

25th Anniversary

January 1, 2008

New Missions

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Land of Opportunity

Dear Friends of New Missions:

Imagine sailing on water so clear and teeming with life that you can see 40 feet to the bottom. Imagine discovering an island mountain range rising out of the sea covered with lush vegetation, abundant wildlife and countless fresh-water streams. This is what Columbus saw when he discovered the island of Hispaniola and set foot on what would later become the nation of Haiti. Rich in natural resources, Hispaniola was like a rare, precious gemstone waiting to be discovered and polished to reveal its hidden beauty.

As with many of God's precious treasures, the beauty was marred and the bounty plundered to enrich the coffers of European interests. Haiti was the richest colony in the West Indies and brought more wealth to Europe than any in the Western Hemisphere. Tragically, this wealth was gained at the expense of African slaves who shed their blood to work the interests of slave owners. With an average work/life-span of seven years, these precious people were considered non-human beasts-of-burden, a necessary expense to bring in the crop.

The situation reached a boiling point as plantation slaves yearned to be free. This tension led to a revolt that resulted in a complete overthrow of any semblance of white leadership. Plantations were burned and the slave owners who remained were slaughtered. Finally, in 1802, Haiti became a free nation, only the second in the New World following the United States, and the first black republic.

Haiti's new government depended on Voodoo for direction and guidance. This ungodly influence allowed corrupt leaders to rise to power and exploit the people as they sought to enrich their own interests. Others sought power and used violent means to seize it resulting in a parade of leaders who did not lead. Finally, dictators assumed power and while the nation languished, the people became poorer. The Pearl of the Antilles had lost its luster.

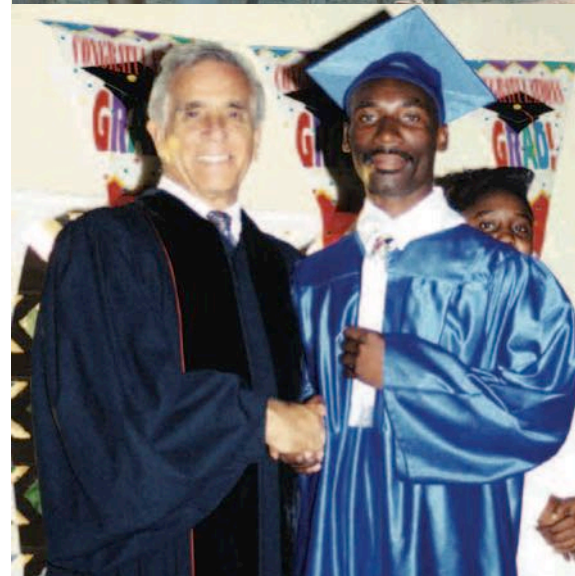
To whom could the people turn for help? Haiti, the world's first black republic, has suffered because of a lack of stable leadership. Nevertheless, things are changing. For the past 25 years, New Missions has been working among the poor of Haiti with a vision to equip and empower future leaders. We are making a difference!

With your help, we have laid the foundation with infrastructure support, new leaders, and systems that help pave the way for greater impact. Haitian leaders are training leaders. Pastors teach their congregations to reach their own families and communities. We are on track for continued growth, but your prayers are needed for Haiti. New Missions is stepping into its 25th year of ministry, but now more than ever please pray with us. —*Timothy DeTellis*

Top photo: As we celebrate our 25th anniversary we look back and remember how New Missions established its first church under a grove of coconut trees with a banner that proclaimed Haiti hope in God.

Middle photo: Pastor George and Jeanne DeTellis had the vision and the calling to reach the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, Haiti.

Bottom photo: Thank you for your prayers for Pastor George DeTellis - he is doing better with his battle with cancer. His leadership continues to touch lives.



See the Difference

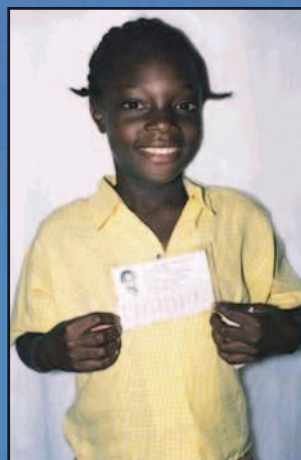
Positive change is taking place in the midst of the poorest of the poor. We are seeing the difference of being focused on our mission during the past 25 years. Glory to God for all that is being done. You are that link between despair and opportunity. Recently, I took these photographs of a few of our Christian Haitians, and I was thrilled to hear their stories of growing up in our Christian mission. Thank you for sponsoring a child with New Missions and helping to make a significant difference.

—Charlie DeTellis

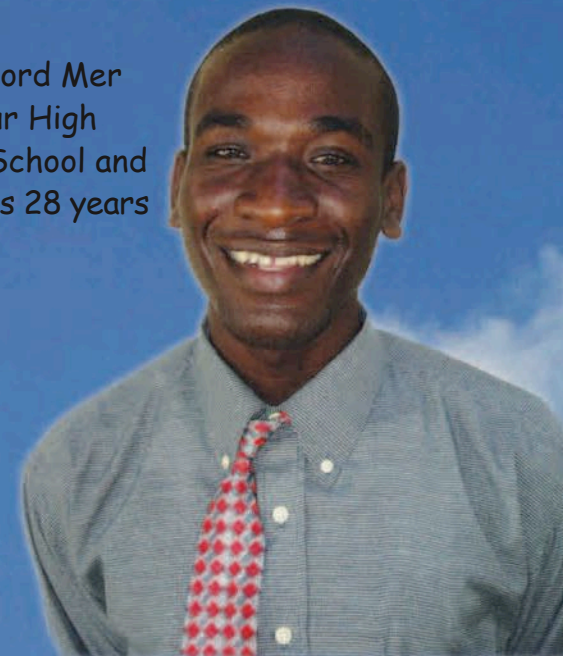
Marie Guilene Saint Fort



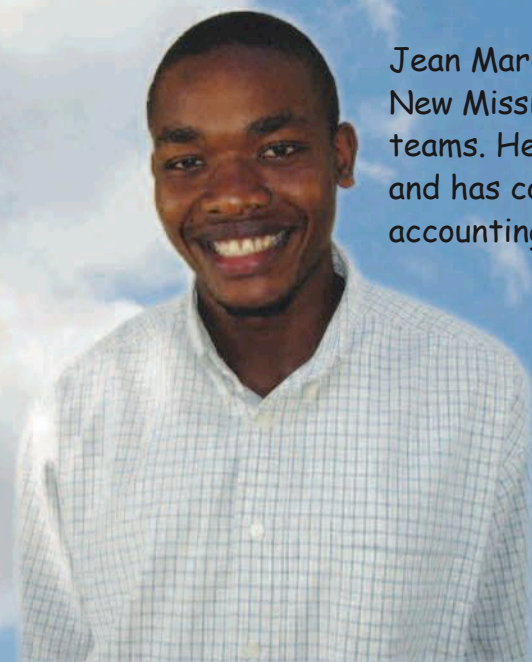
Marie Guilene Saint Fort works in our office as a translator. She is a High School graduate and has completed two years in accounting. She recently married and her husband is a pastor.



Johnny Fontaine is the preacher for the Bord Mer Church. He is also an English teacher at our High School. Johnny graduated from the High School and spent four years studying management. He is 28 years old and is now planning on getting married.



Johnny Fontaine



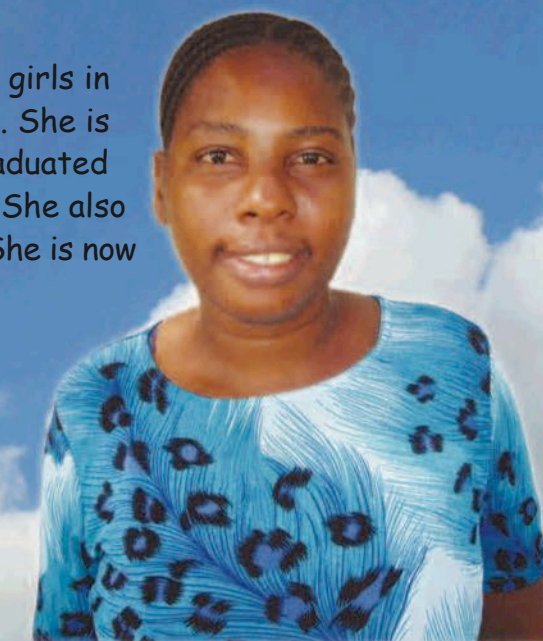
Jean Marc Fontaine

Jean Marc Fontaine is currently working for New Missions as a translator with the visiting teams. He has graduated from High School and has completed two years of studies in accounting. He is 24 years old.



 **New Missions**
Changing the life of a child.

Martha Joseph was one of the little girls in church during our first year in Haiti. She is now our office manager. She has graduated from High School and Bible College. She also continued with studies in computer. She is now 36 years old.



Martha Joseph

Antoinisee Isme is our Clinic Director. She graduated from our High School and from nursing school. She is 39 years old and has three children.



Antoinisee Isme



Jean Wilguins Antoine



Jean Wilguins Antoine is currently a police officer. He finished the 12th grade of High School. He has also completed two years of university studies in economy science. He desires to finish his college degree. He is now 29 years old.

God's Design

Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Do you know how its dimensions were determined and who did the surveying? What supports its foundations, and who laid its cornerstone? Job 38:4-7 NLT

When God asked Job these questions, His intent was to shift Job's thoughts away from his pitiful circumstances to the One who gives life, God. He knew that as long as Job only saw himself and the mess that he was in, he was doomed to a life of fear, fretting and failure. God wanted more than that for Job.

God wants more for you and me as well. To keep our thoughts on Him, we have been given a wonder-filled earth to live on surrounded by a universe so immense scientists still have not looked beyond its horizon.

Consider this... Have you ever seen the same sunset? Were the colors exactly alike? What about a sunrise? Have you ever seen two that were the same? I didn't think so—neither have I.

I love the early mornings in Haiti when toward the west I see the moon but toward the east I see the dawn of a new day. As I look, I see a new mission on the horizon...an opportunity coming to make a difference.

Another place where sunrise is special for me is on an airplane. I travel frequently and prefer the earliest flight. It often takes off in darkness, but soon I see the glimmer of dawn on the horizon, beckoning me to a new day and a new adventure. Other mornings I see the sunrise above the clouds while the airplane is flying above the clouds. I can only catch my breath and thank God for His creative beauty.

Imagine this: If the earth is this beautiful despite its being marred by sin, how marvelous will heaven be? The greater amazement is the Creator of both heaven and earth; the Artist of all creation—God, our Heavenly Father. God is the Creator of life. He invented beauty, love, the sounds and colors we are surrounded by each day. Sadly, we are often too busy to notice the sight, sound, smell and feel of creation. We miss

the experiences of a lifetime in our pursuit of life.

God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. Genesis 1:31 NIV

When, in our everyday lives, are we like our Creator? How do we express Him? I believe we become more like Him when we are creative.

Each person is created with a unique set of gifts and talents. Throughout our lives we nurture and sharpen these God-given skills and in so doing become more like our Creator.

Mike Lewis is a painter, but God has helped him develop his artistic talent far beyond the boundaries of most artists. This friend of mine has taken the creative form of painting



Photograph of Haiti sunset by Joseph Michel, New Missions volunteer representative.

on canvas to convey a compelling message of the life of Jesus. You can enjoy his art online at www.jesuspainter.com.

Others find expression for their creativity in their professions. Skilled mechanics are able to understand the inner workings of an engine to the point of sensing the faintest vibration that could lead to engine failure.

When are you creative?

My dear friend Derric

Johnson once said that creativity comes when fear is gone.

Fearlessness is necessary to be

creative. Our minds must embrace the fact that we are free to fail because failed attempts lead us closer to creative accomplishment. Thomas Edison created more than 2,000 light bulbs before one worked. Edison did not consider this wasted effort, just 2,000 ways not to make a light bulb. But what would have happened if he had stopped at 1,999?

Creativity is God's design on Earth. "For this is what the LORD says—he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—he says: 'I am the LORD, and there is no other.'" Isaiah 45:18

This year, be true to God's design. Be creative. Be yourself. Discover your God-given talents. —Timothy DeTellis

What is our purpose? "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19 I believe in this calling more than anything that we do. This is the greatest sign of fruitfulness. From the time that we invest in a preschool student to the moment when a Bible school graduate accepts their diploma, we are making disciples. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Serving together,

Handwritten signature of Timothy DeTellis in blue ink.

Timothy DeTellis
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P.S. This year, consider taking the trip of a lifetime – visit New Missions in Haiti or the Dominican Republic. Email trips@newmissions.org for more information or call 407-240-4058.



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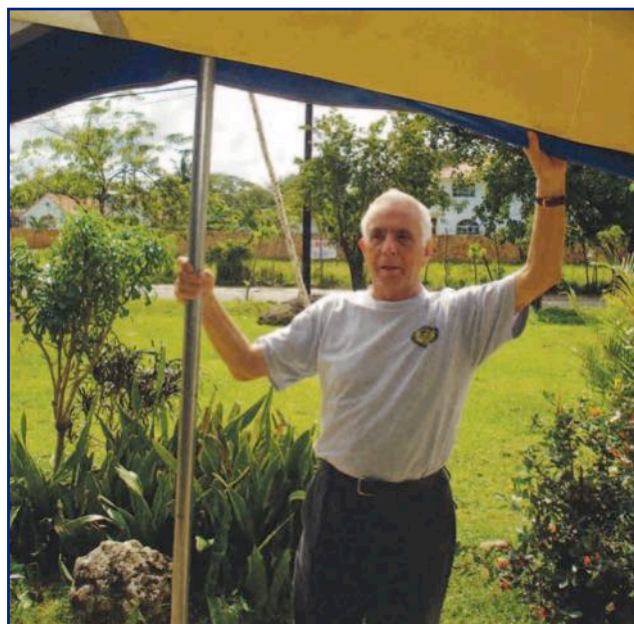
Raising The Tents

Dear Friends of New Missions:

On December 11th, a dear pastor's wife emailed me asking how our mission was in the Dominican Republic, especially since George and I were in Orlando for medical attention. I was enthusiastic to reply that our mission team and the Dominican leadership were leading the ministry smoothly and all was great. In the morning, I received a phone call from one of our missionaries telling me that Tropical Storm Olga came through town, and both of our tents were on the ground. The winds were strong, tearing bolts out of the concrete floor, and pulling up the poles. The tent tops were torn in several places.

My husband George had just finished 15 sessions of radiation, and I wanted him to rest. I withheld the news from him the first day. My first phone call was to Joe Lossaso, a missionary working with us. I knew Joe was the man for this Nehemiah Rebuilding the Tent Project. Joe worked in New Jersey for 30 years building and repairing yachts. My first words to Joe were, "Joe, call your church and ask them to start praying for you. You have a mission." From there, simple decisions were made, like collect the poles and safely store them. Have Iglesia Nueva Vida (our Spanish-speaking church) meet at New Life Church at our permanent church building in Mulata. Call the tent company for information and purchasing repair supplies. And coming back to me were the voices of the people, "Our church, our house, we want to help, what can we do."

Joe was in contact with the tent company, and supplies of concrete patching materials and tent vinyl were ordered. Friends of missionaries filled their suitcases with what we needed.



Pastor George DeTellis rejoices as the tent goes up because of the Dominican Christians that joined together for this occasion.



Joe Losasso with Rafael, Arnaldo and Domingo, repairing the tent.

Meanwhile, the next day, George got the news. He was excited with something good to think about – getting those tents back up. While he was recovering from the radiation treatments, I ordered a DVD from the tent company for George to review everything that needed to be done to raise the tents again. On December 28th, a little time before the suggested complete recovery time from radiation, George and I went back to the Dominican Republic. The day we traveled on the 28th, we went to church, and George preached. Our people welcomed us with love that overwhelmed our hearts. The family of God is precious and satisfying to our need of belonging and being loved.

The next day, George and I went to the big tent site. There, faithfully, was our deaconess, Amelia, who watches over the tent property. She had a white plastic chair with her Spanish Bible on the grass next to the fallen tent. "Pastor, it is God's house here. God is still here. I feel the presence of God. The tent is God's house. We will work. (asi – oh yes) The tent will go up again."

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The tent is up with great effort and dedication shown by our missionary team and Christians from the Sosua community in the Dominican Republic.

On January 9th, my husband talked with Joe about when we could get the big tent up. The iron man was finishing his work of welding and preparing the steel plates to be bolted to the concrete tent floor. It had rained, heavy rains for the past eight days. Joe thought that we could try on Friday. In church Wednesday night, my husband asked who would like to get the big tent up on Friday. The hands were waving to let us know that they would be there. Our men, women, youth and children – a great family of God – came together for a day to believe God. The sky was cloudy, a little sunshine coming in and out, and some light rain. About 11:00 am, my husband asked me to get food for 50 people. I asked one missionary to go to the bakery while I went for meat and cheese. Four of us were cutting the best German bread, rye, dark and French – layering pickles and tomatoes with quality meat and cheese. While we were finishing the task, I began to hear the roar of the crowd, a spiritual holy sound, as the tent was being lifted. It was a holy experience. It was great the first time we put up the tent, but this time, it was the Dominican people putting the tent up into the air. Shouts of praise and glory to God filled the tent. And the food was ready. –*Jeanne DeTellis*

Middle School Construction

We will soon begin breaking ground for our middle school. This will take off some of the pressure on our high school. We currently have 1,400 students in our high school. My dad's vision was to have 1,000 students in the High School. We now plan on increasing our capacity to 2,000 students between the middle school and high school. I want to give the middle school students some special attention. They will be more comfortable in their new buildings. We plan on building two school buildings over the next two years. There will be chapel services for them and they will receive a school lunch. Students will attend the middle school from our 20 elementary schools. The middle school location is directly behind the Signeau elementary school. The Signeau elementary school is across the street from the high school and to the right some 500 feet.



This artist rendition shows the two buildings that we need to build to complete a middle school campus in Haiti located at our Signeau school property.

The new school will be a blessing to the children. It is not uncommon for us to have 400 sixth graders pass each year and enter into seventh grade. You can see how easy it will be to fill this new school. Our schools are always a strong tool for evangelism. I plan on selecting a young pastor to be responsible for the chapel services. Our high school and middle school will be a dream come true for the Haitian people. After attending high school, our students can attend our Bible college. I look forward to seeing this project finished and I look forward to fellowshiping with these young students. It will be a great location for our teams to visit and participate in their chapel services. –*Charlie DeTellis*

A Full Plate in Haiti

Helping the people of Haiti is a ministry within a ministry for Brent Gambrell of Brent Gambrell Ministries in Nashville, Tennessee. Since 1990, Brent has been traveling full-time speaking to students, singles and churches across the United States. After a visit to Haiti, Brent fell in love with the people of Haiti and has made the country part of his regular travel schedule. He travels to Haiti four times a year, has a staff person dedicated to coordinating team trips and has a goal to distribute backpacks of school supplies to all 8,000+ New Missions students and another goal to purchase a generator for all 22 churches.

On his most recent trip over Thanksgiving, Brent's team had several unexpected medical emergencies. "It was a particularly wet season with hurricanes in 2007," said Brent. "We noticed a lot of infections on this trip—mostly eye infections. When we reported this to New Missions, they responded immediately." A ticket system was used to include all of the Haitians in the village to have access to the clinic set up for the New Missions students.

"Several people had issues beyond the clinic's capability and were sent to the hospital," said Brent. "New Missions has a partnership with the Hospital St. Croix."

Not only does Brent bring supplies for New Missions, but he also helps Hospital St. Croix. On a previous trip when a Haitian child was hit by a car and rushed to the hospital, Brent noticed the hospital did not have surgical gloves or soap. "I was devastated when I saw this," said Brent. "I went to a pharmaceutical company and brought back 10 cases of latex gloves and antibacterial soap."

It's no coincidence that God is connecting events and people to point out areas of need.

On the team's last night in Haiti, they went to give two sisters nearly 300 pieces of bubble gum and cracker packets leftover from vacation Bible school for them to sell. Upon arrival, the team learned that both husband's were sick and unable to work, suddenly making the bubble gum and cracker packets a critical income source. Consequently, both husbands were sent to the hospital for treatment.

Another medical need was met with 94-year-old Madame Bolo who is blind. While cooking over an open fire, Madame Bolo unknowingly flicked a burning stick into the wall of her reed hut catching it on fire. One of the Haitian locals was nearby and pulled her to safety then ran to get Brent and his team. Madame Bolo was treated with Silvadine cream for burns to her arms. Interestingly, Silvadine cream is rare in Haiti, but the team happened to have it with supplies brought over on this trip.

Since her hut was ruined, arrangements were made for Madame Bolo to move in to her daughter's home. While the rescue and Silvadine cream were God's hand of protection and provision, the story gets even better. Approximately \$5,000 was raised to help this family build a brand new block home with a tin roof—funds a Haitian family would never be able to raise. Now there is enough space for the whole family, and Madame Bolo is safer living with family members.

In addition to a full plate helping with medical needs, backpacks, uniforms, generators and rice distribution, the team still had time to enjoy a full plate of Thanksgiving turkey complete with mashed potatoes and gravy. Thank God that New Missions is in Haiti helping the people of the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. —Terri Starcher



Visiting teams to Haiti have the joy of distributing extra food to our students which provides nourishment to their entire family as they take this uncooked rice home to share.



Brent Gambrell visits with a Haitian family during a one-week trip to Haiti.



On a one-week trip you are able to interact with the Haitian children and bring joy to their lives.

The Power of Love

Ah, February...the "Love Month." Why is the shortest month of the year the one set apart to celebrate love? Maybe it's because we aren't very good at demonstrating love to one another. When February rolls around we frantically search for a Valentine card that says what we find it so difficult to say. Then we give it to the one who needs to hear it most, all the while hoping they get the message. "A new command I give: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

Jesus loved, even when He was not loved. Often the process of loving someone takes a risk. To love is to give, sacrificially. Many times, when you love, you can become hurt. If your love is not received, you feel rejected. If your love is not met with a reciprocal love, then you feel abandoned. Through pain, we still love. God did.

Love is complicated and requires work. No two people are the same, so no such thing as a formula for love exists. Instead, we must step out of the safety zone and risk exposure to the hazards and pitfalls of a close relationship with another. But what happens when things go wrong? Does love stop?

Love only stops if you choose to stop it. In other words, love is a decision. A choice. You decide to love; you decide not to love. We can love people at many different levels. The love you have for a sibling compared to a friend or spouse is different. Yet we choose to love. The power of love creates a unique bond and trust.

The bond of loving a child that you sponsor is a special kind of love. Many sponsors visit Haiti and meet their child personally and that bond is strengthened because of a physical face-to-face experience that cannot compare to a photograph or letter. I call this the belief factor. When you

spend quality time with someone that you love, you are able to discover the depth of love that is shared and your trust grows. You believe that they truly love you.

Spiritually, many new Christians do not believe how God could love them so much. It can be hard to believe that He would send His only Son to die for our sins so that we may have life eternally and abundantly. We can feel undeserving of His supernatural love. We accept His love by faith. "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him." 1 John 4:9

I personally think of love with our heavenly Father as a gift we often do not explore. We spend more time exploring the love of people versus the spiritual love that we can embrace. During this month of February when love is promoted during Valentine's Day, my encouragement to you would be to find a deeper love with your Savior first and then the person closest to you. Let God love you to overflowing.

When you think about spring water, the purest water would be closest to the source. The actual

natural spring where the water comes up out of the ground would be the freshest place to taste the water. When it comes to love, the source, the inventor, is God. Draw close to Him and you will begin to experience the power of love like nowhere else. You will begin to overflow with His love for others, which is greater than the love you have to share.

During 2008, let's make every month the Love Month. Examine your close relationships and see where your love needs to be shared. When God loved the world, He loved by giving. Remember, "God so loved the world that He gave..." -*Timothy DeTellis*



As the tents fell down in the Dominican Republic, even during the storm, God's love was shown. It's important to love others with your words and then follow-up with your actions. As a mission, we are steadfast with God's help. The common phrase, "actions speak louder than words" is true. Words plus actions equal a genuine person that truly cares. As a Christian, we reflect God's love to others. Share Him in both word and deed today.

Serving together,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim DeTellis".

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The Container Arrives

Dear Friends of New Missions:

A container full of needed supplies was shipped to Haiti on November 16, 2007. I was planning on receiving this container in January. I remember the words of Jack Layman, a professor I had: "Most work in life takes longer than anticipated." This is often the case with the work in Haiti. Our broker and I remained diligent working for the release of this container. We received the container on February 12th. This so happens to be my birthday. I was reminded how God is in control. Many times in life, we sense we are not seeing the results of our labor. This day, I recognized God's providence. I sensed God smiling at me. We sent the container ahead of us from Port-au-Prince with one local Haitian man to lead the driver to the mission. Pastor Guy and I picked up two customs officials to inspect the unloading of the container. We did not see the container all the way back from Port-au-Prince. After driving half way down our three mile gravel road, I spotted the brown forty foot container going down the last mile on the Nepty road. I was then at peace and had a smile on my face.

The unloading of the container went like clock work. Our Haitian workers unloaded the 40-foot container in one hour. They carried whole pallets at a time of high school chairs off of the container. They also carried everything else off, including generators, Toro lawn mowers, musical instruments, wood siding and a propane freezer. We also received 200 sacks of rice into our warehouse this same day from another delivery. The price we are paying for rice keeps going up. We are now paying 36 dollars for a sack. We are using 300 sacks of rice per month. It is crucial that we continue providing a school lunch for our children. Some of these children would not eat otherwise. We thank you for enabling this mission to function with excellence.

The Kingdom of God brings order and provision. I sometimes tease and say: "I am not going to sweat in heaven." At the same time, we enjoy the work of the Lord. We all have a part in the kingdom of God. I will not listen to the critics in life. I want to help grow the mission in Haiti to a higher level of excellence for God's glory and purposes. God always calls us to go forward. "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith." (1 John 5:4). —Charlie DeTellis

The 40 foot container arrived at New Missions in Haiti on February 12th and with great enthusiasm, it was unloaded within one hour.



Rice Purchasing

We have been purchasing all of our school food for the last seven years. Earlier, we were receiving free U.S. government donated food. We appreciated and enjoyed receiving the government donated food. We were one of the largest recipients of food. When a food delivery came in we would receive food for a three month period. Often several trucks would come at once to make the delivery. We received soy fortified whole wheat, oil and a type of bean. We often had surplus food and gave away the extra food on a regular basis. We would receive 800 sacks of whole wheat at one time. I am still seeking for any source of donated food.

Haiti does not provide the majority amount of food to feed its populace. Haiti depends upon the importation of food. Boats are unloading food in Port-au-Prince everyday. If the boats stopped coming people would go hungry. Big ships carry as many as 40,000 sacks of rice at a time. The rice comes from the U.S. and South America. At this point, it is cheaper for us to purchase the rice in Haiti than to import the rice ourselves. Each spring, I purchase a good quantity of black beans grown in the villages of LaSalle and Neply. The black beans store well in our warehouse. However, I am also forced to purchase additional beans which are imported. I am continually comparing food prices to get the best deal. Our main food commodities are rice, cooking oil, and beans. I sometimes purchase whole wheat to alter the diet of the children. Whole wheat offers more nutrition compared to the rice. We also purchase sea salt, dried fish, and vegetables which we add to the school food. Recently, the price of rice has been increasing each month. We are currently paying \$35.00 a bag for rice and \$1.00 for shipping. We are using 300 sacks of rice a month. Providing a school lunch is a vital part of our overall program. The Haitian children appreciate their education and the many

benefits and are responding to the Gospel. God has been faithful in providing for this mission. We appreciate our donors which pray and contribute to this mission.
—Charlie DeTellis



The warehouse received 200 sacks of rice on February 12th to feed our school children. This rice will be consumed within three weeks.



The school desks, musical instruments, office supplies, and construction materials are a great blessing to our growing mission.



No Limits for God

Every mission trip has its own unique and special moments that God arranges far in advance of teams ever arriving in Haiti. George and Lori Losch and George Losch Jr. and their team from Cedar Grove know this very well, but even they thought their January trip would be a bit limited.

Before leaving Pennsylvania, the team had sent enough money in advance to purchase 11 tons of rice for distribution, but when the team of 34 arrived, one of the New Missions vehicles was out of commission—broken tie rod. Limited transportation would make it challenging for the team—they'd need to stay near the mission rather than venture out to the more remote villages.

Cedar Grove has been to Haiti many times. They know the routine and got to work distributing rice and fabric for school uniforms. Little did they know there would be nothing routine about this day. About 12:30 p.m. a man rode up to the clinic on a motorcycle tap tap desperately looking for help. It was an emergency. His 12-year-old daughter was in the hospital with appendicitis. She was scheduled for surgery that same afternoon at 3 p.m., but the father had to come up with the money before the hospital would perform the surgery. The man had no money left because he had spent all he had on the medical tests. He literally had two and a half hours to save his daughter's life.

He was desperate. Charlie was not there. Everything was happening so fast. The team was able to quickly verify his story. They pooled their money together, and the man sped away with \$125 and a sack of rice.

"I have a son and can't imagine being in this man's situation," said George Losch. "This surgery is such a simple procedure in the U.S., and while \$125 may not be a lot to us, for a Haitian with a job, it's equivalent to about six months to a year's salary. I can't imagine only two and a half hours to save my child's life."

It was an intense moment in the day with no time for a lot of questions, but they know the family is from Birey. The Losch's are hoping on their next trip to find out who the man was and how his daughter is doing.

Hmmm...good thing for that broken tie rod—more like God thing for that broken tie rod. No limits for God.

—Terri Starcher



Our visiting mission teams lend a helping hand in distributing rice and special gifts to our school children.



Medical kits put together by the Kidz on Track ministry at Cedar Grove were another timely blessing that God knew would be greatly needed for our trip. Fifty kits were distributed to those in need.



New Harvest tackled the job of constructing the new generator house located at our Bordmer campus.

My Father

Greg Anderson, in 1984, had a cough that would not stop. He went to the doctor who did a series of exams and it was determined that Greg had cancer. His left lung was removed. Some time later a lump appeared at the base of his neck. Surgery was performed, and the doctors said the cancer had spread to his lymph nodes. He was sent home with the news "you have thirty days to live." His family put him up in a small ranch in South California. His color was ashen grey. He was on morphine for the pain. Despair and hopelessness filled his life. There in the small ranch, Greg began several times every day to pray the Lord's Prayer. That was over twenty years ago. Greg today is cancer free. "The doctors can help," Greg says, "but only God can heal."

Personally, I am believing God for a window of time, an opportunity for me to continue my work as a missionary, and enjoy my family and friends. The Lord's Prayer begins with, "Our Father, who is in heaven." God is not exclusive. He wants to include every one into His plan of salvation. "God so loved the world. He is not willing that any should perish." It is the will of God that all would be saved. God is the God of everyone, but not the Father of everyone. Some people say, "There is no God." For me, God is self-evident. I see Him in the stars of the heavens, the ocean so grand, in the mountains, in the forests, in the new fallen snow, and yes I see Him in the lives of the believers; especially when they show faith, compassion and love. For me, God is everywhere.

But God is not only my God, He is my Father. I entered into this relationship when I received Jesus, His Son, as my

Savior. As my Father, I can call on Him for my every need. "If we being evil give good gifts to our children, how much more will our Father give to those who ask Him?" (Matthew 7:26) There is no problem or circumstance that God cannot solve. The doctors can tell you of your problem, even estimate the number of your days. However, God also speaks, and we need to listen to Him. And, God has the last word.

Hallowed be Your Name: In the Bible a name defines character. Abram was changed to Abraham. Jacob to Israel. My name George means Tiller of the soil. American Indians waited for years before naming their children. First, they wanted to discover their character. They often were given names like running bull, swift warrior or good hunter. God's name says that He is holy, sacred, and in the Greek it can mean Healer. Jesus said, "Whatever you ask in my Name I will give it to you." As believers we are not despondent, pessimistic, or filled with self-pity. No! We are full of hope, joy, faith and love.

When I went to Haiti in 1983, we found nothing but ignorance, poverty, superstition, corruption and oppression. Yet, God had said that we were to bring the Kingdom of God to the area of Haiti, the Leogane Plain, to which we were called. I knew that first the King had to be present in order to have the kingdom. We began lifting up the Name of Jesus and proclaiming the truth of the Gospel of Christ. To our amazement the kingdom began to appear. Where there was confusion, there was now order. Instead of ignorance and superstition, there was the knowledge of God's Word and many

coming to faith. As leaders, we allowed no foolishness. There was truthfulness and honesty. Schools were built, the children received books, uniforms and were fed faithfully every day. Soon everyone was saying - we are a new generation. One by one, lives were changed, and God's Kingdom was coming to earth. All of us, wherever we are, need to work for and pray, "Your Kingdom come to earth as it is in heaven."

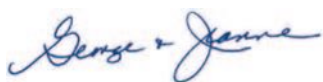
The Lord's Prayer was always important to me. My childhood days were spent in the Roman Catholic Church. There, I learned the Lord's Prayer. When I was eighteen years of age, in 1954, going to bed one evening, I said to myself, "George. You think about so many things. Why don't you think about God?" I imagined myself in heaven with all of its beauty. Suddenly, I looked down into hell, where people were writhing in pain. I said, "O Lord, won't you let me go there and tell them about Jesus?" Suddenly, I found myself standing on a huge boulder with a Bible in my hand and preaching to people all around me. I said, "George. People in hell can't get saved." Then God spoke to me and said, "Son, why don't you go and tell them now?" That night, I knelt by the side of my bed and prayed the only prayer I knew. Our Father who is in heaven. Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done... That night God came into my life, and called me to be a minister of the Gospel. Pray the Lord's prayer - with meaning - it will change your life.

-Pastor George DeTellis

This message will be continued next month.

As believers, we have a spring of living water ever welling up within us. Yes, we may get discouraged for a moment. But the Holy Spirit always gives us new hope. We never despair. We live in victory. I can truly say my soul rejoices. I am full of vision and passion for tomorrow. Christ is the joy of living.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis



New Missions

When you touch a life, you touch the heart of God.

Give Your Child the Best

Dear Friends of New Missions:

Currently, I sponsor six-year old triplets in Haiti: two girls and a boy, Manoucheca, Magdala, and Mackendy. My three sponsored children matter to God and matter to me. I want to give them the very best opportunity to grow, learn, and impact their community. I am proud to know that they receive wonderful benefits at New Missions. If I did not sponsor a child, I would want to know the answer to the following questions to make sure my child was given the best.

Top 10 Questions To Ask Before You Sponsor A Child

1. Where does my sponsor child go to school?
2. How qualified is the teaching staff?
3. Does my sponsor child have the opportunity to attend a local church and Sunday school program?
4. Is the sponsoring organization Christian, including the staff that work directly with children?
5. Does my sponsor child receive medical care as part of the sponsorship program? If yes, does it cost my child anything?
6. Does my sponsor child receive a hot meal each day? If yes, what does that meal consist of?
7. Does my sponsor child receive schoolbooks and supplies? If yes, does it cost my child anything?
8. Does my sponsor child wear a school uniform? If yes, does it cost my child anything to receive the uniform?
9. May I visit my child at their school?
10. May I correspond with my child?

When you say “yes” to change the life of a child with New Missions, you become the link between despair and opportunity. Most importantly, as you sponsor a child, I ask that you pray for your child. For generations, the children of Haiti have been told that they are not good enough. We are changing that mindset by preaching the Gospel. In addition, we are delivering proper education, nutrition, medical care, and on-going Christian discipleship. Believe in your sponsor child. Write to your sponsor child. Visit your sponsor child. As you chanjé lavi timoun (change the life of a child), you make a significant difference. Glory to God! Does your child know you care? Your relationship is important. If you are not your sponsor child’s biggest fan, who will be? –*Timothy DeTellis*

Angie Brubaker (pictured with sponsor child) and Eric Brubaker (top) are brother and sister from Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ in Mifflintown, Pennsylvania. Their family sponsors Miveline Senatus from the Village of Nan Geffrard, Haiti and she attends the 5th grade class at the New Missions Flonc elementary school.



New Truck for Haiti

We received a new truck for our visiting teams in Haiti. We purchased one of the best trucks available. It is a Mitsubishi Diesel longbed truck. The bed of the truck is fourteen feet long. The teams play a big role in the overall function of the mission. They bring excitement, talent, and a joy in serving the Haitian people. Many of our school distributions of uniforms and Christmas gifts are done by our visiting teams. We also take time for village ministry throughout the Leogane Plain. Come explore and minister on the Leogane Plain with us.

God always calls us to go forward. We live in a world of conflict and time is of the essence. We envision our ministry in Haiti to keep growing. We want to continue reaching out in different areas. We want to have a greater impact upon Haiti during the next twenty-five years.

We envision re-establishing a boating ministry reaching the island of LaGonave. Schools and Churches will be established there. We also envision establishing a trade school, offering a one year program where students can select several trades to study. We also want to establish a second medical clinic near the highway, where emergency first aid care can be given with no cost. It is a joy to be serving God in Haiti. We are making a difference together, changing the lives of Haitians for today and for eternity. *—Charlie DeTellis*



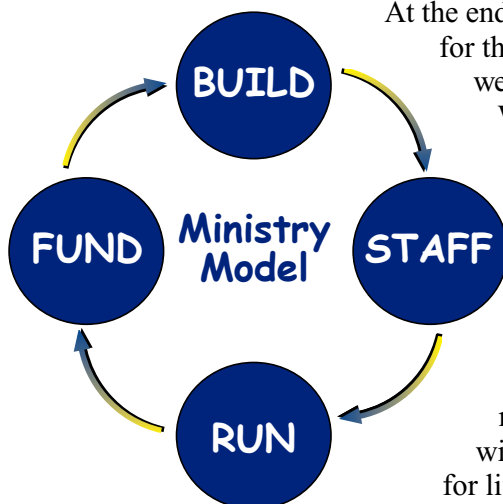
Come to Haiti and join us for a truck ride that will take you on a journey of a lifetime.

Chanjé Lavi Timoun

At New Missions, we build, staff, run, and fund the ministry. Our core ministry model starts with a church and then a school. Our purpose is to preach the saving message of Jesus Christ and lead others to a personal relationship with Him. Our vision is to be the leading full service Christian mission organization reaching the poorest of the poor in the Western hemisphere.

The fact is, the above purpose and vision statements were not written on the walls of our organization 25 years ago. They were written on the hearts of our founders, my parents, Pastor George and Jeanne DeTellis along with each missionary and staff member who served over the years. That is the power of a calling. We engage where God is working and He brings the provision.

What delights my heart about the ministry of New Missions is that we are personal; this is your mission. You are able to be hands-on with mission trips, visiting and writing your sponsor child, along with sharing your story with others. The vital backbone to this ministry is you. My prayer for you is that God continues to give you a heart for these future leaders that we are raising up.



At the end of the day, we are Christian, proclaiming the good news of Jesus. We have a vision for the poorest of the poor. We will stay innovative in our approach to ministry so that we may maximize our resources. We love what we do which is why we stay passionate. We know that each child matters to God so we are caring. We respect your giving and involvement so we remain focused on effectiveness in how we operate.

I was at a New Missions banquet in Indiana where a family gave a testimony about how sponsoring a child has impacted their home. Both of their teenagers have been to New Missions and visited their sponsor child. The father shared a fact that in Indiana suicide was the number two killer of teenagers and recently in the local newspaper a suicide note was published that read: “Dad, you gave me everything to live with, but nothing to live for.” The sponsor told me that through New Missions, his children have an opportunity to be involved with something greater than themselves. This brings a greater purpose and passion for life. Wow! May we not take for granted the calling we have to (chanjé lavi timoun) change the life of a child. *—Timothy DeTellis*

Haiti is Born

Hispaniola remained mostly unpopulated for 75 years after the Spaniards moved on to Mexico in their quest for gold. Pirates moved in, and by the year 1630 French and British Buccaneers were raiding Spanish treasure ships from a base on the island of Tortuga (île de la tortue). By 1644 they had established a settlement near Port-de-Paix on the north shore of Haiti (Hispaniola).

The constant pirate raids on Spanish shipping eventually led the Crown of Spain to cede the Western third of Hispaniola to France through the Treaty of Ryswick (1697). This portion of the island was promptly renamed Saint Dominique, later to become “La Republique d’Haiti.” Haiti was born.

Under French rule, Saint Dominique prospered through the export of sugar, coffee, cotton, indigo, cocoa and ebony. Trade with the French colony was considered a tremendous economic success, totaling in excess of 140 million dollars. Haiti was producing more wealth for Europe than all of the 13 U.S. colonies combined. The country was named Pearl of the Antilles.

The fertile soil and mild climate of the Caribbean contributed to the economic success of Saint Dominique as did other factors. However, all were paled by the blight of human slavery.

The history of Haiti fascinates me because of the contrast between beauty and poverty. How could a country in the Caribbean become so poor? Some economists would say: the lack of natural resources, infrastructure, and industry. I would say, the lack of godly leadership. I invite you to join me in prayer for Haiti’s leadership. May we pray for our students who are growing up to know Jesus personally and will make an impact in their nation. We have a vision for the entire nation of Haiti and it begins with Christian leaders. –*Timothy DeTellis*

You can make a significant difference now, by saying “Yes” to the future leaders of Haiti and help provide a scholarship for one of these High School students. Call Shirley at 407-240-4058 if you are interested in providing a one-year scholarship.



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from the village of Village of Macombe*



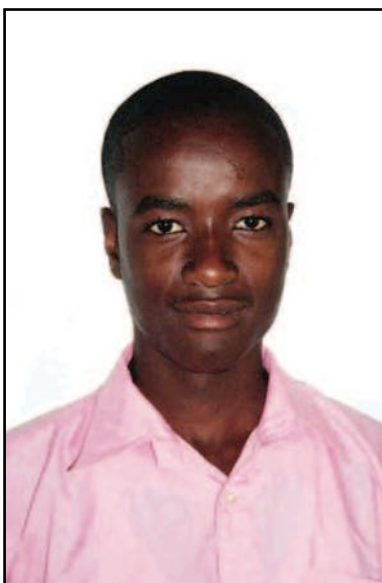
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*C07626 – Rosinque Oliver
from the Village of Buteau*



*C06456 – Danielo Jean Baptiste
from the Village of Birey*

Learning from the Lord's Prayer (Part Two)

The Lord's prayer was taught by Jesus to His disciples. Over the centuries Christians have made it the basis of their prayer life. The Lord's prayer is full of essential truths. It is found in the Bible in the 6th chapter of Matthew.

We pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Bread has been called the staff of life. Israel in the wilderness for forty years was provided manna each morning and quails in the evening. God's Word is often referred to as 'Manna' from heaven. Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life." John 6:35. Bread in the Lord's Prayer symbolizes all of our needs: food, clothing, shelter, family, education, finances and our health. One day a woman came to Jesus; she was not an Israelite, she was from Canaan. Her daughter was possessed with an evil spirit. "Jesus," she cried, "Deliver my daughter." Jesus answered, "I have been sent only to the lost of Israel. Can I give the children's bread to dogs?" Matthew 15. The woman answered, "Lord, even the dogs eat the crumbs from its master's table." "Go in peace," Jesus said, "Your daughter is healed."

God provides bread for me, and then I believe He wants me to share my bread with those who have none. God provides bread for me, and through me, bread for others. God gave me a large loaf. First, my bread is for my family, and then I enjoy sharing with some who are friends

and others I hardly know. How big a loaf has God provided you – are you sharing your loaf of bread? I have always said, "Lord bless me and God bless my brother." The Bible says, "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days." Ecclesiastes 11:1.

The children of Haiti always share their food. One day I watched a young boy eating a bowl of rice and beans. Another boy sat next to him, and the spoon was constantly passed from one to another. I could see that the food was hardly sufficient for one person. I asked the boy, "Why are you sharing your food?" He said, "Today, I have food, and tomorrow my friend may have food while I have none. And he will share his food with me."

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. There is a relationship between us forgiving others and God forgiving us. Some people hold grudges for years. Regardless what anyone has done to you, it is not worth living with destructive negative feelings. We may harbor feelings against someone and they don't really know what they have done. Jesus taught in Luke 17, "If your brother offends you and he asks forgiveness – forgive him. And if in a day he offends you many times, and he asks forgiveness – forgive him." We are to live in harmony and peace with everyone. When we forgive, we are acting like God.

Lead us not into temptation. First,

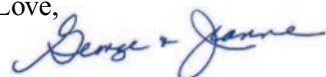
let us know that God never tempts anyone. The circumstances of life will bring about the temptations. Some are prone to the seduction of sex; others, money or power. Sin is blinding. It is a gift when we can see in advance the consequences of our actions. I knew of a highly successful lawyer, who trying to get an advantage to win a case offered a bribe to the judge. Needless to say, it ruined his career and his life. There is no greater example than David, the King of Israel, who had a baby with Bethsheba – the wife of one of his faithful commanding officers away in battle (II Samuel 2). The result was devastating. David failed to see in advance the consequences of his actions. The Holy Spirit is the strength of our life and is able to keep us from falling.

Deliver us from evil. Natural disasters come – earthquakes, hurricanes, flood and fire. A missionary friend of mine here in the Dominican Republic, driving at night, went off the road and his car ended up in a pond of water. His wife could not release her seat belt. My friend released the belt and pulled his wife to safety, "Because you have made the Lord your refuge and dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling." Psalm 91:9 & 10. We need never fear what the future will bring – the Lord is with us.

–Pastor George DeTellis

It is a known fact that all of the energy on earth ultimately comes from the sun. It is my firm conviction that the throne of God is at the center of the universe and that all the galaxies, all the stars – everything gets its energy from God. "The Son is upholding all things by the Word of His power. Hebrews 1:3" And the God of the universe is my Father who lives within me by the person of the Holy Spirit. All my energy to do the work of God and to live victoriously for Him – comes by His mighty power.

Love,



George and Jeanne DeTellis



May 1, 2008

New Missions

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Leaders For Haiti

Dear Friends of New Missions:

When the people are kept in the dark educationally, their capacity to effectively contribute to governing their national future is severely limited. In fact, illiteracy is a form of slavery. Haitians demonstrated their resolve to be free of slavery in the revolt that culminated with the establishment of the world's first black republic. Now, the challenge before the nation is to again revolt against the slavery that is choking the very life out of the Jewel of the Antilles.

When literacy is on the rise, attention begins to shift from the daily struggle to survive to understanding how to prevent hunger in the future. This in turn generates creative ideas about how to tackle the challenging problems that underlie the food and fuel shortages plaguing the nation.

Today, Haiti must import 75% of their food. Why? The lush forests have been decimated in large part to provide charcoal for use in household cooking. This deforestation has caused severe erosion from storm runoff, which washes topsoil out to sea. With topsoil gone, farmland becomes sterile and will not produce crops.

Education is a powerful force in motivating people. Greater consciousness of the larger good leads people to goodwill and good works toward others. People are motivated to succeed in life as they succeed in school, thus laying a foundation for successful families, businesses, churches, and communities.

Here at New Missions, we have made a commitment to the people of Haiti. Now, more than ever, we want to



help the future leaders of Haiti as we look at our High School students. I am inviting you to join us in a new movement called the "Yes Haiti" project. Your voice will help spread the of raising leaders in Haiti to change that nation for the glory of God. The "Yes Haiti" ministry project of New Missions is focused on leadership development of high school students in the third world. If you will lend your voice, a nation will be changed as Christian leaders take a stand and rise up to make a difference. Won't you join us in this great effort? To be part of this leadership development project, contact me personally, timothe@newmissions.org or call 407-240-4058. Thank you. —*Timothy DeTellis*

Our High School students in Haiti are at a critical point of leadership development. In a country where only 20% of High School aged children attend school, we are making positive change.



It's Not About Us!

What excitement it is to go on a one-week missions trip. Imagine what it would be like to be welcomed home by several news reporters. The students from Nazarene Christian Academy in New Bedford, Massachusetts, responded to the journalist by saying, "It's not about us! It's about the hungry children of Haiti!" The media focus on the extreme when the reality of life in Haiti is the real tragedy. Children are hungry. Yet, we are making a difference in the midst of turmoil.

Our monthly mission teams leave on a Saturday and return on the following Saturday. Several days after the April team arrived in Haiti, riots broke out in Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti. Protesters, angered by soaring prices, flooded the streets. Businesses and schools across the city closed, and roads into the capital were blocked. These events captured the attention of journalists in the United States. "We took the necessary precautions with the visiting team and stayed at the mission when the political demonstrations were taking place," said Charlie DeTellis who was with the team in Haiti. "We never felt a personal threat or danger."

Fortunately, the mission is isolated and safe. We are located down a three-mile dirt road and on the ocean. We feel very confident when we do approve a team to go to Haiti that they will be safe. We would not let anyone go if there was serious risk. The fact is, for 25 years we have hosted mission teams to Haiti, and have always monitored the situation of safety with the utmost importance.

On the Leogane Plain, New Missions operates 20 elementary schools, a high school, a business school and a bible college. We also run a medical clinic and 20 churches. This provides an enormous amount of support to the local villages and community. They are family and when trouble presents a concern, they are there to protect the mission. Fortunately,



John Pepe and Roxanne Margeson from New Bedford, Massachusetts, had the opportunity to meet Chérline Fie Fie while visiting Haiti April 5-12th.



On Saturday, April 12, 16 students from Nazarene Christian Academy in New Bedford, MA, returned to Logan International Airport in Boston where several TV news crews awaited their safe arrival.

we have not been in a position of danger.

I want to be very clear and say that we will not give up on helping the Haitian people, especially in these critical times of need. We have never shut down our mission in Haiti over the past 25 years. During all political turmoil, we have kept the mission functioning. Why? Because, this is when those that we serve need us most.

Yes, the food costs in Haiti are rising, but we are still purchasing rice to feed our school children. Yes, Haiti does have political problems at times, but we are dedicated to our calling. Most of all, the team that visited our mission in April discovered quickly that New Missions is their mission. They partnered with us and helped distribute cooking oil to our school children. They participated in village evangelism and had the opportunity to meet the children that they sponsor. Most of all, they returned home with a new perspective of God and the third world. Missions is not about us, it's about those we serve, no matter the cost. —Timothy DeTellis

Our Pledge To You

To you and your sponsor child in Haiti, we commit to the following benefits:

1. Christian Education – We are educating students from preschool through college. Our teachers begin each school day with Bible classes. We also have the New Missions High School and The Royal Caribbean Institute training Haitians in the areas of Business, Bible, and Education.

2. Nutritious Meal Each Day – Each school day our elementary students receive a hot meal. This is often the only meal these children will have each day.

3. Medical Care and Regular Health Check-ups – Our medical clinic is staffed with Christian health care workers, including a pharmacist, lab technician, nurses, and visiting medical teams that do specialized work, such as restorative dental work, eye exams and eyeglass fittings. We administer care from basic first aid to disease prevention for our students and their families.

4. School Books – In a country where the adult illiteracy rate is 52%, these books are treasured by our students.



5. School Uniform – Our elementary students are provided the school uniform material each year. Clothes for their children are not easily afforded by Haitian families; these uniforms assure that our students will be able to come to school well dressed. At the same time, the colors of the uniforms help to distinguish that they are in a New Missions school.

6. Photo Identification Card – Each student has a photo identification card that is used when receiving gifts and correspondence from his or her sponsor. This card assures that each child maintains an active role with New Missions. For most students, this is the only photo identification they have.

7. Letter Correspondence – You may write to your child. Corresponding with your child by sending letters, cards, and photos of you and your family enables a special bond of friendship to develop between you and your child.

8. Christmas Gift Fund – Special money gifts for Christmas are designated to a fund-based program. These gifts can be sent along with your monthly support to provide the resources for our school children to celebrate this special occasion. The fund provides all students with Christmas gifts and special holiday celebrations, helping each child feel special and loved.

9. Sunday School Programs and Local Churches – Twenty churches with Sunday school programs have been established in the various communities surrounding New Missions, enabling our students to continue their Christian growth with others from their village. We have churches in the following villages: Birey, Bord Mer, Brach Gilles, Brach Milot, Concrab, Darbonne, Flonc, Fond Jacques, L Acul, Lafferony, La Salle, Leogane Guillaume, Leogane LeRoy, Mare Chal, Masson, Santo, Signeau, Ti Boukan, Ti Riveria and Vieux Court.



10. Missionaries Working Together with Your Child – Ever since New Missions began in 1983, missionaries have been in the field working with our school programs and churches.

11. Recent Photographs of Your Child – You can request a recent photograph of your child at any time. The photograph will come assembled in a frame complete with biographical information of your child.

12. Personal Visit with Your Child in Haiti – You are encouraged to come to Haiti to visit New Missions and have the opportunity to meet your sponsored child. Meeting and talking with your child is an exciting time and creates a lasting memory for both you and your child.

Light is a Verb

...You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Matt. 5:14-15 (MSG)

The title of this article is unique. Have you ever thought of light as a verb? Consider this... When you walk into a dark room and turn on the switch, does the darkness overwhelm the light?

The simple truth is that when light is present, darkness must flee. Light is energy, darkness is benign. Light moves, darkness remains still. Light has power, darkness has none. Introduce light into any amount of darkness and the darkness is reduced. Only when the light is extinguished or taken away does darkness reign.

Jesus said that we are the light of the world (Matt. 5:14). While it is true that darkness covers many parts of the earth, the light is moving and will overcome it. Scripture declares that God spoke light into the darkness and it was so (Gen. 1:2-5). When that happened, things changed. Now there was the light of day instead of the perpetual darkness of night.

Likewise, Jesus spoke light into the darkness by calling and sending you and me (Matt. 5:14-16). Because light is energy, it cannot be passive. Therefore, since we are the light of the world we cannot be passive. We must work while it is yet day (John 9:4) to bring God's light into those areas of darkness in the world.

When you enter a room, darkness must flee. The atmosphere must change because things cannot remain

the same as they were before you entered. You are charged with the light energy of God, in whom there is no shadow of turning (James 1:17), and you are commissioned by Christ to go into the world and make a difference (Matt. 28:18-21).

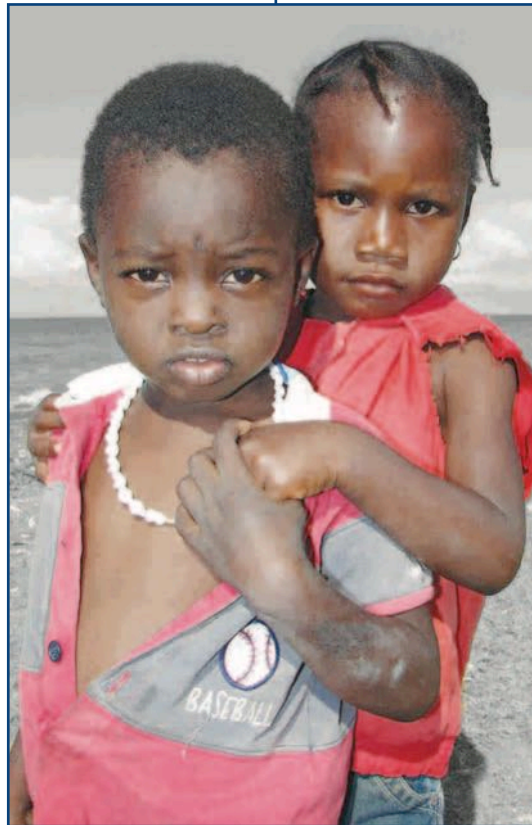
New Missions is all about spreading the Light. Our focus, our ministry, our passion and our energy are directed at expanding the boundaries of light by pushing the darkness out. We know that for every child who receives Christ, another light is glowing and darkness is diminishing. "But it is only one." you say. Yes. Only one, but one match is all it takes to start a forest fire. Likewise, one new Christian may be the "match" for an entire village. One redeemed village may be the "match" for an entire region. One redeemed region may be the "match" for an entire nation.

How big is your God?

Today, let us all covenant with Jesus to simply do what He has asked us to do:

Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God... Matt. 5:16 (MSG)

—Timothy DeTellis



In today's modern day, we email and even text message our thoughts to people. Our communication is becoming less personal and more virtual. Recently, I flew to the Dominican Republic to visit my father so that I could simply spend some time with him face to face. We can write and we can call, but to see someone is precious. Maybe it's time that you went and saw that someone special in your life, while you can.

Serving together,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim DeTellis".

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June 1, 2008

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The Dream is Coming True

Dear Friends of New Missions:

In 2001, New Missions opened the doors of Colegio Nueva Vida in Sosua. The school was designed to provide the highest quality Christian education to the children in Sosua. There is a new child in Sosua. This child is of parents who represent the influx of thousands of Europeans and Americans intermarrying with the local Dominican people. Every child is a special, beautiful child, but these children are stunningly beautiful – blue eyes, blond hair with olive skin.

Carlos, Sheila and Wolfgang are three of the new children who are students. Their mother is of Dominican descent and their father is from Germany. Typically, the dream of a poor mother is for her children to achieve academically to be the doctors and lawyers of the town.

A few weeks ago, some of the mothers from our church were part of a church service going on at our home. My husband, George, was experiencing a decline in his health. The people in the church started visiting throughout the day to express their love and to say their words of prayer. At one of these gatherings where our people were on the rooftop, and the first and second floor patio, a mother, Rosie, stood to her feet and clearly made Pastor George's dream come true. Rosie proclaimed, "We want our children to follow Pastor George. We want our children to be like Pastor George. We want our children to grow up and be pastors, missionaries and evangelists." The dream is coming true.



Rosie, the mother of Carlos, Wolfgang and Sheila. Carlos is sponsored by Pastors John and Jen Tether. Sheila is sponsored by Ron Petrie and Amy Jane Cadieux of Phoenixville, PA.

Rosie's children are front-seat, faithful church participants – they sing and worship. Carlos and Sheila are not shy to stand on the big tent platform and take the microphone to sing. They express their faith in God. These children are some of many of our children at Colegio Nueva Vida who are making the dream come true. –*Jeanne DeTellis*



Oil Distribution in Haiti

In April, our visiting team was in the country while the highway was blocked with demonstrations for four days. The mission team was not in danger in any way. The people surrounding the mission love us and would protect us if need be. The Haitian people were demonstrating because of the higher price of food in the country. The Haitian people already live at a very low standard of living. If the prices of goods rise, this makes it difficult for the Haitians to even pay for food. Haiti is a country which relies on most of its food to be imported. Locally, sugar cane, sweet potatoes, black beans, and peanuts are grown. During these times of unrest, we do not travel far from the mission.

However, it appeared God has perfect timing. We had received two truckloads of cooking oil the month prior. The Haitian people were not able to purchase any food. I wanted, now, to distribute this oil to our school children as soon as possible. The cooking oil makes it possible for families to cook rice and vegetables. The oil is essential for most of their cooking recipes. The visiting team gave away oil during most of the week and did village ministry. We had school after school come into our warehouse. The children walked in one after the other and received the oil, and received prayer. Clothing was also distributed at this time.

—Charlie DeTellis



Coming this Christmas

We have a new plan for our future Christmas gifts for Haiti where everybody can be actively involved. We have plans of loading two containers with Christmas shoe boxes for Haiti this coming November. Child sponsors can pack a Christmas shoe box for their individual child in Haiti. This excites me! I can picture children in the U.S. packing a shoe box for their sponsored child in Haiti. We hope churches and schools get involved with this project. Additional boxes can be sent for children who do not have sponsors. The world has its challenges. The Haitian people have difficulty surviving and meeting their basic needs. We believe Christians need to rise up and do what we can to reach out to a needy world. Giving a Christmas shoe box with the love of Jesus will bless the life of a child. Next month we will feature a special article regarding the shoe box project for you and your sponsored child in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. We thank you for remembering your sponsored child this coming Christmas. It will be extra special. —Charlie DeTellis

Because of your faithfulness, we continue to make a direct impact in the lives of the poorest of the poor in Haiti with special provisions, even when food prices are going up. Our school children are healthy, happy, and growing in their personal relationship with Jesus.



Precious Memories

Last month, my husband, Pastor George, had the joy of getting together with our Dominican church leadership and close friends to celebrate his 73rd birthday. It was a miracle that George was born. His mother, an Italian immigrant, was told that she had a tumor and she was waiting for money to come from her sister for an operation. But, George was born.

The night of the celebration, George was in some pain, but his heart was blessed and he received much love from those who have been touched by his ministry. We spent the evening at a fine restaurant in town, Morua Mai, and listened to friends, singing and telling stories, expressing their appreciation to a man who said 'yes' to God to go to Sosua, Dominican Republic, to establish and build New Missions. That was eight years ago, after his diagnosis with cancer – George started another mission.

My husband George extended the baton to call men and women to leadership. He used Moses and Elijah as examples of men of God who had followers. Moses had Joshua, and Elijah had Elisha. New Missions is blessed to have men and women following the call of God. They see Pastor George's vision. They are ready.

We are grateful to the Dominican leadership. They have gifts of leadership that include preaching, teaching, children's ministry, youth ministry, praise and worship and evangelism. God has called these men and women and anointed them for the ministry of New Missions in the Dominican Republic. They include: Daniel and Gloria, Domingo and Carmen, Felix and Liccelot, Henry and Rosie, Jesse and Dora, Nicolas and Carinna, and many others who serve God in Iglesia Nueva Vida and New Life Church.

–Jeanne DeTellis



Pastor George enjoyed some quality time with Kenny, one of our youth rising to leadership along with Pastor David Blossom, and our missionary John Hanley (standing) who is the director of the Community Health Center.



Rose, Henry, Domingo and Carmen are involved with serving in the Dominican churches as teachers and working with the music ministry.

With God, You Can

Have you ever looked in the mirror and said, “I’m not good enough. How can God use me?” In scripture, many of the leaders of history were individuals with great weaknesses and limitations. The fact is that in our weakness He is strong. But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

When it comes to leaders who last – the most common denominator is tenacity. Just not giving up. However, if God is not with you, how long will you be running in the wrong direction? Look at Gideon. During his life, Israel suffered under the oppression of the Midianites, a violent and blood-thirsty people. One day, Gideon set out to go to a hidden place where he could thresh his wheat without being seen by the enemy. On his way, Gideon met an angel of the Lord who greeted him... “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.” (Judges 6:12)

Gideon was a little upset with the greeting and asked a question that most of us ask the Lord on a regular

basis, “Why? If God is with us, then why are our crops burned, our children murdered, our wives taken and the men slaughtered?” The angel of the Lord didn’t answer “Why?” but told Gideon to “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?” (Judges 6:14)

Though Gideon thought of himself as the weakest man in Israel, he believed what the Lord said. Gideon accepted the call of God to save Israel. He stepped out. He moved forward. Were all his questions answered? Did everything run smoothly for him? Did all the problems just evaporate because Gideon said he would go? No. No. And no! But Gideon’s faith in God’s promise kept him going.

We are no different than Gideon. We are sometimes weak and timid, afraid to move out and confront the challenges before us. However, God’s

promise to be with us is very real. As we partner with Him where He is already at work, mercy and grace for the task at hand is in abundance. (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20) –*Timothy DeTellis*



Founders of New Missions, Pastor George DeTellis and his wife Jeanne, share a special moment back in 1990 while planning the construction of a building project in Haiti.

“But you, Christian brothers, do not get tired of doing good.” (2 Thessalonians 3:13)
Each day we work hard with great determination for God’s calling is upon us. Daily, we invest in eternity. We rejoice in the work that God has us doing to raise a generation of Christian leaders.

Serving together,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim DeTellis".

Timothy DeTellis
timothy@newmissions.org



July 1, 2008

New Missions

When you touch a life, you touch the heart of God.

It's Our Turn

Dear Friends of New Missions:

One by one, the students came to celebrate the ground breaking of the Middle School building on Wednesday, June 11, in Haiti. With the seventh and eighth grade classes surrounding us, we broke ground. We prayed together and believed in Jesus' name that this new building would be the place where Christian leaders would be trained and equipped to change Haiti. I told the students that their lives represent a model for the new students entering the school. They are leading the way of hope and opportunity.

After the ground breaking we joined students from the High School for a special chapel service. The chapel was filled to capacity. Our chapel holds 800 people, and each week the High School has two chapel services to accommodate all of the students. What a glorious sight...as these students are growing up knowing the Good News of Jesus through the ministry of New Missions. When I asked them, "When did you start school with New Missions?" student after student said it was when they were in kindergarten.

During the chapel service I shared a message on "Leaders Serving." I talked about the model of the life lived by my father, Pastor George DeTellis, who came to Haiti to serve the poorest of the poor and to offer them a new life found only in Jesus. He equipped them with a Christian education, medical care, and daily food so that they could escape poverty and change their country. I challenged each of the students that if they wanted to be a leader who would bring real change to Haiti, they would first need to know Jesus, follow Him, and then serve those around them. Too often leaders have the motive of what they can take from others versus how they can serve.

The new Middle School building is not the focus; it is the changed lives. The students at New Missions are praying for God to use them. They are saying, "It's our turn" to lead Haiti. Thank you for your partnership to see this dream become a reality. —Timothy DeTellis

See the difference: Pierre Mackendy Celestin graduated from New Missions, accepted Jesus as his Savior while attending our school, graduated from our Bible College and continued studies at the university level, and is now a lawyer in Haiti.



Timothy and Charlie DeTellis joined students from the 7th and 8th grade classes while, below, Moise Stephanie, Jean Louis Georbryny, and Joseph Dukens held shovels representing both classes for the ground breaking ceremony.



Remember Me This Christmas

We are thrilled to offer this special opportunity for you to send a shoebox Christmas gift to your child. We will receive shoeboxes for three weeks, September 10 through October 3, 2008. You may designate a shoebox with gifts and supplies specifically for your child. The shoeboxes will be received at our Orlando office where we will have a 40-foot container ready to send overseas. We are asking for a \$5 donation to help cover the shipping cost.



You will bring a special happiness to your sponsor child's life this Christmas by sending a shoebox filled with love and sent with prayer.

What can I put in my shoebox?

Small toys: Coloring books, crayons, dolls, small cars, dominoes, playing cards, jump ropes, balls (deflated with possibly a small pump & needle for a soccer ball or basketball), yo-yo's, stuffed animals, stickers, marbles, checkers, Etch A Sketch, etc.

School supplies: Pens, pencils & sharpener, markers, spiral notebooks, solar calculator, rulers, erasers, etc.

Musical items: Harmonica, recorder, kazoo, or small tambourine, etc.

Hygiene items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap, washcloth, hand towel, hair brush, comb, nail file and clippers, deodorant, etc.

Clothing: Socks and underwear (or undergarments), light-weight clothing (t-shirts, sundresses, shorts with elastic band) and braided belts (boys), flip-flop sandals, ball caps, sun visors, sunglasses, etc.

Other items: Christmas card for your sponsor child, family photos, wristwatch, hair accessories (clips, barrettes, ribbons, elastics), costume jewelry, flashlight (with extra batteries or solar powered/wind-up), compact umbrella, etc.



How to package your shoebox:

1. Address the shoebox to: New Missions, 8054 Presidents Drive, Orlando, FL 32809
2. On the outside of the shoebox, write your child's name and identification number.
3. Place your check inside the box, but visible on top of the contents. Make your check payable to New Missions for \$5 to cover the overseas shipping. Please do not send cash.



Magdala, Mackendy, and Manoucheca Sully (triplets), from TiBassin, Haiti, born on 1-27-02, sponsored by Timothy and Sheryl, were thankful for their shoeboxes filled with practical gifts of clothing, sandals, flashlights, toothbrush and toothpaste, and school supplies.

Please do not send:

Medications or vitamins, candles, perishable foods, chocolate, liquids or lotions, no breakables or glass containers, aerosol cans, military items – such as...toy guns, knives, or rubber snakes, etc.

If you have any questions about providing a shoebox for your child, please contact Terrie or Kathy at our office. We are thankful for your faithful sponsorship and believe that this personal opportunity for you to connect with your child will deliver hope and joy to both of your lives this Christmas. –*Timothy DeTellis*

This Christmas remember your sponsor child by sending them their own shoebox filled with gifts personally selected by you and your family.

On a Mission

What happens before a team leaves for a mission trip?

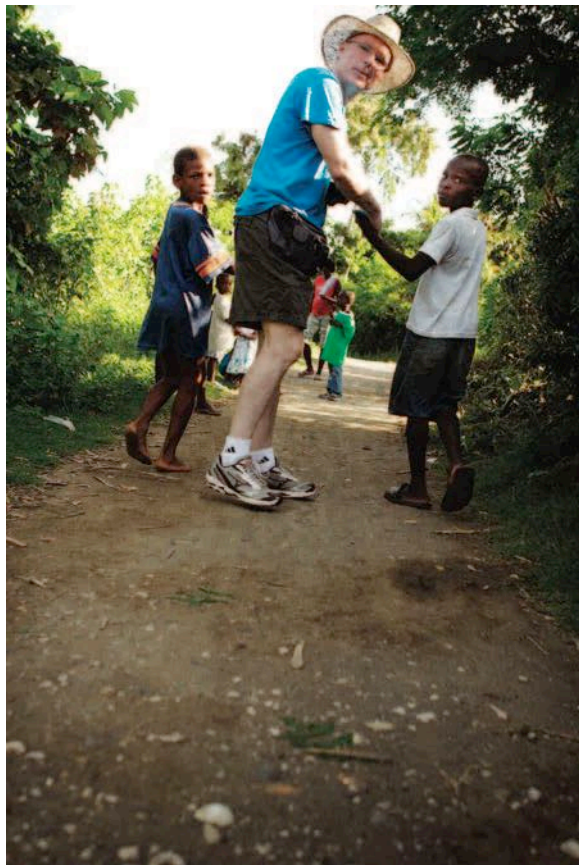
Before leaving on a mission trip participants usually have several questions. Mostly, the questions involve external concerns such as where will I sleep, what will I eat, what should I wear, what will the schedule be, and are there really tarantulas? My answer to them is to pray that God will use them. Prayer is the foundation for a great work to happen.

What happens while they are on a mission trip?

The external concerns fade away as God begins to do a spiritual work internally. We often hear that the lives changed the most are those of the mission team. Seeing people living out their faith in a third world country where Christianity is still being pioneered shows the mission team how the love of Jesus reaches people right where they are. No car or house can deliver that power - only the power of God's love for a world can achieve this. When a child in a mud hut knows that God loves her, she experiences the overwhelming joy of the Lord, with or without material possessions. When people living in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere worship with all their hearts, you begin to wonder what holds us back at home from giving more to God. People on the trip journal and take photographs to capture the stories of their experiences in a third-world country. They listen to God as He speaks and shapes their lives to better serve the world around them.



Lauren Biggs from Loogootee, Indiana, along with Charlie DeTellis and his daughter Carita, prayed for a man during village ministry in the village of LaSalle.



What happens when they return from a mission trip?

Team leader Scott Ryan from Shelby, North Carolina shared this message with the June 7-14th mission team after they returned back home.

I hope that this experience will change the way you see the world, the way you spend your money, the way you pray, the way you live your life. I pray that you will not take for granted what you have and will always reflect upon those who do not have, those who have experienced suffering we will never know, and who need Jesus. As time goes on it will be easy to get comfortable and forget about these people who need our help and more importantly, who need the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Always remember to pray for them and help in any way you can (Philippians 1:3-12). God is with the poor and God is with us if we are with them... (Matthew 25:31-46).

When you come home from a mission trip, you are never the same. You leave part of your heart in Haiti. Part of Haiti comes home with you. Let's live life on a mission! Everyday, wherever we are, we are on a mission to touch the lives around us. *—Timothy DeTellis*

David Dodd from Atlanta, Georgia enjoyed a village walk with some new Haitian friends during his one-week visit in June.

To Serve is to Lead

We all lead. Yes, as a parent, a friend, a co-worker, or an executive, we all lead. Someone is looking at us for direction. When it comes to leadership, many qualities come to mind, but servanthood is a quality that is the foundation for leadership development.

Many leaders are written about in the Bible, but for the time being, I want us to focus on Joseph. His story begins in Genesis chapter 37 where we learn that he was the favorite son of Jacob. Joseph was especially favored by his father and received an ornamented robe as a token of his love. This made his older brothers jealous and caused a major division in the family. When Joseph told his family of two prophetic dreams he had concerning the brothers bowing down to him, their anger became even more intense.

Joseph was hated so much by his brothers that they sold him as a slave to a caravan headed for Egypt. The brothers told their father that Joseph had been killed by a wild animal. The old man was so filled with grief that he could not be comforted.

The caravan sold Joseph to an Egyptian official named Potiphar (Genesis 39). Over time, Joseph demonstrated his trustworthiness and was successful at everything that came his way. Potiphar noticed this about Joseph and promoted him to be in charge of the entire household. However, all was not well in the house. Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph and when he declined and ran away, she accused him of attempted rape. Potiphar was

furious with Joseph and had him imprisoned.

Despite this dreadful turn of events, Joseph still endeavored to do his best and to make the most of the situation. Soon, he became the most trusted inmate and was given charge over the entire prison.

Two of the inmates had been trusted servants of the Pharaoh: one was the chief cupbearer and the other the chief baker. One night, both men had dreams but didn't know what they meant. When Joseph saw them the next morning, they were both distressed because of their dreams. Joseph inquired of the Lord for an interpretation of the dreams and then told the men what God had shown him. Joseph then asked the chief cupbearer to remember him before the king after he was restored to his position.

Two years later, Pharaoh had a dream and called for all the wise men and magicians of Egypt to bring an interpretation. When none were able to interpret the king's dream, the chief cupbearer remembered Joseph and brought him to the king's attention.

After hearing the dreams of the king, the Lord gave Joseph an interpretation that spelled out seven years of plenty and seven years of famine across Egypt. Pharaoh asked Joseph what he should do to prevent a disaster during the famine years, so Joseph laid out a plan that would ensure the people had plenty to eat. The king then put Joseph in charge of the entire nation, second only to himself.

Because of Joseph's attitude toward

servicing those around him, he rose to the highest levels of the Egyptian government. Although imprisoned, Joseph stayed true to the principle of serving, not only the head of the prison, but also the inmates under his care.

While serving the king as his second in command, Joseph still served the people by ensuring they had plenty to eat during seven years of severe famine. Joseph was so successful in his management, the very brothers who had sold him as a boy unknowingly came to him asking for food.

After being away from his family for many years, Joseph was reunited with his aged father and his brothers, including Benjamin, his younger brother. When his brothers asked for Joseph's forgiveness, he willingly did so (Genesis 45:5-8).

Godly servant leaders understand the importance of being in tune with God and with the people who surround them. They listen to the Lord and lead according to His plan and His agenda. Though servant leaders are available to the people whom they lead, they are not "man pleasers" who only seek the accolades of men. Instead, these men and women lead with strong hearts and a willingness to do the right thing at the right time. Their focus is on the goal with their followers in their minds throughout. Wherever you are leading today, serve with all your heart. Servant leaders lead the way for others to be blessed by God. You are a blessing to others when you serve them as you lead them. —*Timothy DeTellis*

How can we serve those around us? We can start by listening. James 1:19 shares that "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." Our listening opens the door of opportunity to give of ourselves where the need is great. As we listen we learn, and then we can better serve. Live a life of giving to those that could never pay you back.

Serving together,



Timothy DeTellis

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August 1, 2008

Pastor George John DeTellis

4/25/1935 - 6/26/2008

A Life of Significance

Dear Friends of New Missions:

I remember the first time I visited Haiti in July 1977. I was crying when the time came to say 'good-bye.' It was there I heard their proverb... "You have to say 'good-bye' so that you can say 'hello' again." The death of a loved one makes it a time that we must say 'good-bye.' My husband, Pastor George, went home to be with the Lord on June 26, 2008. We will say 'hello' again.

Pastor George spent 18 years in Haiti – glorious, adventurous, God-productive years. His heart rejoiced to see God at work, and he saw a team of Haitian pastors and administrators raised up for the mission ministries which now include 20 churches and 8,000 school students. Many words can describe his life: a pastor, missionary, pioneer, builder, and leader. Most of all, he was a man of great faith and his entire adult life, of more than 50 years, was committed to full-time Christian service.

In 1999, Pastor George was given a diagnosis of prostate cancer - aggressive with a number 8 on the Gleason scale from 1 – 10. George has always been a risk taker. He never used the word 'fear' in his vocabulary. With God's calling, and his courageous personality, we were off to the Dominican Republic to begin a new mission.

We looked to God for strength and never let his cancer deter us or our ministry. The medical people who cared for Pastor George gave him opportunities to share God's love.

Even in his last days in the Dominican Republic, with countless visitors coming to our home, George appreciated these opportunities to receive prayer, and also to pray a

blessing to inspire lives to serve God. On one occasion, when one of our younger leaders was in tears, Pastor George encouraged him to realize that he had the same anointing and power to work for God.

The last three months were great days of victory and ministry paralleled with a decline in Pastor George's health. On that last trip to the airport, our youngest grandchild, five-year-old Elissa Rose, spontaneously jumped in the car to say 'good-bye' on flight final.

During his last days in Orlando under Hospice care, Pastor George continued to pray, "Please God. Give me a little more time to preach and tell of your love." I comforted George and reminded him that he did preach. The people heard. They got the message. Now his followers are carrying on. Even with aggressive cancer, George

continued faithfully the past eight years serving God. We have to say 'good-bye' and the hope of eternal life assures us that we will say 'hello' again. –*Jeanne DeTellis*

P.S. I am in the Dominican Republic and plan to go to Haiti to do Memorial Services there August 3rd and 4th. The Memorial Service in the Dominican Republic will be on August 30th when the mayor of the town will present the keys to Sosua and honor Pastor George as a citizen.

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Facts You May Not Know About Pastor George

He was a twin to Mary Elizabeth, grew up in an Irish neighborhood in South Boston, and his parents were Italian immigrants. His father had a horse and wagon and sold fruits and vegetables.

The first time he met Jeanne was when he was a guest preacher at her home church in Boston, Massachusetts. That night he gave an invitation for people to give their lives in missionary service. Jeanne, at age 13, raised her hand and stepped forward.

His first overseas mission project was funding the building of a church in Vandalur, India in January 1977.

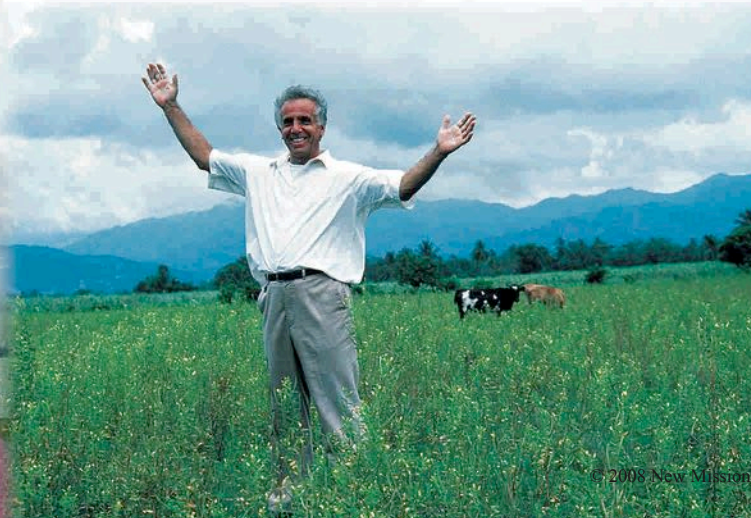
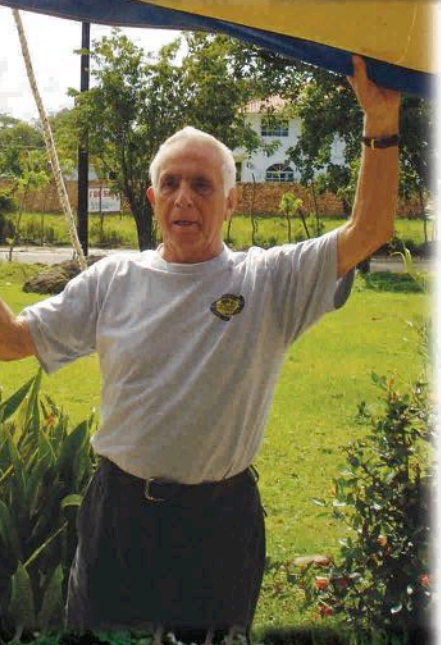
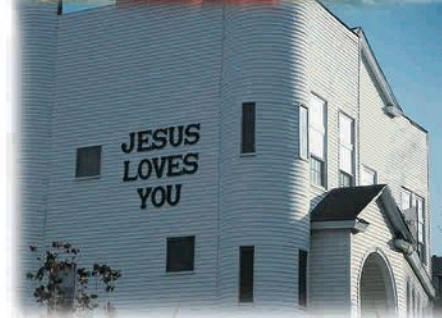
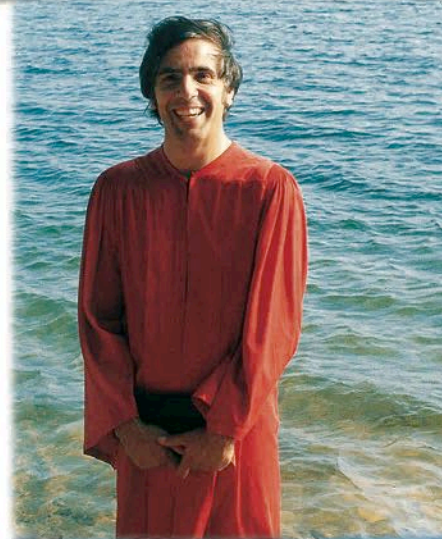
After visiting California in the early 70s he started the first coffee house on the east coast at Calvary Center in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he pastored for 16 years.

For 15 years he directed a summer camp ministry for children and youth in West Boylston, Massachusetts.

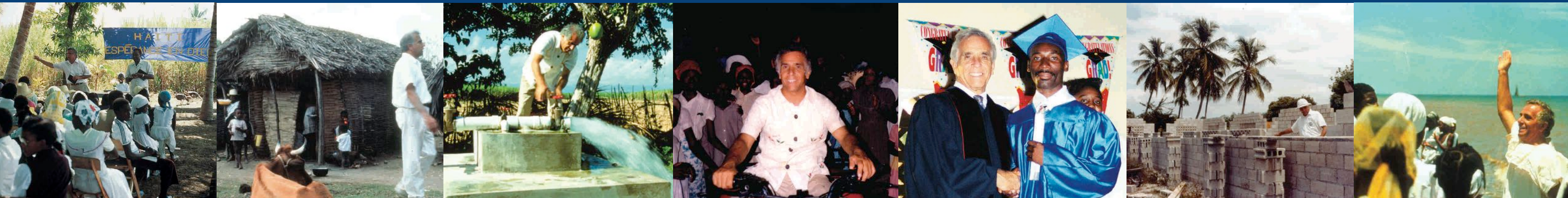
For 10 years he had three inner city community homes for young people.

He had never personally designed and built a building until he went to Haiti – where he then built 50 buildings.

He was the first child sponsor with New Missions when he sponsored Marnise Estinfort to attend the mission school.



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"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians 3:23&24

¹
Preach the
Good News

We are called to spread the good news of Jesus to people, one by one. We will go from village to village and hut by hut. We will proclaim that Jesus is Lord. The only hope for the world will come in knowing Jesus.

²
Give
Generously

All that we have belongs to the Lord. Therefore, we must help those in need. The children, the poor, the elderly, the widow, and the sick; we are the heart and hands of Christ to those that we serve each day at New Missions.

³
Focus for
Impact

We cannot save the world. We can touch a life. When you touch a life, you touch the heart of God. Our focus determines our impact. We will not spread ourselves too thin, so those that we do serve, we can serve with excellence.

⁴
Only
Fear God

We are the children of God. We only fear God. He alone is our refuge and our strength. Each day, we must live according to God's plan for our life, not man's agenda. God has sent us; He has called us, so we labor without fear.

⁵
Make
Disciples

Go and make disciples. We must prepare others to continue to do the good work that God has called us to. Our success is when others have become disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁶
Do the
Right Thing

This ministry is not about us. We are not motivated by personal agenda, ego, or fame. We choose to do what is right because our ministry is built upon reputation and trust. We do the right thing for the Glory of God.

⁷
Listen
to God

Oh dear Lord, please speak to us. May we pause and listen. May we humbly seek Your face. You alone have all wisdom and can show us what is best. We want to hear from You.

Lessons From Our Founder
The New Missions Philosophy as Lived by
Pastor George DeTellis



New Missions

September 1, 2008

When you touch a life, you touch the heart of God.

Leaders for Real Change

Dear Friends of New Missions:

With 20 pastors serving in our churches in Haiti, we have a ministry team taking the vision in their hearts to help Haiti find hope. Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ is the reason that New Missions is in Haiti. We accomplish this through our churches, Christian schools, and Bible college. Each Sunday, all of our churches have Sunday School classes for our school-aged children to attend.

Many Haitian children grow up with superstition and Voodoo. They are often afraid of evil and hide in their homes at night, closing all of the windows and doors. Where there is not a Christian witness, there is often only a Voodoo witness in the community. We have gone to Haiti to be a light in a dark place. The focus of New Missions is to meet the spiritual, physical, and mental needs of the Haitian people. We need to always keep the spiritual needs at the top of the list.

There is fruit in a Christian's life when they completely put their trust in God. The Haitians need to put their trust in God. In the Haitian culture, God is seen as being distant. This is one reason why Voodoo is attractive to the Haitian people. They believe Voodoo can help them in their everyday life. We know serving other gods only leads to a path of destruction. It is wonderful seeing the Haitians come to faith and get baptized, often in the ocean right in front of our mission. In the Haitian culture, someone can attend church and even say that they are a Christian - but culturally, real conversion is symbolized when the individual participates in water baptism.

It is wonderful seeing the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of the Haitian believers. It is also wonderful seeing the Haitians partake of communion in remembrance of the sacrifice of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. For many Haitians, their faith is all they have. Our churches in Haiti are leading the way for real change. —*Charlie DeTellis*

Our 20 pastors in Haiti are bringing hope to their country. Visit www.newmissions.org and pray for our pastors by name under the newsroom page.



From Poverty to Opportunity



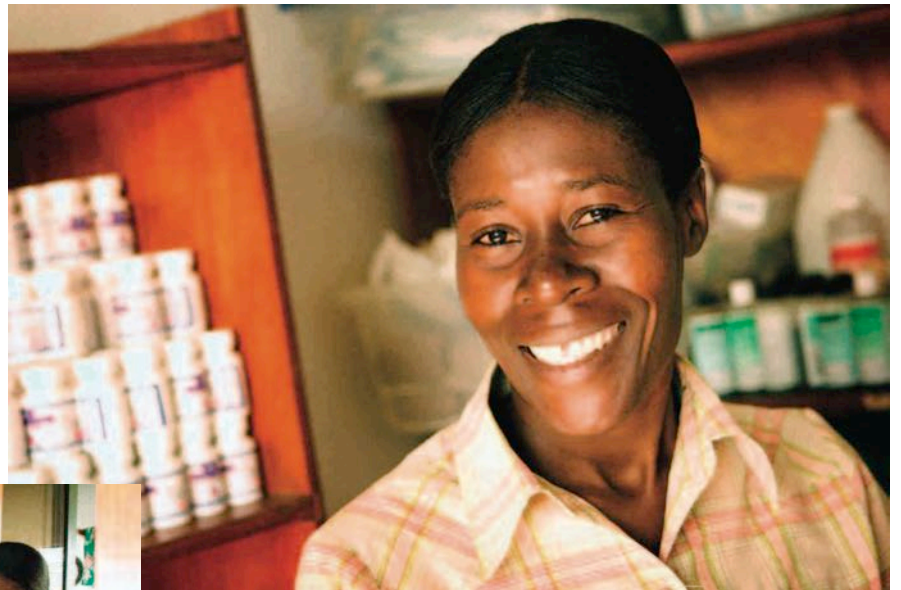
Marie Chantal Philippe photographed in 1989 with her photo identification card while attending the New Missions High School.

Where were you born? Marie Chantal Philippe was born in the village of LaSalle, Haiti in a mud hut. She was born in one of the poorest villages on the Leogane Plain. It is hard to imagine that there are actually “levels” of poverty. Yes, even the poor have classes: the poor, very poor, and the poorest of the poor. She was destined to a life of illiteracy and extreme poverty, until she was enrolled in the New Missions school. What did this compare to? Chantal says it best, “If someone is not in the New Missions school, they do not have anything. They follow Voodoo, they are hungry, they are lost.”

During a recent interview, Chantal sat down and talked about her life journey: “I came to New Missions and I had nothing, not even food to eat. I did not know how to read, and my only dream was if someday I could help my family. In my house, no one knew Jesus. It was in the New Missions school that I first heard about Jesus.” She began to tear up when she said that she accepted Jesus in her life while attending our school. “I don’t know where I would be without Jesus and the love of New Missions. I am very thankful.”

I asked Chantal what her dream would be for Haiti. She said that she has many dreams for Haiti and we would not have enough time to discuss them all. She continued, “First of all, the people of Haiti must know Jesus, first, before anything else; they must leave the Voodoo and follow Jesus to change this country.” During our time together she shared that she decided to study nursing because she thought that this area of study would provide her a great opportunity to help the people in her village and family.

Today, Chantal runs our pharmacy at the New Missions clinic in Haiti. She is not alone in her journey from poverty to opportunity. This is not about the life of success or prosperity. This is about the life of discipleship. Jesus has come for us to have life more abundantly. When we know Him, follow Him, and obey Him, then our greatest contentment comes from our relationship with Him. He is enough for us. For Chantal, first Jesus became enough, then He blessed each step she took toward following Him. Is Jesus enough for you? –*Timothy DeTellis*



With joy in her eyes, Marie Chantal Philippe is a role model for our school children and extends the love of Jesus to the sick at our medical clinic in Haiti caring for 1,000 patients each month.



Kids Serving Now

The philosophy of Steve and Becky Weldon is that kids can serve in ministry now. When the Orlando couple promoted sign-ups for a family mission trip to the Dominican Republic, the result was a 20-person team comprising parents and their children as young as eight years old, as well as a family with four daughters. There was such a strong interest in the family mission trip that the Weldon's actually had to turn people away for a future trip.

Some people were a bit hesitant about kids going to a developing country, but the parents who committed to the trip took a step of faith for their families. With varied activities (whose rules were simply to have fun) the parents knew this was a great opportunity for their kids. The Weldon's Orlando team was actually part of a bigger overall team visiting the D.R. during the same time.

At the villages of Playa Laguna and Plaza Europa the team held block parties. This involved two to three hours of crafts and games for the Dominican kids along with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, cookies, water and of course a message about Jesus. The children joined the teens and adults in putting on a puppet show for the children at the parties. In addition to shoes and clothes, the team also brought crayons, paper, and supplies for one of the New Missions summer camps. The team used some of the supplies for the Vacation Bible School type games and crafts at the block parties—another perfect activity for American kids to serve, working and playing alongside Dominican kids. Kate Hanley, daughter of New Missions missionaries John and Melissa, even helped translate!

More mission work, perfect for kids, involved writing on classroom walls—not the mischievous kind, but artwork. Although “laptop computer” and “developing country” don't seem to go together, they suddenly do go together when you include the word “generator.” With the help of a generator at the village of Redemption, a laptop was used to project Noah's ark and other images onto classroom walls so the Orlando children, teens, and adults could trace the pictures with pencils and markers. A team arriving later in the summer would paint the pictures.

Of course a mission trip to the Dominican would not be complete without a baseball game—a favorite among Dominican children! To make it extra special, the team set up a baseball clinic with learning stations to improve the kids' techniques at catching, pitching, and batting.

Not all the team's activities were play, however. God also arranged some divine appointments as well. While eight-year-old Matthew from Orlando was sorting craft and game supplies in the health center, a young Dominican boy



From sports evangelism to puppet ministry, from decorating schools to Vacation Bible School, the visiting mission team from Northland Church in Longwood, Florida, came to make a difference and they did...together as a family.



joined him. Soon after, New Missions missionaries John and Melissa realized the boy was actually Matthew's sponsor child, Jose Antonio. The two were able to meet and spend time together.

Word has it that prior to the trip, young Matthew had a birthday, but in lieu of birthday gifts he asked for money to help purchase supplies for the Bombita summer camp. Young Branson raised money by washing cars and weeding yards, and another young girl, age seven, who could not go on the trip, raised \$500 for supplies just by asking people.

Steve and Becky are right! *Kids serving now* is a great concept. They look forward to leading their next family mission trip. —Terri Starcher

A Stubborn Hope

On August 2nd, as the American Airlines flight was making its descent into Port-au-Prince, I looked out the window to see the landscape of Haiti once again. There was a rush of poverty scenes and my emotions were fearful that this was too much for me. The hot tears reminded me that this was my first flight to Haiti without my husband, Pastor George. I had to cry out to God, and I asked Him to be kind to me and not let my heart be further broken with the overwhelming needs of Haiti.

Then, I was reminded of my book, "A Stubborn Hope in God (without disappointment)," and I said to myself, 'Be strong. Hope in God. You will not be disappointed.' I remembered an old chorus from more than 50 years ago, "I am determined, I've made up my mind. I'll serve the Lord." When we cry out to God (Psalms 30:2) He comes to help us. God took my tears away and I became excited about what He had planned for my time in Haiti.

Being stubborn, spiritually, is a good thing. It reminds me of a Bible story in Luke 18. Jesus is encouraging his followers to be

persistent in praying and never give up. He uses a parable of a widowed woman who is appealing for justice from someone who has harmed her. The judge hearing her case does not fear God and couldn't care less what men think about him. But this woman - strong, stubborn, and persistent keeps coming to this ungodly judge for justice. Finally, the judge decided that this widow was going to drive him crazy bothering him, so he made sure she got justice. Jesus is teaching us that we need to be in constant prayer, and our Father who knows His children will quickly come to strengthen us on our earth journey.

Sunday morning in Haiti I looked out the window and saw our Haitian pastors coming to the first memorial service. There was a large banner hanging in front of the church with Pastor George's photo and words, "We will never forget you." The heat and mosquitoes were a torment, but these faithful leaders were dressed in their long-sleeved white shirts, ties, and suit jackets. Their words of love and preaching made me feel I was in some special celebration. One by one they shared their appreciation

for what Pastor George had done for them. Their theme was that Pastor George is alive in all of us - the pastors, lawyers, engineers, nurses and doctors, policemen, electricians, plumbers, and school teachers. Dramatically they proclaimed that Pastor George is alive in us and we will continue to take the Gospel message throughout Haiti.

Be stubborn and hope in God. The word 'stubborn' reminds me of a familiar scene in Haiti when a donkey was overloaded and it would not move. The market lady would overload her donkey with sacks of produce, and the donkey would not move. She would poke and poke the donkey in the rear side to try to get it to move. Many a donkey has a hole in their skin where they were repeatedly poked. When the trials of life poke at you, don't move or waver, or change from your position of hope in a God who will not disappoint you. Remember to make up your mind to be strong, to be persistent in prayer, and to hope in God. Don't be a victim but be a victor, and taste the victory that is yours as a child of God.

—Jeanne DeTellis

I thank God for giving me a spirit of strength and determination to enjoy Haiti. I was blessed to share at both memorial services, a team meeting, midweek service, school carnival day, and a meeting of pastors' wives. Charlie took me to see nine schools and churches and future mission projects. I presented our pastor in TiBoukan a plaque for his church, built by the congregation of Friendly Evangelical Church, Lexington, MA, in memory of their pastor, Joseph Mazzola. God is at work and we join Him in this great mission to reach the poorest of the poor.

Love,



Jeanne DeTellis

Pastor Joseph Elifete Eliane from our TiBoukan church in Haiti received a plaque recognizing Pastor Joseph Mazzola from Friendly Evangelical Church whom the church was built in memory of.



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Hurricanes Hit Haiti

Dear Friends of New Missions:

It was a one, two, three punch when storms Fay, Gustav, and Ike reached the shores of Haiti – not to mention that Tropical Storm Hanna was in the region making a near threat of attack. The fact is, flooding becomes the greatest concern due to days of ongoing rain. On Saturday, August 16, I was on the phone with Charlie (who was in Haiti) as Tropical Storm Fay reached the island. We confirmed by the next day that all of our facilities, and the families whom we serve, were safe.

Then came Gustav, and for the first day all seemed fine. However, the rain continued to pour down. By the third day we were hit with a flood from the stream that runs by our mission. This pushed water into our classrooms, school kitchen, and school yard. Fortunately, none of the school children in our area were hurt by this storm. The High School office had a tree fall on its roof, and we had one school with enough roof damage that it needed to be replaced. At the end of the day, we were relieved that lives were spared in our region. Still, much of Haiti was greatly suffering from the continuous rain.

We quickly repaired the roof at the High School campus. Charlie called from Haiti and said, “The Leogane River is reaching its banks and could be a major threat if it keeps on raining.” Then, Hurricane Ike was waiting to pay us a visit. With clean up still required, and repairs underway, another storm was not what the country of Haiti needed. At the same time, a mission team was scheduled to arrive the same day as Hurricane Ike. Thankfully, they arrived safely and proved to be a tremendous help in the midst of the storms.



In the midst of the storms, Charlie DeTellis hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for our 21st church and school, in Darbonne Chateau, Haiti.



The storms brought a tremendous amount of rain which flooded villages, washed away precious (and scarce) topsoil, and brought damage throughout Haiti. The Leogane River near our mission threatened to break its banks.



On Monday, September 8, two days after Hurricane Ike delivered more rain, the visiting team and Charlie had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of our 21st church and school. Glory to God! In the midst of the storms there is still hope! The team distributed school uniform material to the students and prayed with them. What a special moment to show progress with destruction faintly in the distance. This month, New Missions celebrates 9,472 children attending school. We have surpassed 9,000 and see 10,000 within reach! We now have 21 elementary schools in Haiti, 21 churches, a High School, Bible College, Business School, and Medical Clinic. Together, with your prayers and support, we are raising a generation of Christian leaders that is changing Haiti. –*Timothy DeTellis*

The children of our new school in Darbonne Chateau were thrilled to receive school uniform material which was distributed by our visiting mission team in September.

Why is Haiti Poor?

In the 16th and 17th centuries, Haiti was known as the Pearl of the Antilles – earning more wealth for France than all of the American colonies together. So, why is Haiti poor?

At the time of the overthrow of the French, at the turn of the 17th century, Haiti had profitable established plantations and industries. The African slaves worked under French rule, creating vast wealth. When the revolt took place in 1804, choices were made that began to erode the wealth of the first black republic.

When the African slaves wanted their freedom from French rule, they made a blood pact with Satan that they would worship Satan if their revolution was successful. As Christians we make a blood pact with Jesus. His blood washes all our sins away, and He gives us life abundantly now, and life eternal. When the African slaves were successful, one of their own led a destructive rampage with the words, *Koupe tet boule kay* (translated, cut their heads and burn their homes). The French masters, businessmen, priests, doctors, and educators in Haiti could have helped form a new nation. They and their families were massacred, and their property destroyed. All that the new nation needed to develop was lost. The other nations of the world would not accept this behavior and Haiti became an isolated country until it was willing to make reparations to France. This cost the new nation more than they had, which was barely enough to survive.

As a new nation, their idea was that if each man had a piece of land, a few women, and plenty of children, they would get rich quickly. With 10,000 square miles and one million people getting their share, this dream would have only worked for the first few generations. When women were birthing ten children and men were having at least three wives, it only took a short period of time before the land shrank, as it was divided by generations of children. Adding to this, the government was becoming the biggest landowner, followed by the Roman Catholic Church, and the Haitians who were absent from the country. With the overpopulation and a need for a source of cooking fuel, more and more trees were cut down to make charcoal. With the land stripped of trees, the fertile soil was being washed out to the ocean with every rainfall, and more and more Haitians were going hungry.

What Haiti needs is a government that will create an infrastructure and a legal system that will attract international industries to use the surplus of labor available. Haiti needs to compete with the rest of the world. There is nothing in



Thanks to Jason Ludwick (from Grace Capital Church in Pembroke, NH) his six year old sponsor child, Taina Pierre, will grow up knowing Jesus, and will receive a quality education that will reshape her family's history.

Haiti that the rest of the world is lacking. Haiti needs to offer what she has – labor and trained laborers. The government needs to be strong and stable to create a safe and secure environment, and give the people the basics of education, health, housing and employment opportunities. The government needs to attract their wealthy and their intelligentsia to stay in Haiti and help.

The motto of New Missions since 1983 is “Haiti: Hope in God.” We believe, by providing proper education, nourishment and medical assistance (to more than 9,000 children this year), real change is taking place. We will continue to pray, hope, and believe for Haiti to embrace its new future found in knowing God. –*Jeanne DeTellis*



47% of Haiti's adult population does not know how to read or write. We are replacing poverty of the soul and mind with hope in God and a Christian education.

Leadership in Reverse

Tim DeTellis, President of New Missions, recently authored a new book entitled *The Pearl of Leadership*. This book is unique in that each of the seven chapters teaches a “leadership lesson” based upon the history of Haiti. I interviewed Tim about this new book and the passion that he has to see Christian leaders change the nation of Haiti. –Terri Starcher

What prompted you to write a book on leadership?

Tim: I attended a leadership conference last year and saw a booth with a banner that read “Rwanda Project” and I thought to myself, what about a “Yes, Haiti” project? I began thinking deeply about what more I could do for Haiti, where the country is now, and why it is so poor. This triggered the idea for a book telling the Haitian story and demonstrating the need for Haiti to have Christian leaders. As I dove into the project, it became clear that the book would be written from the perspective of leadership in reverse.

What do you mean by leadership in reverse?

Tim: There is a lot to be learned from Haiti. It wasn’t always the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. In fact, it was actually a country producing great wealth at one time, but its history took a different course. The country was actually dedicated to Satan and Voodoo worship. What kind of leadership is the result of this foundation? That leadership needs to be revealed – to protect and educate others on what *not* to do. There are seven principles shared in the book, hence the subtitle *Seven Treasures from 1804*.

What role did your father have in this book?

Tim: My father is my greatest role model of a servant leader. Unlike Haiti’s leaders who abused power for personal gain, my father gave his life to those who could never pay him back. The book is dedicated to him.

What advice would you give to a young leader?

Tim: Lead where you are! Don’t wait until you are asked, or reach a certain age – lead now. I remember when I was a teenager in Haiti... I was leading others, but I wasn’t aware of it. I would organize outdoor evangelism teams to share the Gospel in fishing and farming villages along the coast, where there were no churches. “Let’s go!” I’d say as we packed up the equipment.

How can someone tell if they are a good leader?

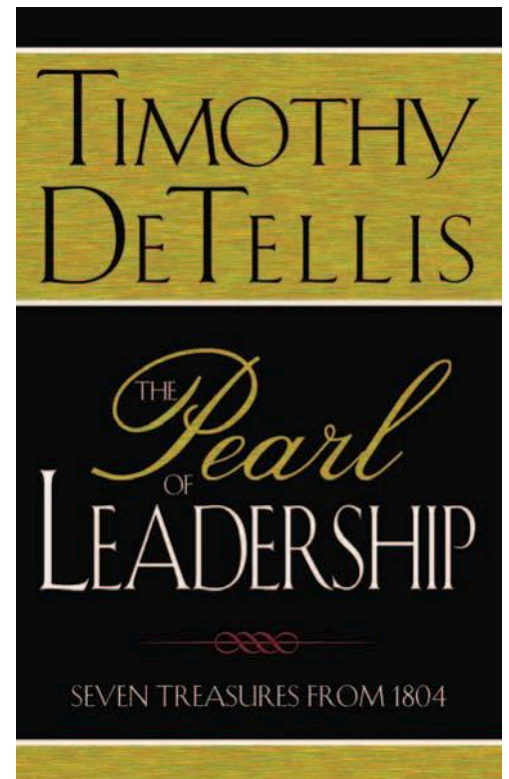
Tim: For me, I look at how I am setting someone else up to win – personally, professionally, and spiritually. Have I helped someone step forward today? Leaders can earn the trust of those around them by helping others grow secure in their journey toward fulfilling their God-given potential.

What is the greatest challenge associated with leadership?

Tim: Setting priorities. We need to have God-given discernment to help navigate ourselves and others.

Who should read *The Pearl of Leadership*?

Tim: Anyone, really. We all lead – whether mothers, fathers, co-workers, etc. Even a CEO with no interest in Haiti could benefit from *The Pearl of Leadership* because it is basically a case study on what corrupt leadership can bring.



What is your goal with this new book?

Tim: To raise awareness of the need for Christian leaders in Haiti, and to inspire people to discover the pearl of leadership in their own lives – which is servanthood. Also, 100% of the proceeds from *The Pearl of Leadership* will go toward funding scholarships for our unsponsored High School students in Haiti.

Any final comments?

Tim: I believe in Haiti’s future because Christian leaders are being trained in our schools – with the foundation of Scripture and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The time is now for Haiti to raise up its own godly leaders. The Bible says in Proverbs “Above all else, guard your heart for it is the wellspring of life.” Leadership starts as a motivation of the heart.

We will send you a free copy of *The Pearl of Leadership* for a donation of any amount for the “Yes, Haiti” Project to provide education to our High School students without a sponsor.

Focus for the Vision

Joel, a prophet in ancient Israel wrote, “Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!” (Joel 3:14) I can only imagine how that looked – people milling around, confused and wondering which way to go. Things haven’t changed much over the past 2,800 years. Sometimes I look around and wonder if I’m in the valley of decision.

It seems that people everywhere have trouble deciding how to live, what to do, or where to go.

King Solomon wrote, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” (Proverbs 29:18 KJV) Another translation says, “Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint.” (NIV) Joel saw a people wandering around in the valley of decision with no vision for their future, no revelation of what they needed to change in order to escape that valley for death. For those whom Joel prophetically saw, the truth of this wise saying was evident.

Living with no vision of the future – no revelation of what, where, how, and when – causes people to cast off any restraint and to live with no boundaries. This in turn leads to confusion about how to live, what to do, and where to go. Running around in circles may put miles on the odometer, but you never reach a destination.

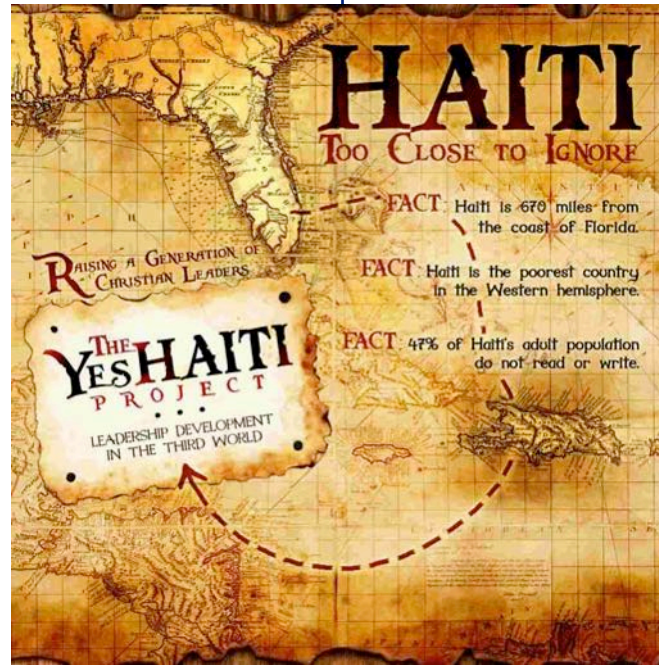
Vision is the ability to see around the bend. It drives our perseverance, which is the willingness to do what it

takes to make the vision a reality. Vision infuses people with passion – the fuel that enables them to accomplish their dream.

A key trait of visionary leaders is their ability to direct full attention to the task at hand, while keeping the big picture in clear focus. Consider the Apostle Paul. He was constantly criticized and maligned for the stance he took for the gospel of Christ, yet he never wavered. His focus remained sure and true – so that at the end of his life he could write, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” (2 Timothy 4:7)

Jesus told his disciples: “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:62) The vision beckons, but we must remain focused on it. The vision is both a journey and a destination.

Therefore, the need to stay focused is paramount in reaching the goal. Let the vision choose who you surround yourself with. Let the vision set your priorities. Let the vision establish your boundaries. Staying true to your vision will drive your daily effectiveness. What has God called you to? Stay true to that vision. –*Timothy DeTellis*



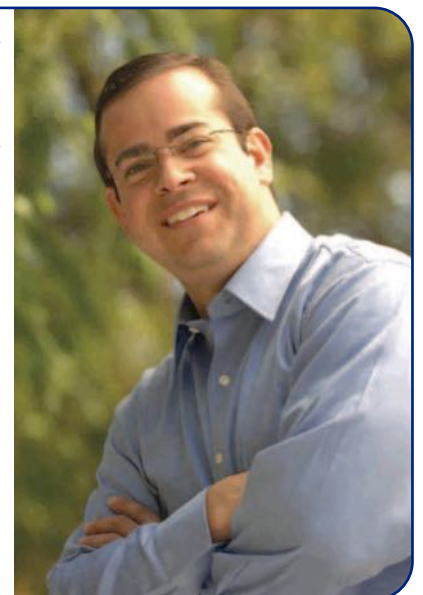
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Your prayers have made a difference. With all the storms that hit Haiti, our school children and their families are safe. Yes, there has been damage and clean-up required in the villages, yet lives were spared. Our mission experienced damage at our High School and TiBoukan church. We had some flooding at our Bordmer school when the stream next to the mission overflowed its bank. We thank you for your endless prayers and support during this time. The people of Haiti suffer enough and these storms made matters worse, but schools are open, children are being fed, and the good news of Jesus is being preached!

Serving together,

Timothy DeTellis
timothy@newmissions.org

P.S. There is still time to send us your Christmas shoebox! Due to additional churches hosting collection drives, we are extending the due date to November 1st for your shoeboxes to arrive at our office. If you have any questions, call and ask for Terrie or Kathy.



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The Gift Giver

Dear Friends of New Missions:

Each Christmas shoebox is a beautiful outpouring of God's love to a child. They will be a huge blessing to the children in our schools and their families. In our Orlando office, Terrie Estes, who manages the Child Sponsorship program comes to work early each day. She is passionate about her calling and it shows. One morning a visitor came to the front door and surprised Terrie with 30 shoeboxes! Terrie was so excited. The visitor began to tell her story about the joy of collecting the shoeboxes.

Our surprise visitor was Senthia Towery from Orlando, Florida. She first learned about New Missions while attending a Laugh All Night comedy concert, where she signed up to sponsor a child with New Missions. It was actually during our 25th Anniversary Event at the First Baptist Church of Orlando. She received an email from New Missions about our Christmas Shoebox Drive and she thought how wonderful it would be to send something personal to her sponsor child, Tayson Louismat. Their 11-year-old sponsor child, who is in the fourth grade, will be able to experience the joy of Christmas because his sponsor Senthia, and her husband Don Santana, practiced what Christmas is about: giving.

Not long afterward, Senthia shared with her co-workers about the Christmas Shoebox Drive and how excited she was to help give their sponsor child a special Christmas gift this year. She was so thrilled about the idea and was simply telling her story when her co-workers began to ask, "How can we help?" She explained that they could assemble some shoeboxes and New Missions would send them to Haiti for children that do not have a sponsor.

Senthia's office team was so excited about participating that they took a group photo and placed a copy inside each shoebox. On the back of the photo they wrote a special message to the child who would receive their shoebox. Senthia said, "We wanted them to have a Merry Christmas. Each card simply stated, *Love helps things grow.*"

"Tayson was the real inspiration for all of this. He was the reason that eventually the other kids would receive a shoebox too," Senthia told me. What a blessing the power of a gift is. This Christmas you will touch lives with a shoebox. Thank you for making this Christmas extra special for the children of New Missions. You are not only a blessing to the children who will receive the shoeboxes this Christmas...but you are truly a blessing to us.

—Timothy DeTellis



Terrie Estes processed shoeboxes as they arrived each day knowing that they will impact a child and their family this Christmas in Haiti.



Senthia Towery (who collected 30 shoeboxes from co-workers) along with Kathy Apetz (who just celebrated 10 years serving at New Missions) inspected some shoeboxes together.

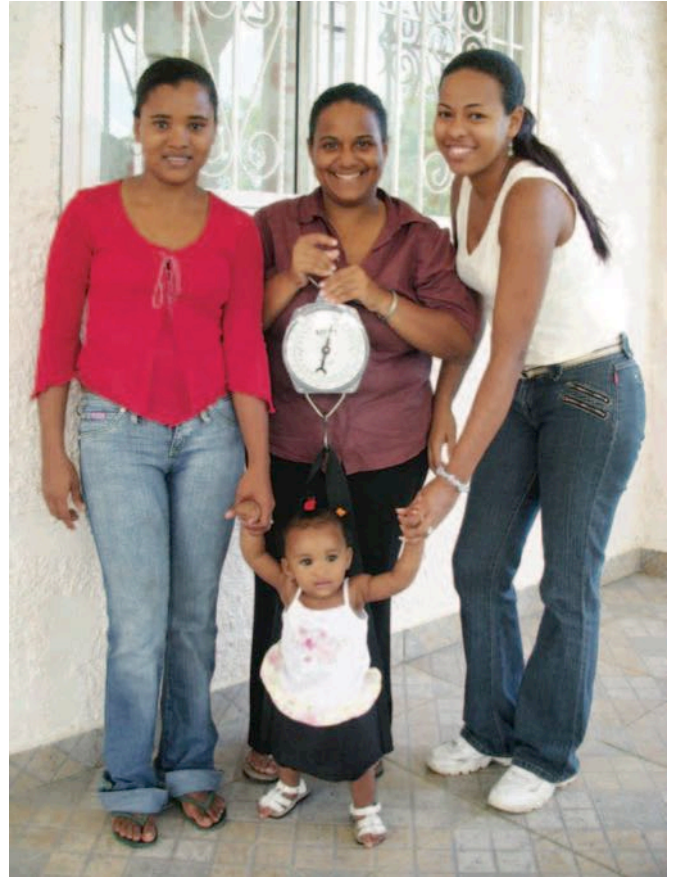
Health Promotion

New Missions Health Center in the Dominican Republic focuses on promoting health and wellness through education, consultation, and community outreach. This community outreach enables us to meet their spiritual needs as well as their physical needs.

We are developing a network of community volunteers in and around Sosúa. These volunteers, our Promotores de Salud (Health Promoters) are men and women who have a desire to see healthy communities. Our focus is on educating these volunteers through bi-monthly seminars and monthly individual meetings with an emphasis on personal hygiene, nutrition, and sanitation. The Health Promoter then begins the process of educating their friends and neighbors, sharing the information they are learning in individual and informal group settings - with a goal of creating an overall community awareness of general disease and illness prevention practices. Our volunteers are students, mothers, grandmothers, fathers, grandfathers, daughters and sisters.

A few examples of the individuals who have agreed to serve in their community are: Jesinia, who is a member of a New Missions-sponsored church and is attending a local university; Maria is a homemaker with three children in a New Missions-sponsored school; and Lorenzo is a grandfather who attends a New Missions-sponsored church and works as an upholsterer and tailor from his home.

In addition to educating their neighbors, they actively monitor the health of the children with monthly home visits that include weight monitoring as a gauge of the child's level of nutrition. This vital information is then shared with medical professionals working alongside the Health Center, allowing prompt intervention in cases of malnutrition. We have been able to take advantage of the education and expertise of many visiting healthcare professionals who have offered special education seminars to our volunteers and to the general community. The Health Center is currently open three days a week and is staffed by a local physician who treats patients with immediate health concerns. While still a young and growing ministry, the Health Center is quickly becoming an integral part of the community.



Dairoby being weighed by Katherine (center) and Yesinia (left) with her mother (right).



Mission team from Oregon conducts a reading glasses clinic and shares the gospel at the Health Center.

A short-term team from Oregon recently came with over 600 pairs of reading glasses. During each of their clinics, they shared the gospel and offered prayer for each person who visited. Fitting in with the goal of the Health Center, we were able to meet an immediate physical need, as well as the pressing spiritual needs of the community. Your support of the Health Center allows us to continue treating patients, expand our volunteer network into more communities, and give opportunities for the love of Christ to be shared with those who are hurting.

—John Hanley, Missionary, Dominican Republic

Health Education on a Roll

After seven years, health seminars initiated by Lucie Myre and Geneviève Félix, both of Canada, are still on a roll teaching Haitian women about breastfeeding, solid food for babies, prevention of infection, and proper eating habits. The program has 20 certified trainers and another 13 in training. It also has the full support of the four nurses at the New Missions clinic.

Upon her first visit to Haiti, Lucie noticed some of the Haitian children had sores on their skin. The wheels immediately started turning and Lucie set out to help them. God connected her with Bilkis Visandje, Ph.D., a Professor of Nursing at the University of Montreal. It was Dr. Visandje who told Lucie it is the mothers she must first educate.

Lucie and Geneviève then set out to develop “Training Trainers” designed to recruit Haitian women into a two-year program, which included four health education seminars. The seminars were taught by Lucie, Geneviève, and two other Canadian nurses. These trainers would go out into the villages to meet one-on-one with the Haitian women.

One of the most inspiring aspects of the program is that the Haitian women who become trainers do this as volunteers. They are motivated by their love of Christ and their desire to help their country. Someday these trainers will be paid. According to Lucie, this is their ongoing prayer request.

Four years ago, Lucie approached the Canadian Embassy in Haiti for \$8,000 in funding for training materials. The materials needed to be laminated to withstand the Haitian climate and living conditions in the villages. In addition to the training materials, Lucie also requested bicycles for the trainers to have transportation to the villages. The Embassy agreed to fund a supply of training materials, but rejected the bicycles. As it turned out when the funding came through, the bicycles had also been approved! Now literally more wheels were turning!

As a missionary, Lucie’s desire is to turn the program over to the Haitians while she focuses on the program’s structure, as well as writing new training materials. In the next five years, she hopes to see 50 trainers and increase



Antoinise Isme (left) our Clinic Director in Haiti with Marie Gerthie Senat, graduate of the Health Educators Program, and clinic nurses Marie Carmel Alexandre and Claudine Abellard.



Lucie Myre congratulates Widline Louis, a graduate of the Health Educators Program in Haiti.



Certified Health Educators along with our medical clinic team in Haiti rejoice in the progress made to expand the health workers to help serve the surrounding villages.

the number of teaching topics. Since six of the now 33 trainers are also school teachers, Lucie is looking into a program already in existence in Haiti that teaches health to school children. Using the existing program as a model she would not have to re-invent the wheel!

Retired just two years ago after 30 years with the Canadian Federal Department of Health, Lucie is fluent in Creole and serves on the Canadian Board of Directors for New Missions. Lucie says, “I worked for the government for 30 years. Now I’ll work for God for 30 years.”

—Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer

A Miracle of Grace

My husband, Pastor George, went home to be with the Lord this past June after a nine-year battle with cancer. Many of you have been praying for me. You have asked me how I am doing. Over and over, I hear myself answering, "I feel His grace." I am blessed to continue my husband's work. I love the ministry and God fills my life. I am having good days. I feel His grace freely flowing. It is a miracle of grace. Even though I may have some times of private tears, I quickly feel His presence lift me up...and I get going.

When I hear the word 'grace,' I think of a family with a table set with food ready to eat, and someone says, "Say grace." During childhood, we often said a quick one, "God bless this food which now I take and do it good for Jesus' sake." But you may remember occasions when whoever was saying 'grace' used this opportunity to pray for missionaries around the world (thank God - because we need prayer), while children giggled and waited for the long 'grace' to end before the food got cold.

Grace is a gift. It is an undeserved favor. We Christians have experienced a most undeserved forgiveness. It is a kindness and mercy from our Heavenly Father. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not by works, so that no one can boast."

A friend of New Missions, Brent Gambrell, once described grace to me with this illustration... A man breaks into your home and kills your son. Not only do you forgive that killer, but you take him into your family as your son, and

give him your son's bedroom, and your son's inheritance. That's a lot of grace! But, that is exactly how much (and more) grace that God gives to each one of us...that we should be called the 'Sons of God.'

In Matthew 18:23, we have a story that is a parable likened to the Kingdom of God. The king asked for his bookkeeping records to be brought to him because he wanted to review who owed him money. He found an account where one of his servants owed him millions of dollars. He called the servant in and ordered that his wife, children, and all that he had be sold to pay his debt. But the servant fell down before the king and pleaded for time and grace. The king was moved with pity and released him and forgave his debt. That day, the servant received a gift of grace!

This same servant who received special grace and underserved favor from the king, went after a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. His friend begged for time and grace, but the fellow servant was arrested and jailed until he could pay the money back in full.

When the other workers saw and heard what had happened, they went and told the king. The king became angry and called the redeemed man back and put him in jail until he paid every last cent of the monies he owed.

We have received the GRACE of God to freely give the GRACE of God.

My father told me a story that took

place during the Great Depression. My father, Charles, and his father Angelo, had a job for two weeks doing masonry work. Times were tough, and my father was one of eight children, born to immigrant parents. Charles and Angelo lived in a wagon for two weeks while they worked, living off of stale bread and blueberries, often getting wet and cold when it rained. At the end of the two weeks, the boss could not pay my grandfather. My desperate grandfather pulled a knife and wanted to kill the man. But, at my father's persuasion, he gave the man grace and left without being paid.

In the story of the king who forgave his servant who owed much, we can find ourselves reminded of our King Jesus who we owe much. When we approach His presence, we know our debt, our lack, but He pours out His grace and accepts us. In saying 'yes' to Jesus, we become friends. His grace allows us to get up, unashamed and confident as a new person, a joint-heir to God and all His riches in glory. Grace...what a miracle! God lavishes us with His love and He pours His grace upon our lives. His grace can make us who we know we would never be.

Ask for God's grace to flow freely in your life. Your life is His miracle of grace. God does not want you to be disgraced, He is by your side and gives grace to you. "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

II Corinthians 12:9 -*Jeanne DeTellis*

My son Charlie sent me an email this morning praising God for His grace in supplying the needs of our 9,474 children in Haiti. He made five trips to our mountain church and school, and repairs are completed. Fifteen tons of rice, 600 gallons of oil, and 2-1/2 tons of beans came to the school food warehouse. The shelves in the clinic are fully stocked with medicine. I talked to my son Timothy by telephone today, as he was looking at 4,000 pairs of new sandals ready to go on a container to Haiti. Yes, the hurricanes hit us, but God's grace is supplying our needs. Hearts are full of joy and praises to a God who does not disgrace us, but freely bestows His grace upon us. Grace. Grace. God's Grace.

Love,



Jeanne DeTellis



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United Nations Visit

Dear Friends of New Missions:

We have always offered hospitality to foreign soldiers in Haiti. As part of the ministry of New Missions, we have shown hospitality to U.S. soldiers, as well as other foreign troops when they are stationed in Haiti. They often enjoy the peacefulness of our grounds and the home cooked food. A soldier has a hard life being away from their family. We want to be a Christian witness to these men.

We have become friends with the UN Sri Lankan troops in our area. Whenever I see a UN vehicle, I invite these men to visit our mission compound. I also quickly ask a yardman to bring some nice coconuts for our visitors to drink. The Sri Lankan climate is similar to the climate in Haiti, and they are used to having fresh coconuts and fish. The UN has used our compound as a day off for their soldiers for quite some time now. The Sri Lankan people are a loving and responsible people.

The UN recently asked me about using our schoolyard for a food distribution. I was not sure what to expect, but I responded positively. At 8:30 in the morning, the UN trucks started rolling into our compound. I talked with our school director and told him I wanted our school children to participate in this event. I also invited the people from Bordmer and LaSalle Bordmer. The whole event flowed smoothly. We had our gates open to our schoolyard, and both children and adults were waiting in lines to receive the food. There were four gigantic cook pots for distributing the food. The cook pots were three feet high by five feet across. These big aluminum pots came from Sri Lanka.

The Sri Lankan soldiers represent various religious backgrounds, including Catholic, Buddhist, and Muslim. I am a Christian, and I know that I have found salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. I want to share what I have found with as many people as possible. I believe we have a responsibility to share our faith with others. —Charlie DeTellis



The UN soldiers stationed in Leogane, Haiti, are from Sri Lanka and serve as a peace keeping force.



The meal that our children receive at school is often the only meal that they receive that day. This special feeding from the UN was a great blessing to the children from several of our schools.

Wealth in Haiti

Christy Dillon of Orlando has been on mission trips to third world countries before, but her recent trip to Haiti gave her a new perspective on wealth and poverty.

Christy became involved with New Missions earlier this year, by sponsoring a child after attending a Laugh All Night comedy event at her church. Since she was already considering a mission trip, Haiti quickly became the natural choice. A mission trip to Haiti was also affordable and only a short two-hour flight from the Miami airport.

Once in Haiti, Christy joined up with a group comprised of teams from Arizona, South Carolina, North Carolina and Missouri. The team played a key role in distributing fabric for school uniforms to students who would be attending a brand new school that New Missions was opening in the village of Darbone Chateau. The team was also able to help Charlie with some damage assessments from Hurricane Ike and do quite a bit of village evangelism.



Christy Dillon, from First Baptist Church of Orlando, with her sponsor child, seven-year old Schneider Bodin, and his mother.

“I’ve been on mission trips before where I saw poverty,” said Christy. “I remember in Hong Kong being shocked at how extreme wealth was right next door to extreme poverty. But with Haiti, extreme poverty is everywhere. They have nothing. Even the poorest in America have more wealth than the Haitians. I realized that the Haitians actually have true wealth because they understand their need for something bigger. We Americans are the ones poverty stricken, because we don’t always recognize our need for Jesus.”

Christy said two of the highlights from her trip were the lasting friendships formed with the other team members she met, and also the opportunity to meet her sponsor child, seven-year-old Schneider Bodin.

—Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



Magdaline Similien, from the village of Neply, attends our Bordmer school and is in third grade. She is sponsored by Bob and Charlotte Courteaux, from Ormond Beach, Florida. The gift of sponsorship provides Magdaline a free Christian education, medical care, school books, school uniform, and a hot meal at school. Her New Missions school identification card is a treasured possession, held with great pride.



What could a child become? With the proper education, medical care, nutrition, and with the love of Jesus, a child can become a future Christian leader who can change a nation.

A Very Merry Christmas

The 40-foot cargo container filled with shoeboxes is on its way to Haiti! The container was picked up from our office on Monday, November 17, and left the docks of Miami on Wednesday, November 19. We processed the shoeboxes in our office and then sorted them by school. Each case was filled with shoeboxes for children in that specific school, and then placed on a pallet for shipment to Haiti. The shoeboxes for children in the Dominican Republic schools are being shipped cargo, and will arrive in time for Christmas, as well.

I am personally overwhelmed by the love expressed in each of the shoeboxes. Daily we received boxes from families and sponsors. As a team, we have prayed over the shoeboxes and continue to ask God to impact the lives of each child and their family. The power of these gifts goes beyond words when they are accepted by a family living in the poorest country in our hemisphere. You are truly a great blessing this Christmas!

As we look forward to next year, we welcome your involvement. You and your church can plan now to participate in this life-changing event in 2009. Visit our website on how to participate, or call our office. We will be seeking churches as drop-off locations, and we need team captains to lead the campaign at your church and in your community. Thank you for making our first annual Christmas Shoebox Drive a success. You made it happen! —*Timothy DeTellis*



Top right photo: Charlie DeTellis loaded the 40-foot cargo container on its way to Haiti filled with Christmas shoeboxes.

Middle right photo: The packing of the shoeboxes has become a joyous occasion for the office. The 40-foot container left for Haiti on Wednesday, November 19th. However, we are still accepting shoeboxes for unsponsored children through the end of December, and will send another container in January.

Above left: Kate DeTellis (age 8) has her shoebox ready for her sponsor child, Gloria Estephanie Joseph (age 9) from Haiti. Behind Kate are stacks of shoeboxes for unsponsored children donated by some ministry friends in Ocala, Florida.

Above right: Each case is packed with shoeboxes by school. Timothy DeTellis celebrates each shoebox arrival and as a team we continue to pray for the sponsors and children this Christmas.

Bottom right photo: Terrie Estes and Kathy Apetz have kept track of the inventory of shoeboxes received from child sponsors on their way to Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Each shoebox is tracked in our computer system similar to how we track letters from our sponsors to their child.

Where Does Vision Come From?



George DeTellis, Jr.

Where does vision come from? In life – vision is everything. In the Bible, two scriptures come to mind when we think of vision. The first is “*Without a vision the people perish*” (Proverbs 29:18), and the second is “*Write the vision down – so the runner can run with it*” (Habakkuk 2:2). Each of us, in our lives, is seeking God for vision. But, how does that vision come to us?

I knew a missionary who had been in Haiti for many years. After some difficult times, he began to get disappointed and disgusted with Haiti and the Haitian people. He soon developed an attitude of contempt for the Haitians. After a time, he left Haiti and never returned to his missionary work. This man lost his heart for Haiti. Without a heart, there is no vision.

Vision comes from the heart. If you love somebody with passion – you will have great vision for that person’s life. The same is true for your calling. If you have great passion for your work, you will have great vision for the work that you are doing. Regardless of the obstacles, your passion will stimulate your imagination to the point that you will find a way to overcome any hindrances.

In the Bible, we read of men of great vision: Moses, David, and Nehemiah. All of these men had great passion for their calling. Nehemiah wept for the city of Jerusalem and dreamed of rebuilding the city walls. Often when I meet people, I will ask them, “What are you dreaming about?” I am asking them “What’s your passion?”

**Without a heart
there is no vision.**

We can see this principle in the nature of God. The scripture tells us, “*For God so loved the world...*” - which is God’s passion for our lives; “*...that He gave His only begotten Son*” - speaks to God’s vision for our lives; “*that none should perish, but that all should have everlasting life.*” - implies God’s destiny for our lives.

What are you dreaming about? Are you dreaming a good dream? Out of your passion God will give you a vision.

*Excerpts from George DeTellis Jr.’s recent sermon
“Where Does Vision Come From?”*

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Listening to the needs of people can be exciting...if you have in hand what they need. When you are in the ministry, it can be emotionally stressful to see the needs of so many people, and not have the ability to provide for those needs. We must always humble ourselves before God – crying out to Him in our need. I believe that He will see, hear, and let us receive again and again from His unlimited bounty. If you would consider a special year-end offering designated to Rice for Haiti, your gift would be greatly appreciated!

Love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeanne".

Jeanne DeTellis



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