that all of you could spend a day here in Haiti and see first hand the wonderful change that has taken place in the lives of children and adults.

Just last night we had a Kindergarten and First grade class from the fishing village of TiRiviere come up to the main mission church. The children came in their school uniforms and to hear them sing and share Jesus would have touched your heart and let you know that unbelievable transformations are taking place in the lives of these children.



Some projections for the New Year of 1988 are: (1) the completion of our Missions Training Center which is well under construction. All of the walls of five buildings are up. The roofs, doors and windows will be put in place the first few weeks of January; (2) the first week in January construction of a clinic will begin at the mission. The building will be 38' x 60' and will have an office, two examining rooms, a dental room, lab, and pharmacy. The present clinic is housed in one of the school classrooms. With the completion of this building we anticipate many doctors and dentists visiting and working at our mission; and (3) the construction of a dining room for the village of Masson will begin in the 3rd week of January.

Throughout all of the political unrest in Haiti, N.E.W. Missions has forged ahead in its God-given vision. Jeanne and I look back and give thanks to God for the mighty things He has done in our midst. Yet, our sights are set on the future. We are believing God for the future of N.E.W. Missions and the country of Haiti.

MISSIONARY TEAM

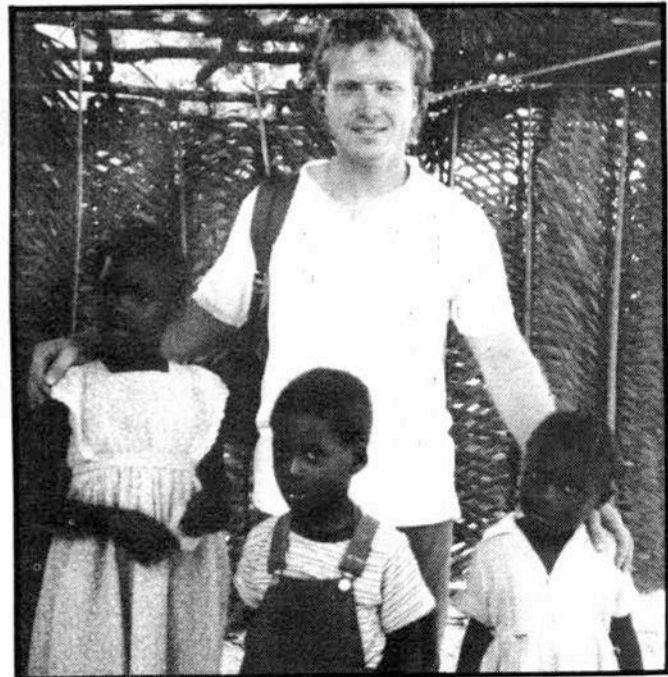
Presently, there are 16 missionaries serving the Lord at N.E.W. Missions in Haiti. God has provided us with a wonderful team of workers. Work hard they do. The days are full of ministry. And yet it is a joy to hear the missionaries laugh and banter with each other during their time together. The following is a list of missionaries presently serving in Haiti:

Mary Jane Basel, George & Jeanne, Timothy DeTellis, Karis Engle, Linda Gonzalez, Kelli Hadley, Nancy Hassett, Bill & Lil Johnson, Nita Landfors, Yvonne Manning, David Myers, Eric Scheer, Dean Showalter, Daryl Snyder,



MISSIONARY NEWS

Dean Showalter has finished his 10 months of missionary service at N.E.W. Missions on December 28th. He was sent to us from the Virginia Meanonite Board of Missions. Dean served the Lord well here in Haiti. We love him and shall miss him. Dean was in Haiti for only 10 months, but I know that his life will be effected forever.



A SINCERE THANK YOU

A mission station such as ours is only possible by the commitment of many people. There are now over 2000 children in our schools and more being added all the time. A united effort to see the work accomplished is necessary. We want to thank you for your love and support during the past year. Churches and individuals have sacrificed to send missionaries and sponsor children. Many of you have sent special offerings for your children in Haiti and for your missionaries on the field. You have prayed and sacrificed and we are grateful. May the Lord richly bless you for your faithfulness.

Love,

George & Jeanne DeTellis

George and Jeanne DeTellis

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January 9, 1987

Birey, Bord Mer
Leogane, Haiti, W.I.

Dear Friends of Haiti,

4TH ANNIVERSARY - JANUARY 6, 1987

Praise God for the beginning of N.E.W. Missions. Four years ago, arriving on an American Airlines flight out of New York, we went directly from the airport in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to a 5-acre patch of bushland. We went with the barest of essentials - tents, one blanket each, a church banner, a few cooking utensils - but with our faith firmly fixed in the God who called us to these people.

There was an immediate bonding of our lives with the Haitian people by the love of God. This love relationship has strengthened and grown. We are proud of what God has done. No man can do the spiritual work that God has done here in Haiti. This spiritual work will last for eternity. From among our early converts, beautiful Christian young men and women are intensely following the Lord. Along with the spiritual work there are the visible signs of healthy bodies, children fed, laughter, game-playing, minds expanding to the glory of God and to the development of the country.

Within the first 2 years, a mission community house, a church, and a school were constructed in Bord Mer. The next 2 years, we saw 2 depot buildings, 2 more schools, a Dining Hall, a School Kitchen, a Directors house, another large depot building, a Social Hall, and an office complex with two apartments on the second floor built in Bord Mer. Also, there was a Kindergarten built in Neply, a 4-rm school and church building in LaSalle, a Kindergarten in TiRiviere and a large school and church building is being completed in Concrab. Before the month of January is finished, we have plans to break ground in Masson for another building. God is good, and His good people have financially supported these projects. We praise God for every missionary that has served God with us at New England and World Missions in Haiti. At this 4th anniversary we celebrate God's love for Haiti and the gift of His Son for the world.

BORN AT THE MISSION

Dave and Amy Guerrin came to Haiti to serve the Lord from the Fellowship of Life in Cheshire, Connecticut. They and their first child, Abigail, 17 months old, have been with us since September. Amy came to Haiti 6 months pregnant. Her first child was delivered by her husband Dave. Although Amy had a difficult first delivery, she expressed faith in God for the birth of this second child. Her husband Dave shared her faith and was prepared for the occasion. The whole mission team was united in faith and prayer. Even little John, 5 years old, and Andrew, 7 years old, were on their knees with their father, Bob Pepe, in prayer. We as a team cheered Amy on believing that God's strength was more than enough for her to deliver this child. Several Haitian women stood nearby as they heard the sounds coming from the mission in the stillness of the night. Ketlie Rose was born at 1:10 am, weighing 9 pounds, 4 ounces, December 15th, without complications. One of our missionaries, Maria Miller, gave Ketlie her first bath, while we all together praised God for giving us this life. She was given a Haitian first name, 'Ketlie', and her middle name, 'Rose', after one of our missionaries, Sharon Rose Keeler, whose birthday is December 15th. Ketlie is loved by the Haitian neighbors many of whom have visited and held this little American-Haitian child. God bless you, Ketlie, born at New England and World Missions in Haiti.

A WORD OF TESTIMONY

The night before it was discovered that there was abnormal cell growth in my breasts, I lay awake feeling the presence of God; and there in my spirit, I received a prompting to begin a thorough reading of the book of Matthew. The next morning, as I read the book of Matthew, the word COMPASSION kept standing out in the Bible. Although we may think of the word COMPASSION as an adjective describing our feelings, in our spiritual activities, the word COMPASSION becomes a verb. COMPASSION is a mover. It is something that moves you to do something. Throughout the Gospels we read, Jesus was moved with compassion. After receiving my personal healing, surgery and a report of 'no cancer,' I felt my life come alive with a deeper compassion for people. I was convinced that compassion would move me to let my faith flow to believe God for more miracles in the lives of our Haitian people. Several miracles immediately followed on our return to Haiti.

One such miracle began by a call at our bedroom window at midnight. A woman who had delivered a child was having afterbirth complications. Her placenta was delivered in fragments and now her uterus was coming forth. Pastor turned to me and said, "Honey, why don't you go?" The flesh does not want to do battle. It wants to sleep and tell the problem to go away. But thanks be to God for the gift He gives us. . . we are moved with compassion. When I arrived at the tiny mud hut, I was further moved because of the close relationship I have had with the grandmother who greeted me, Madame Delva, and her daughter who was the mother in distress, Gerda Jean-Baptiste. My whole being for a moment reacted as though it were my very own daughter in that desperate life-threatening situation. It is the Holy Spirit that gifts us to pray and believe for miracles. Thank God for the promise and the fullness of His Spirit. Yes, we do battle, we pray, and God works miracles. Our son Charles transported the mother with child, father, brother, and 4 missionaries to the hospital. The doctor checked our patient and ordered our nurse Nita to give her and the baby antibiotic injections at our clinic. Two days later, the mother, Grandmother with baby Marietta, walked to the mission. God absolutely intercepted in a life/death situation. Our God is good and the devil still is a liar. Pray right now for God to do a miracle in your life. He is there. He can. He will!

VISITING U.S. PASTORS

Our missionaries appreciate the ministries of visiting Pastors coming to our mission. The missionaries are on the frontline of duty day and night. When they go to church, they are expected to minister. There are many needs that overwhelm their emotions. They do battle oftentimes just by their presence. There are forces of darkness that oppose and try to cause confusion to hinder those who would accept the Lord. Sometimes I have watched a missionary walk to a village church, carrying a tambourine and songbook, knowing that it is the spiritual strength of Almighty God alone that can give that missionary the strength needed for battle. From time to time we have visiting Pastors come and minister to our missionaries. These are special times in the lives of the missionaries. We say 'thank-you' for those pastors who have ministered to us and we say 'come down' to those of you who hear 'the call.'

Our God is forever faithful. You can trust Him in every one of life's situations. Our prayers are ever with you.

Love,

George and Jeanne

George and Jeanne DeTellis

Missions

February 7, 1987

Birey, Bord Mer
Leogane, Haiti, W.I.

Dear Friends of Haiti,

Today is the first anniversary of the liberty of Haiti from its previous regime when Jean Claude Duvalier left Haiti. We have great faith in the future development and spiritual prosperity of this country.

VILLAGE OF CONCRAB

The village of Concrab is the next village going down the bay from N.E.W. Missions. This is a village of several hundred people. Concrab is an isolated village in that it is at the end of a long road that does not lead anywhere. The men of the village fish the bay, catching small quantities of small fish. Concrab had no school or church. The village is extremely poor. The central focus of life was the voodoo hut.

Two years ago, N.E.W. Missions started a school and church in this village. Several thatch buildings were erected and a preacher was sent to the village each Sunday. Teachers were hired and a work was begun. Two hundred children were taken into the school in Concrab.

Now after two years, a beautiful church and school has been built. Pastor Bob Swanger from a spirit-filled Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio, "Christ The King Lutheran Church, came to visit Haiti. After him, a contractor from his church, Dave Fox, visited our mission. Dave went home with a love for Haiti and a sense of mission to build in Concrab.

Miraculously, this congregation raised the funds to put up this building. Then, 12 men from the congregation came to Haiti on January 6th, to put on the roof and hang the doors. This team of men came to us with a wonderful spirit of praise, a desire to honor God with hard work and dedication.

The Haitians from the entire area, knowing the depressed situation of the Village of Concrab have been saying, "CONCRAB HAS BEEN LIFTED!" Yes, lifted by having a school; also, the Gospel preached - lifted by Jesus.

The pastor of the Concrab Church has gone to the officials of the area and has had the name of the village changed to Village Lumie, "THE VILLAGE OF LIGHT." The attendance last Sunday in church was 132. God is at work in Haiti.



CANE ON THE PLAIN

Sugarcane has been grown on the Leogane Plain for the past 400 years. Now, changes are causing severe economic problems for the local farmers. In August of 1986, the sugar refinery serving this area was closed because it was losing several million dollars each year. There is 150,000 tons of sugarcane on the plain and the nearest refinery is 20 miles away. The problem is one of transport and the inability of this refinery to handle the additional volume of cane. Some cane is processed locally to make a syrup for making rum. But these small presses could never handle the volume of sugarcane that is grown on the Leogane Plain.

Sugarcane can remain growing for 3 years after fully maturing. But this will mean that the farmers will lose precious revenue as they wait their turn for their cane to be brought to market. Much talk is going on regarding alternative crops, such as vegetables. These crops, however, require irrigation which means a large layout of money and some good management.

The next few years could prove to be very difficult economically where we are located. Please join with us in prayer for the farmers of our area.

ONE LITTLE GIRL

Often when I am preparing my Sunday School lesson for a high-school class I sit out in our school fellowship area. Soon several Haitians gather around. I then have the Haitians assist me in preparing my lesson in Creole. A young girl, one day, was sitting on my left side and I asked her to read several verses for my lesson in Genesis. To my amazement, she read clearly and swiftly in perfect Creole. I asked her where she learned to read. "Here at the N.E.W. Missions School," was her reply. "How long have you been in our school?" I asked. She informed me that this was her fourth year in our school.

The name of the girl I learned was MARIE EVELINE DUCASSE, (#130), a 12-year old girl from the lakou next to our mission. The people in this lakou are very poor, the poorest people on the face of this earth. They are squatters on another man's land. They live in small mud huts and have the barest of essentials. Eveline, as she prefers to be called, would never never have had a chance to go to school.

Later, upon examining her school records, I discovered that Eveline was the first in her class. In talking with Eveline I asked her about Jesus and she said, 'yes' some time ago she received Jesus into her heart. The feeling that flooded my being, "IT IS WORTH IT ALL" - if only one comes to Christ and is rescued from a life of poverty, ignorance and hopelessness.

Jeanne and I and our mission team are well. Our friends back home are ever in our thoughts and prayers. We love you. God bless.

Sincerely in Christ,


George and Jeanne DeTellis

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March 7, 1987

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Dear Friends of Haiti,

A SPECIAL CHILD

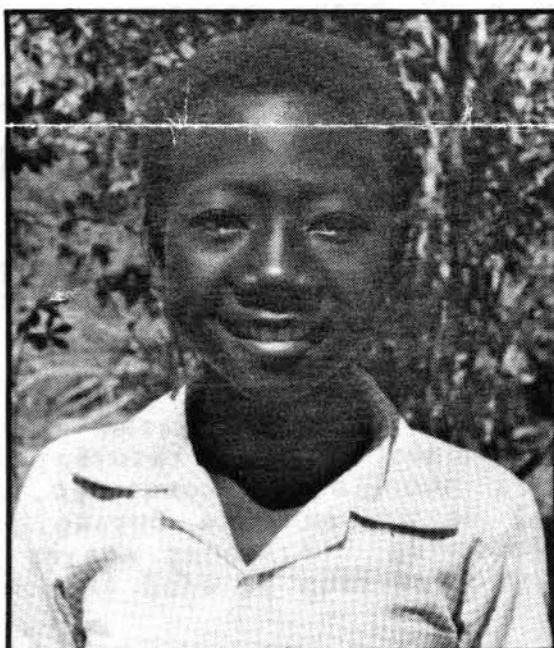
Two years ago, Kim Carroll was the missionary in the village of LaSalle. A young boy who was deaf and dumb, but not in the school program, came every day. From outside, he would watch the children and teacher. Sometimes he tried helping Kim serve food to the other children at mealtime.

In the Haitian culture, if a child is blind, deaf and dumb, or maimed, he is often ridiculed. This boy was called, "be-be" because of the grunting sounds he made when trying to speak. Kim loved this boy. She asked permission to feed him along with the other children and later allowed him to sit in on the kindergarten class.

Kim left Haiti after fulfilling her year of missionary service. Another missionary, Sharon, took up her work in LaSalle and soon, she too, fell in love with this boy. Sharon asked permission to allow him to be given a uniform and placed in the first grade. Permission was granted, yet the boy was not a registered student and did not have a sponsor.

Recently, I went to LaSalle with Sharon to visit our school ministry. The little boy was sitting in the second row. I asked the teacher how he was doing. The teacher said, "He made third place in his class and has excellent handwriting." My being was flooded by the presence of God's love.

Last week, Sharon's 72-year old grandmother came to visit our mission. She was looking for a special child to sponsor. We gave her our little boy from LaSalle. His name is Dieuvil. We rejoice to know that each one is special because of Jesus.

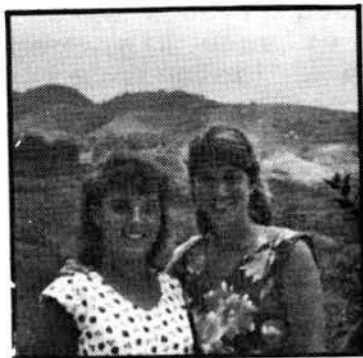


MISSIONARY NEWS

One of the joys of Christian service is serving our Lord with fellow laborers. This past year we have had the joy of having with us Sharon Keeler and Maria Miller. Both of these girls come from a Mennonite Fellowship in Virginia. The background of these girls was evident upon meeting them. Their good home and church background had produced two beautiful Christian women.

Sharon is the daughter of medical missionaries to Trinidad, where she lived for 9 years. Maria came to us at 18 years of age, straight from high-school. These girls, Sharon and Maria, are hard-working, efficient and yet always enjoyable to be with. Jeanne and I love them very much. They will always be our girls wherever they are. We shall miss them. They will fulfill their term of missionary service on March 6th.

As Paul commended Phebe in Romans 16 to the church - so we commend Sharon and Maria to the body of Jesus Christ. They are true servants of God. They are mighty warriors of Jesus Christ.



*Sharon
& Maria*

VISITORS

We praise the Lord for the good people who have come to visit and work in Haiti. Recently, we had a fine Christian dentist, Chuck Beal, visit for two weeks. During that time he worked very hard, performing at least 300 extractions. Some of the people walked for miles and waited hours to have as many as six teeth, decayed to the gum, extracted. Our Haitian people were very grateful for this dental ministry. God bless you Chuck!

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

The last Sunday in February marked the completion of the third term in our School of Ministry. Our classroom was full of church preachers and Christian workers excited to study the Word and be together in Christian fellowship. The course just completed was on "How To Fight Satan." The material was rich and aptly applied to the culture and needs of the people. George and I, by motorcycle, visited one of our newest churches in Brach, just a humble thatch covering without walls. There was our well-groomed Haitian preacher, preaching the material inspired to his heart during a School of Ministry class. The School of Ministry has been functioning on a year-round basis in Haiti and there are at least 30 men in attendance.

We trust that you are well. We are praying for you.

Love,

George & Jeanne

George and Jeanne DeTellis

Missions

April 6, 1987

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Dear Friends of Haiti,

NEW LAND PURCHASE

N.E.W. Missions has recently purchased an additional adjoining parcel of land. The land is 52 centiemes in size, about one-third again what we have owned at the main mission. Fifty-two centiemes is approximately one and one-half acres. The cost of the land was \$6,000, and with all other fees, it will come to about \$7,000. For those of you who have been at the mission, the new land is east of the existing property and takes in the stream that runs along side our mission.

We are not sure, as of yet, of the long-term use of the property. One portion of the land would make an excellent home for a missionary couple. At the present we plan to sharecrop a section of the land with some of the young men in the church. They will have use of the property. We will provide water and some technical assistance. In return, part of the crop will be given to the mission to be used in feeding our school children.

CHURCH PLANTING

N.E.W. Missions has ten churches. Some of them are young and very small, averaging 40 - 50 people each Sunday. Others are growing into substantial size churches. Last Sunday, the combined attendance was over 1200 people. These churches are pastored by young Haitian men who are being trained for the ministry here at the mission.

Since the first of the year, one church after another has been having special services (revival meetings). Our youngest church is in TiRiviere. Revival meetings began there Sunday, March 29th. It is a joy to see a new congregation forming. Converts are being baptized and leadership is arising from the congregation.

God's word is faithful to take root and bring forth a harvest.

MISSIONARY NEWS

Our newest missionary at N.E.W. Missions is Dean Bradley Showalter. He was sent to us from the Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions. Dean is 20 years old and plans to spend 10 months here in Haiti. He recently spent 5 months in training with Youth With A Mission in the States and in Chile. Dean has assumed the responsibility of overseeing our church and school in the villages of LaSalle and Birey. He came to us on February 27th and already Dean is feeling at home and is busy with his many responsibilities.

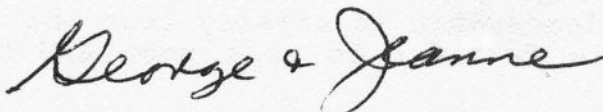
A MIRACLE FOR TODAY

One of our child sponsors wrote a note on her child-support payment envelope asking for prayer. She said she did not know if she could continue the support of her little girl in the second grade class in Concrab. This woman's automobile needed approximately \$1200 - 1400 in repairs. She still had payments on the car and was unable to continue with all her payments. This woman faithfully tithed to her church and then gave offerings to missions. Her letter was forwarded to us in Haiti. We prayed for her and wrote to her to believe God for a miracle.

A very dear couple, knowing of her financial problem, invited her for dinner and announced to her that they wanted to buy her a car. At first she refused and the couple said, "GOD HAS GIVEN YOU A MIRACLE. RECEIVE IT!" The old car was paid off and sold, and a new 1987 Honda Accord LX was purchased for this woman. No need to say - the support for the little girl in the second grade class in Concrab, Haiti, has continued.

Our fellowship together is rich and sweet in the Holy Ghost. God bless you.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis

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May 2, 1987

Dear Friends of Haiti,

It is with great joy that Jeanne and I are serving our Lord in the country of Haiti.

GREATNESS

The call to discipleship is to give our all and to give our best. Paul the Apostle was inspired when he saw the soldier and the athlete of his day. The athlete expends every effort to win. A good athlete gives his best every time. The soldier exerts every discipline to please and follow the orders of his commander.

Our lives best reflect the grace of God and bring Him glory when we display a good measure of excellence in our personal lives and in our various ministries.

MISSION NEWS

On May 11th, we will have a special recognition dinner for our school staff. This year we have 39 teachers and 2 administrators working at N.E.W. Missions. This dinner will take place at the Royal Haitian Hotel. We have had an excellent year in our school and we want to recognize several teachers for their exceptional performance.

Two villages, TiRiviere and Concrab, where we have schools and churches have had wells drilled by Unicef. Both wells are artesian, bringing the people an abundant supply of good water.

The Bord Mer Church has been enlarged and enclosed. The face of the building has two iron-arch windows and an iron-arch door. The church is looking beautiful.

CLINIC LAND SITE

The marsh pond across from the church at the mission has been filled in with gravel. This will be the future site of our clinic.

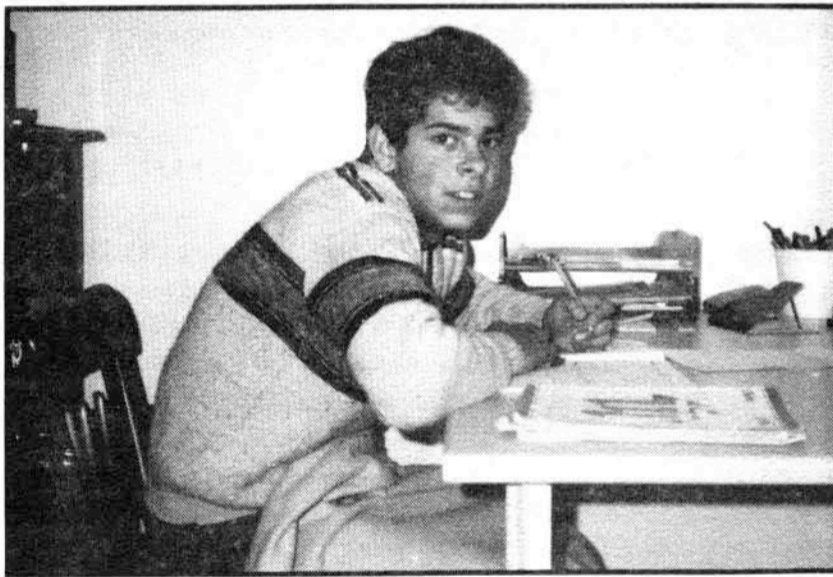


Dear Friends of Haiti

I am returning to the country of Haiti in the month of June. I am returning to remain there with my parents and to continue the music ministry which I started two years ago. During the summer months I will be working with the revival meetings in the surrounding villages. I will also be directing a band and several music groups for playing in the church services. The Haitians are very excited about the music ministry and are thankful to God that an opportunity such as this has taken place.

I would appreciate it if you all would like to be a part of this music ministry. You and your church can be a part of this by donating instruments of any sort. We hope and pray that a joyful sound of music will be brought to the country of Haiti.

Sincerely yours
Timothy DeTellis



TIMOTHY DETELLIS
14 YEARS OLD

We need to be in prayer one for the other. We are thankful for the prayers of the individuals and the churches in the States. We want you to know that our mission team is ever in prayer for the churches in America. God bless you.

Love,

George & Jeanne

George and Jeanne DeTellis

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June 8, 1987

Dear Friends of Haiti,

A WOMAN OF GREAT GRACE

Marion Austin is serving her second term at N.E.W. Missions in Haiti. She comes from Lexington, Massachusetts, and is a member of Grace Chapel. Marion worked for 37 years as a dietary manager. All of the skills learned in her career are now being used at the mission. Marion is 69 years old.

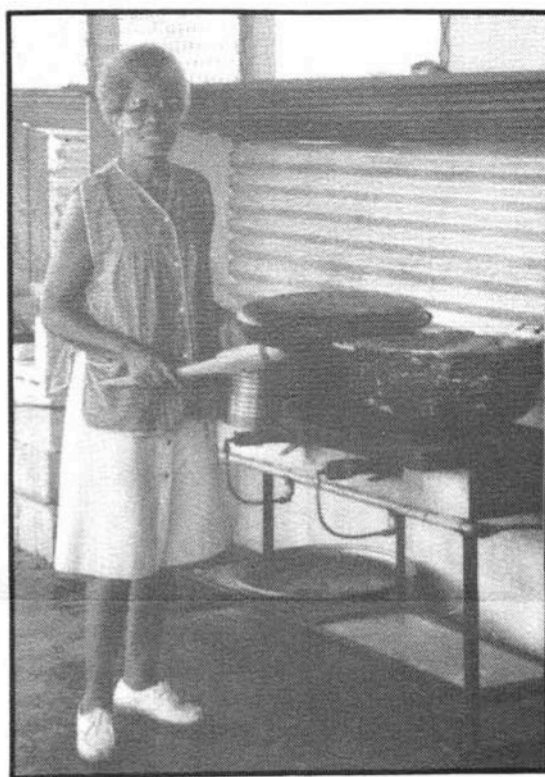
Marion is responsible for preparing food for 1800 children and workers. She has 17 people who work for her - cooks, kitchen help and men who distribute the food to the outlying villages. The weekly menu includes, rice, beans, bulgar, cornmeal, beef, fish, turkey, and whatever vegetables can be purchased - potatoes, cabbage, eggplant, tomatoes, carrots and onions.

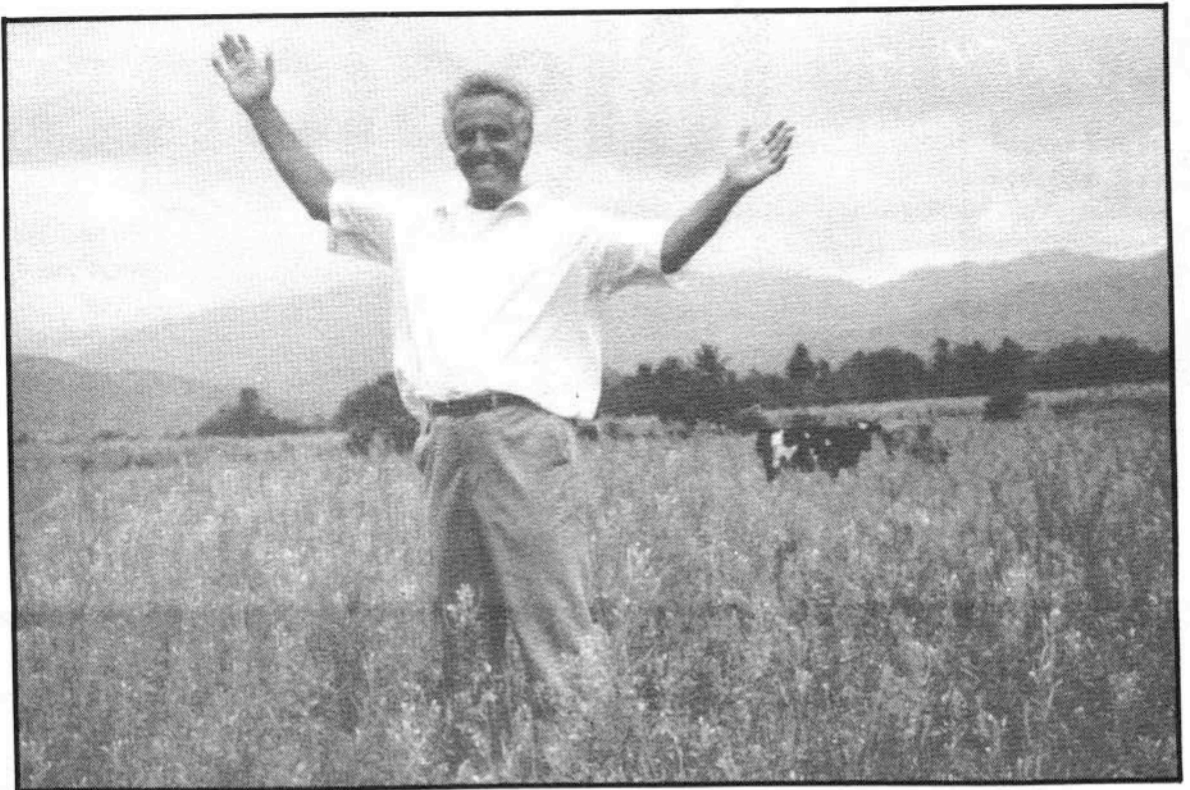
Marion sees to it that every child gets a heaping bowl of good well-balanced nutritious food. The thing that impresses me most about Marion is not only her capacity for hard work and an ability to create order, but the gracious manner in which she does it.

THE LEOGANE PLAIN

The Leogane Plain is approximately 18 miles from Port-au-Prince. Here on this Plain, God has planted N.E.W. Missions. Our main mission is built on the Bay of LaGonave. The village closest to the mission is the village of Neply. The children of Neply were the first to come to our school. Our mission then expanded to the surrounding villages of Birey, Concrab, LaSalle, Masson and TiRiviere.

After being in Haiti for a short while we realized that to effect the entire area a church would need to be started in the principal town - the town of Leogane. For the past year a team of preachers have been having meetings in Leogane and a fine congregation is now coming into being. We have prayed for land for this congregation in Leogane and also land for a high-school.





ANSWER TO PRAYER

God has wondrously answered our prayers. On May 21, N.E.W. Missions purchased 7 acres of land on the main highway that goes from Port-au-Prince to the town of Leogane. The land is one mile from the center of Leogane and is in an excellent place for a high school to serve all of our grade schools.

We plan to open our high school in the fall of 1988 with the first 3 grades and we will add a grade each year. In Haiti, there are 7 years of high school. We plan over the next few years to build a high school for 1,000 young people. These young people, we believe, will become the future pastors, teachers and leaders of Haiti. God has called us not to start just one church or one school but, to bring His Kingdom to the entire Leogane Plain. From this central location on the main highway we will be able to evangelize the entire Leogane Plain.

Our immediate plans for the land is to build a church to seat approximately 1,000 people. Gospel meetings, prayer meetings and Bible studies will be conducted every day. Also, sometime this fall plans will be made to begin construction of classrooms and several other buildings.

It is my desire that all of our friends could see this beautiful piece of land that God has given us. N.E.W. Missions is a united ministry. All of us are praying, working and believing to see the glory of God revealed in the land of Haiti.

Miracles have taken place in Haiti. We have seen God at work. Our vision ever enlarges. Let us as the people of God arise to the occasion. I believe that this is God's time for Haiti.

Let us in faith, arise, go forth and possess the land. Your prayers and support for this work is greatly needed and appreciated.

Love in Christ,

George & Jeanne

George and Jeanne DeTellis

Missions

**Birey, Bord Mer
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July 1, 1987

Dear Friends of Haiti,

THE LAST FIRST

Jesus said, "The last shall be first and the first shall be last". This verse has many spiritual applications. Here in Haiti, God has applied it to an elderly widow woman called Apie. Apie was perhaps the least of the village in which she lives. She is old, not very pretty, and extremely poor. Apie lived in what was really a pile of straw and grass held up by a few sticks. Since the beginning of our mission, Apie has faithfully been in church, sitting in the first row.

We, at N.E.W. Missions, felt led to build Apie a very lovely two room home. The house is finished and has been painted pink with white trim. For the first time, Apie has a bed and also a rocking chair. She now has the loveliest house in the village.

"The last first and the first last".



SUMMER MISSIONARIES

The following short-term missionaries will be with us over this summer:

Martina Campbell, Burlington, VT
Christina Cortes, Miami, FL
Alisa Diaz, North Kingston, RI
Kelli Hadley, Hyde Park, MA
Nancy Hassett, Somers, CT
Peter Holden, Keene, NH
Yvonne Manning, Pleasant Valley, PA



JERI BARRICKS

Jeri Barricks is from Buffalo, New York. Jeri visited N.E.W. Missions for 10 days the last week in May. She spoke in our churches, school of ministry, and womens' meetings. Jeri has a wonderful ministry and was a rich blessing to the Haitian people.

Here is Jeri with the child she chose to sponsor in our school.

HONOR STUDENT

This year, 14 of our graduates were sponsored to go to a private high school in the town of Leogane, for their first year of high school. Jonas Bertrand, one of our N.E.W. Missions students, was the top of the class for the entire first year students. Jonas has been faithfully sponsored by a Christian in the U.S. for the past four years. He has expressed, that one day, he would like to be a teacher at N.E.W. Missions.

We are working to have one of the best schools, spiritually and academically in the country of Haiti. Our plans are to have our own high school for the fall of 1988.



Jonas Bertrand first from the right

"NOU FEK KOMANSE"

Our vision has grown enormously. This next year we will have over 2,000 children in our schools. By God's grace, a Missions Training Center will be built. Also, churches and schools will be built in the towns of Signeau and Leogane. Our needs are great, but our faith is in God. He is leading. Working together, we will see God's glory shine forth here in what is often considered one of the darkest lands on the face of the earth.

"Nou Fek Komanse - We have just begun".

May the love, the joy and peace of God, coming from the Holy Spirit ever fill your life.

Love in Christ,

George and Jeanne DeTellis

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August 3, 1987

Birey, Bord Mer
Leogane, Haiti, W.I.

Dear Friends of Haiti,

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Women's Ministry

Monday through Friday, July, August and September, there are sewing classes for women and teen-age girls. The class begins with a Bible Study. Instructions are given in sewing, crochet and embroidery. Our Teacher is a beautiful Haitian Pastor's wife. We plan to continue this ministry in the evening this fall.

Music Ministry

Music classes are being taught in piano, drums, bass and vocal to the Haitian youth by Timothy DeTellis. The Haitian people love music and are very excited about this opportunity.

English Classes

English Classes are being taught twice a week by George DeTellis and Martina Campbell. This is a class of 25 high-school students.

Village Evangelism

Special services are being held in each of the villages surrounding the mission. A week of meetings were conducted in Signeau the first week of July. The attendance grew to 500 people nightly.

Feeding The Children

During the summer, our school kitchen does not function because the school teachers are not available to supervise the feeding of the children. The children, instead, are given uncooked food. The food is distributed in the villages where the children live. Truck loads of food will be distributed by the mission to our school children over the summer months. Many of our summer missionaries have been busy in this food distribution.

JEANNE RETURNS TO U.S. - PRAYER REQUEST

For the past several months I have not felt the best in Haiti and finally on July 8th I returned to the U.S. Upon returning home, I was admitted to the University of Massachusetts Medical Center where it was discovered that I had double pneumonia. After 6 days in the hospital I have been spending time with my family regaining strength and waiting on the Lord.

On July 28th I had a follow-up visit at the hospital, x-rays were taken and the Doctor told me my lungs had cleared perfectly. It has been painful to be away from Haiti and my work there. Yet, this experience has drawn me closer to the Lord and made me more determined to live my life for Jesus. My plans are to return to Haiti with the next two weeks.

Your prayers for the spiritual strength and physical health for our mission team are very much needed and appreciated.

MISSIONS TRAINING CENTER

On several occasions, we have asked for your prayers regarding a Missions Training Center here in Haiti. We had considered a piece of property in Jacmel, which is on the south coast of Haiti. But, we never received a clear go ahead from the Lord to purchase this property.

God has now wondrously given us a beautiful piece of property within sight of our existing mission on which to construct a training center. We are believing God to have enough facilities completed to have the training center functioning sometime this winter.

Our construction needs here at N.E.W. Missions are enormous! The training center will need buildings for housing, a kitchen, storage, classrooms, and a dining room. Also, construction needs to begin on our high school.

You might like to become involved in a specific construction project here at N.E.W. Missions. Would a church like to be responsible for the construction of a church, school, or one of the buildings at the training center? Perhaps a prayer group would like to help with the concrete slab of a building or the roof of a building? The mission is also in need of equipment, such as a generator, a tractor and kitchen appliances.

Please pray about this. Both you and your church or fellowship group might like to help in one or more of these projects.

Here is a list of approximate costs of supplies and construction:


Church, 30 x 60	\$10,000
School, 4 classes	\$15,000
Cement Slab	\$ 1,500
Roof	\$ 3,000
House, Training Center	\$ 7,000
Tractor	\$30,000
Generator	\$ 7,000
Kitchen Stove	\$ 500
Kitchen Refrigerator	\$ 900

POLITICAL CONDITIONS

As I write this letter, the country of Haiti is crippled by a general strike. The ruling committee, C.N.G., is being asked to step down and a provisional government put in its place. Traveling in the country at times is impossible and can be dangerous. Almost every week it is necessary for us to go to the city to purchase supplies and meet people at the airport. We ask for your prayers for our safety.

May the Lord of all strength, wisdom and comfort ever be with you.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis

Missions

Birey, Bord Mer
Leogane, Haiti, W.I.

September 1, 1987

Dear Friends of Haiti,

POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN HAITI

The country of Haiti has been experiencing a strike and much unrest since the end of June. The people of Haiti have known unbelievable suffering. There is no work for the thousands of young people that have finished school. Hunger is everywhere. Haitians often look for quick and simple solutions and often find scapegoats for their problems, such as: (1) The Haitian government needs to open factories and employ everyone, and (2) The U.S. government is responsible for the violence in Haiti because they gave guns to the Haitian Army.

Elections in Haiti are scheduled for November of this year and a new president put in office in February of 1988. Please pray with us that God will provide a good man to lead this nation in development, but most of all, that the new president will be an example of godliness to the people of Haiti.

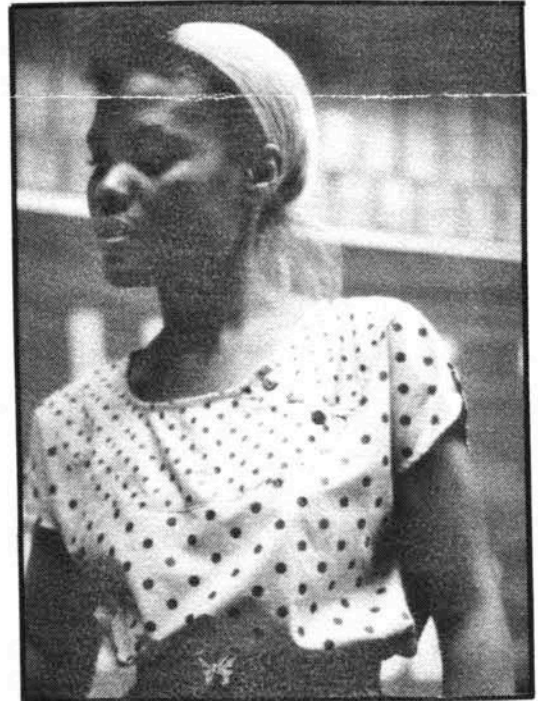
Here at the Mission, things are as normal as ever. We are safe, working hard, and daily experiencing the goodness of God in our lives.

A LIFE CHANGED

FROM THE LOCAL

VOODOO CULT

Marie Coeurline Celestin
Giving Testimony at Church



This week, Marie Coeurline Celestin, Nephly child #185, sat and told me how Jesus has changed her life. When Coeurline was a young girl, she went through a voodoo initiation ceremony called "Canzo." This was her acceptance into the local Voodoo Cult. Coeurline also told of how she went to the Voodoo ceremonies.

The first year that N.E.W. Missions was in Haiti, in 1983, this 16-year old girl accepted Jesus as her Saviour. One day under the coconut trees, during a church service, Coeurline gave her life to Jesus Christ. On June 21st of this year, Coeurline was baptized in water. Here in Haiti water baptism is taken very seriously and is not entered into until one has clearly shown evidence of salvation and is determined to live the Christian life.

Now Coeurline will be 20 years old November 10th. She has graduated from our eighth grade and will be sponsored by our mission to go to a private high school until our high school is built and ready for her next year. Coeurline told me that she wants to prepare to be a nurse and live her life for Jesus. She is a wonderful example of how God is changing the lives of children, young people and adults at N.E.W. Missions.

These are the dedicated young single missionaries with my husband George who during the summer heat in Haiti served with love. Three days before I left Haiti for the U.S., because of sickness, I had a staff meeting and passed on my responsibilities and ministries to the other missionaries. I expected to be gone 1 week to 10 days. Having malaria several times in Haiti lowered my resistance. I came to the U.S. on July 8th for a checkup, but had double pneumonia. These wonderful young people with my husband have carried on faithfully throughout the summer months. Their love for God, for the mission, and for me has given me peace during this painful separation. I return to Haiti on September 7th. Please cover me with your prayers.

*Love,
Jeanne*

Top row:
Alisa, Christina,
Mary Jane, and Dave,

Middle row:
Daryl, Pastor George,
Timothy, Dean,

Bottom row:
Karis, Martina,
and Kelli.



CHRISTMAS 1988 FOR THE CHILDREN OF HAITI

We would like to ask each sponsor to send \$10 for Christmas so that we may give your child a Christmas gift of shoes. If you can send more than \$10, this will greatly help us as there are 500 children without sponsors who will not receive a gift. Please send your Christmas offering as soon as possible to facilitate our buying truckloads of shoes for over 2,000 children.

It is with great joy that each missionary will touch the children in Haiti this Christmas to let them know that Jesus loves them through you. All Christmas offerings beyond \$10 will be used to buy gifts for children who are in great need and without a sponsor. God bless you for helping us bring a spirit of celebration in Jesus to the poorest of the poor.



Presently, N.E.W. Missions has 10 churches and 7 schools; however, we have 3 parcels of beautiful centrally located land in three villages waiting for the Gospel, waiting for a Church, and the children are waiting for a school. Little by little, the Kingdom of God is coming to Haiti as we work together. Thank you for your love and finances.

Love in Christ,

George and Jeanne

George and Jeanne DeTellis

Missions

Birey, Bord Mer
Leogane, Haiti, W.I.

October 1, 1987

Dear Friends of Haiti,

For the past two years, N.E.W. Missions has felt to begin a Missionary Training Center here in Haiti. God is forever calling and preparing men and women to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. There are many Christians in America who are looking for the opportunity to be trained and involved in the work of God. What better place is there to study and learn of missions than on the mission field.

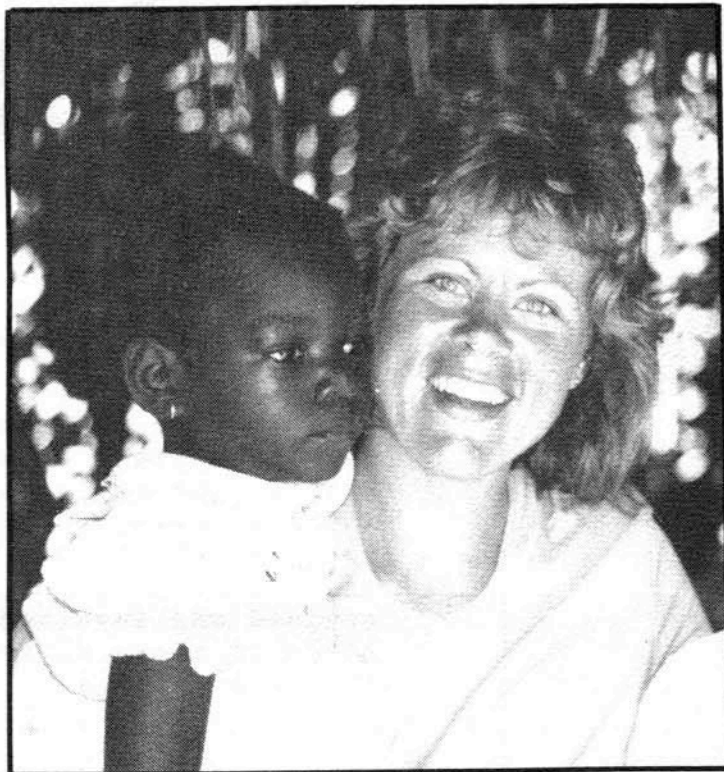
GOALS FOR THE MISSIONARY TRAINING CENTER

1. Groups from the United States will come to Haiti for a short period of time, where they will learn the Principles of Missions, Biblical Truths, Development Strategies and then have the opportunity to minister to the Haitian people.
2. To give those who have a definite call to missions an opportunity to visit a mission field and study missions before going to the place of their calling.
3. Some Christians may have a call to Haiti already, and would like to learn what N.E.W. Missions is doing before venturing out on their own.
4. Other Christians will come to our Training Center and realize that God is calling them to work with N.E.W. Missions.
5. Other believers will come, study, learn, experience and then return to their church better informed about missions and better able to work with their pastor in the local church.

Here in Haiti, we are busy clearing land, digging ditches, and mixing mortar for already the Training Center is under construction. Our goal is to have the Training Center operational by the first of January, 1988. My wife Jeanne and I are very excited about this new aspect of N.E.W. Missions. Who knows how God will use this Training Center for His glory. Who knows of the many who will go to the ends of the earth with the everlasting Gospel of our Lord because of God speaking to them here in Haiti. Even before this Training Center is complete, we dedicate it to the glory of God.



In May of this year, Dr. Peter Murphy and his wife Debrale came to work at N.E.W. Missions for 10 days. Before coming to Haiti they began sponsoring one of the children in our N.E.W. Missions School. Both Peter and Debrale were anxious to meet their Haitian daughter.



Above is a picture of Debrale Murphy with her Haitian child. Debrale wrote us a note expressing her feelings when she met Idline Point-du-Jour, her Haitian child.

"What a joy to meet my little girl in Haiti! Idline will be four years old this October 12th. I first caught sight of her at the mission gate after her 11 year old brother had carried her 3 miles in the sun to see me. Idline was very shy at first but allowed me to hold her. Within minutes we had a speechless relationship of love. Hugs, smiles and kisses say, 'I love you' in any language. A couple of days later I visited her village to measure the children's heights and weights. There at my feet was Idline with arms outstretched. I met her mother and sisters. They stayed by me as I worked and the love between us was God's love. I'll never forget the sense of oneness in our love of "Jezi Kri", our Lord and Saviour."

Jeanne and I will be back in the States for six weeks in the months of October and November visiting some churches, preaching God's word and sharing what God is doing in Haiti. On November 28th, Saturday night, we will have a "Friends of Haiti" meeting at the Marriot Hotel at Lincoln Square in Worcester, Mass. At this meeting, we will show some slides of our Training Center. I know that this will be a wonderful time together as we share God's word, prayer and fellowship together. Please contact our office in Worcester to make reservations for this dinner (617-757-2593). Jeanne and I would enjoy very much seeing you upon our upcoming visit to the States.

Jeanne and I have never been so excited about the work of God. Every day we experience His love and power in a new way. God is doing marvelous things in Haiti.

May the great grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Love,

George and Jeanne

George and Jeanne DeTellis

Missions

November 5, 1987

Birey, Bord Mer
Leogane, Haiti, W.I.

Dear Friends of Haiti,

EVEN A PAIR OF SHOES

One Sunday morning in October, one of the Haitian mothers came to talk to me. She had six children whose father had died some time ago. Two of the children had no shoes to wear to school. Tears filled her eyes as she explained her struggles. Their uniforms, books and teachers were ready, but the children were barefoot. Her oldest boy, Frisnell, 15 years old, had been given a suit by an American visitor. Frisnell sold the suit for \$10 and bought his own sneakers. When church was over, I invited the two barefoot children, Marie Keteline and Frantzdy Joseph to the mission office and gave each of them a pair of new shoes. God's love is expressed in many ways, even through a pair of shoes.

THE MISSION OF GOD

How do you think of missions? Some believe that the church needs only to be preaching, teaching, nurturing a congregation and providing acts of mercy.

Missions is then tacked on as one of the take it or leave it functions of the church. Yet, the Word teaches that mission is the primary task of the church of Jesus Christ. It may well be that Israel failed in her divine call to be the instrument to bring light to the Gentile nations. Today, the responsibility of bringing the message of Jesus Christ is laid upon the church. "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

We do not necessarily need to be involved in "foreign" missions. America is a mission field in and of itself. However, I personally believe that a world consciousness will develop a healthy congregation. Today, many of the nations of the world are hurting. As never before, we have the glorious opportunity to show that Jesus is the only Saviour and hope of this world. It is my personal conviction that if a church does not involve itself in mission it will eventually lose its spiritual vitality.

Every church and every Christian is called to the mission of God, which is that all men might hear the Gospel and come to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

THE BOAT PEOPLE CONTINUE . . .

The economic conditions in Haiti have worsened this past year mostly due to the political uncertainty in the country. People continue to flood the already overcrowded city of Port-au-Prince. They come from the rural areas of Haiti desperately looking for something to sustain them.

Because of the hardships they face, many Haitians try to go to another country. Yet, strict immigration laws have greatly limited the number of people who can obtain entry visas. Many Haitians have resorted to leaving on small wooden boats for other islands in the Caribbean. Some of our personal friends have left from our beachfront seeking to find a better life.

Haitians pay about \$150 each for the trip. The boats are loaded to extremely dangerous overcrowded conditions. Many boats have gone to sea never to be seen again. These are desperate attempts of grasping at a straw for a better life.

Many of these men, women and children are Christians. They go with Bibles in their hands and the few worldly goods they possess. My prayer is "Lord, help us to be more sensitive and more ready to help our Haitian brothers and sisters."

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Last August a new Haitian constitution was ratified by a national referendum. This new constitution calls for national elections to take place November 29, 1987. There has not been a national election in Haiti since 1957 when Francois Duvalier was elected President of Haiti.

Presently, there is enormous tension in the country of Haiti. The question is who will run the country - the military or a duly-elected civilian government.

It is urgent that we pray for Haiti. What happens during this election could effect the country for many years to come.

AN ADDED BLESSING

Mike and Karen McDonald came to our mission with the desire to start a chicken project. Funds were provided by New Life Community Church in Concord, Massachusetts. Chickens were purchased and 100 were given away to Haitian families. In addition, 40 chickens are in cages at the mission. The hens already are laying over 2 dozen eggs each day.

FRIENDS OF HAITI MEETING

One of the great joys of our lives has been the wonderful people Jeanne and I meet and the many friends we have made because of God's work in Haiti.

Once a year when we are in the States ministering, we enjoy meeting together with our friends for a good time of fellowship.

At 5:00 pm Saturday, the 28th of November, we will have a Friends of Haiti meeting at the Marriott Hotel in Lincoln Sq., Worcester, MA. The dinner for the evening will be chicken or beef. The cost of the dinner is \$18.

Reservations need to be prepaid in advance to make it possible for us to make arrangements with the hotel. Please send your reservation to our Worcester office. Jeanne and I look forward to seeing you and sharing a great evening together.



SERVING GOD IS OPEN ENDED. THERE IS NO END TO HIS BLESSINGS OR WHAT GOD WILL DO IN AND THROUGH YOUR LIFE.

Love,

George & Jeanne

George and Jeanne DeTellis

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November 29, 1987

Dear Friends of Haiti,

Jeanne and I have been here in the States for the past several weeks. Our time here has been very rich in the Lord. We have visited a number of churches in New England and elsewhere along the East Coast. The churches have received us warmly. We have had precious times of fellowship with our friends. Now, we desire to be back in Haiti with our missionaries and with the Haitian people whom we have grown to love dearly.

I am writing this letter on Sunday evening, November 29th, the day Presidential elections were supposed to have taken place in the country of Haiti. The military government has not allowed the elections to take place. This action can only lead to further civil unrest in the country. The country will not return to order and begin to make progress until a democratically elected civilian government is in place.

Please be in prayer for Haiti. The Haitian people have been extremely patient. They do not want to take matters in their own hands. I believe that they do not want to return violence for violence. Pray that sound reason and a regard for human rights will prevail. I believe that light dispels darkness. There is a day of victory ahead for Haiti.

Jeanne, our son Timothy, and I will leave for Haiti on Tuesday, December 1st. Our hearts and minds are full of vision and plans for many good things. There is much work for us to do in Haiti. Thousands of Christian brothers and sisters await our return. A wonderful relationship of love and working together has developed over the years. During these troubled days in Haiti, New England and World Missions is committed to do all that it can to help the Haitian people.

Some of you have plans to come to Haiti over the next few months. We will look forward to your being with us. I know your life will be changed as you experience Haiti and see the work that God is doing at New England and World Missions.

May the God of all peace keep your heart and mind through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Love,


George and Jeanne DeTellis