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Christmas Shoeboxes Arrive

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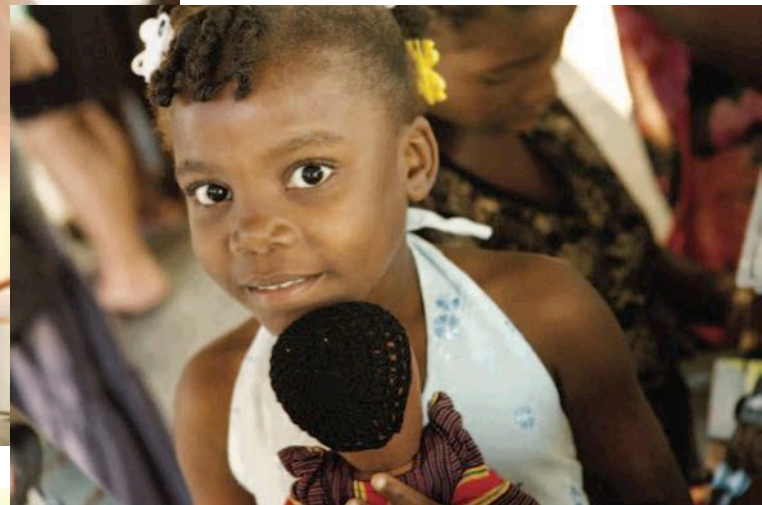
Glory to God... the container was released from customs on Friday night, December 12. Just after 8:00 p.m. a truck blew its horn around the corner near the mission, and with beaming headlights, there it was... the container arrived. Together, the mission team and Haitians worked to unload the entire shipment by hand in just over one hour. It was a glorious time of celebration and victory.

With great anticipation, the children of New Missions waited early Saturday morning, December 13, for their Christmas shoeboxes. It was 7:00 a.m. when the first distribution of Christmas shoeboxes began for the children from the Bordmer school. Additional distributions will continue to take place at each of our school locations. However, this special moment did not come without great prayer. It was a miracle that the 40-foot tractor trailer arrived at our mission in only three weeks.





Magdaline Similien lives in the village right next to the mission. She came with her mother to the shoebox distribution. Together they celebrated with joy as they opened the shoebox and found clothes, toys, and beads to make jewelry. What impressed me about Magdaline was that she dressed up for the occasion in a beautiful orange top and black dress.



Diana Chery opened her shoebox and immediately spotted a beautiful baby doll inside. She quickly picked it up and started hugging it. Then she looked back inside her shoebox and noticed that her sponsors, Michael and Annette Rundall from Nobleboro, Maine, sent a photograph. Diana picked up the Rundall's photograph and began to kiss the picture. Children were singing, jumping rope in the dining hall, and laughing as they found surprises in their shoeboxes. What a precious moment!

Looking ahead to next Christmas? Sign up now to lead a collection at your church by visiting www.newmissions.org and click the link for the Christmas Shoebox Drive. Thank you for your demonstration of great love and extended prayers during our first annual Christmas Shoebox Drive. —*Timothy DeTellis*

Teachers' Conference in Haiti

"I used to decide each year where I wanted to go on a mission trip," said Brent Gambrell. "I would go somewhere and put a band-aid on a gushing wound and go somewhere else the next year. But now with Haiti I'm able to do therapy—we've developed a plan."

After his first visit to Haiti five years ago, Brent now travels to Haiti, sometimes more than six times a year. He also has a staff person dedicated to coordinating team trips. His current goals are to distribute backpacks of school supplies to all 9,000+ New Missions students, as well as purchase a generator for each of the 21 elementary schools (which double as churches) and the high school.

Says Brent about his most recent trip over Thanksgiving, "This was by far the most productive trip I've ever done in Haiti."

About a year ago, Brent's office was contacted by a Texas school teacher with the idea for a teachers' trip. While the teachers' trip was a first in itself, that call resulted in the Teachers' Conference for New Missions' 170 elementary school teachers. Included on the team from the U.S. were eight teachers, one school superintendent and one principal. Also included were 36 other team members representing a variety of professions. Overall, the team comprised 46 people representing nine states.

To prepare for what has been dubbed "the teachers' trip," the Texas teachers began developing teaching tools that could be used realistically in Haiti. The end result was a massive notebook in French for math, science, reading, writing and social studies—accompanied by suitcases full of teaching tools such as foam multiplication dice, storybook cubes, math bingo, microscopes and many other teaching aids.

During the two-day Teachers' Conference both Brent and Haitian Pastor Leroy spoke during the large group time. During worship, Brent's message to the teachers was that they are an army of inspiration and wisdom—not just book wisdom, but God's true wisdom. The teachers then broke into small groups, rotating through sessions on math, science, reading, writing and social studies with the U.S. educators demonstrating the new tools. Each school received a kit.

As if a Teachers' Conference wasn't enough for one mission trip, Brent's team also bought and distributed \$10,000 worth of rice! They fed five villages thanks to a generous donor and friend of Brent's. While the rice distribution was taking place, the medical professionals on the team treated more than 200 people.

"Because we come to Haiti so often, we are also able to check on certain people every time," said Brent. "We basically make house calls. This trip used everybody's talents from all walks of life. We also assembled and distributed 325 school backpacks loaded with supplies. It was the busiest trip I've ever been on."

Plans are already underway for next year's conference for the High School teachers. —Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer

Our 168 elementary school teachers in Haiti gathered for a two day conference hosted at New Missions.



Mike Taylor (an educator in the U.S.) spoke during the Teachers' Conference, and was assisted by Chelsea Pierce.



Brent Gambrell preached an inspiring message to our elementary school teachers on the importance of the Gospel in the classroom.



Listen to God Now

Looking back on my father's life, what surprised me was that he was 48 years old when he went to the mission field. Abram (Abraham) was 75 years old when he heeded the voice of God telling him to leave Ur and go to a land that God would show him (Gen. 12:1-4). What makes this interesting is that Abram was the son of Terah, a Chaldean idol maker. One could easily assume that Abram was not a believer in Yahweh (God), but instead worshiped the demonic "gods" of the Chaldeans.

Nevertheless, Abram trusted God and went on to become the "father" of the Semitic people.

Abraham showed his faith in God by taking action according to God's Word. He did so by moving his family to Canaan, and further demonstrated his faith by willingly offering his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice according to God's command. The key to Abraham's obedience was that he remembered God's promise that he would be the father of nations, and that his descendents would be more numerous than the stars in the night sky. Therefore, he trusted God to provide...and God did! When Abraham raised the knife to slay his son, an angel stopped him and directed him to a ram caught in a thicket, which could be used for the sacrifice.

"Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,' and he was called God's friend." (James 2:21-23)



Pastor George DeTellis and his wife Jeanne founded New Missions on January 6, 1983 when they moved to Haiti and lived in tents.

Abraham's relationship with God gave him access to the vast wisdom and understanding of the godhead. As he interacted with God, he discovered God's perfect will for his life; he listened to God, believed what God said, and then acted upon what he learned through faith.

Today, listen to God and His leading for your life. No matter your age, now is the time to respond to what God desires for you. With God, all things are possible to those who believe. —*Timothy DeTellis*

This month, New Missions celebrates 26 years of ministry in Haiti. We still consider our mission to be small, even though over 9,000 students attend our schools. We preach the gospel and believe the only difference that will last is the personal relationship found in knowing Jesus. *"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."* (John 3:17) Together, with your friendship, we continue to see lives changed for the glory of God.

Serving together,

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

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A Miracle Home

Dear Friends of New Missions:

Kevin Michael, a building contractor in Orlando who led a team of 13 from his home church, knew in advance that the December mission trip wasn't expected to involve any construction, yet once in Haiti that all changed.

While the team was doing village ministry in LaSalle, a little girl about three years old caught the attention of Charlie and Rachel DeTellis. She had a severe burn on her foot and leg that had gone untreated. Her family was one of the poorest of the poor, and this was the second incident with this family's four children. The little girl was taken to the New Missions clinic for treatment, and the team went about its business.

Later that same day, Charlie approached Kevin and said, "I'd like to build this family a hut. What do you think?" Charlie then showed Kevin materials in storage from a building that had been torn down after the hurricanes and asked, "Will this stuff work?"

Kevin looked at the pile of used materials and recalls the Holy Spirit immediately saying to him, "This is a challenge." He knew the importance of being a good steward with the materials, but couldn't help but think, "How in the world are we going to do this?"

Well, they did it! The 12' x 14' house was pre-fabricated in the New Missions warehouse in less than 20 hours, and then transported in sections by two trucks. Once onsite, several Haitians helped erect it in less than 10 hours.

According to Kevin, "The family's current home was palm fronds and sticks, but even the new home wasn't extravagant. It wouldn't draw any undue attention to the family. The villagers were happy to help erect it, and nobody was envious."

Throughout the two-day construction process, the team was faced with various challenges. Kevin would ask Charlie, "How are we going to do this?" and Charlie would just show a hint of a smile and say, "Don't worry about it" and carry on. The question actually became somewhat of a joke as the team kept the faith and kept working.

Says Kevin, "I've volunteered my construction skills many times, but this experience was different. For the first time ever, I saw God using what I do for a living to bless someone through me. The difference in Haiti was all the limitations—I didn't have my tools, my paid hourly help, or even ideal building materials. This was a challenge because I couldn't do it in my own power. I had to rely on God for help."

Jon Dunwell, Westwood Church's pastor who was also on the mission trip, dedicated the home and Cindy Gallo, a nurse on Westwood's team, presented the family with a Haitian Bible.

Kevin said he thinks of the DeTellis family daily and how their passion has had a lasting impression on him. He hopes to return to Haiti, and is already talking with Charlie about replacing a roof on one of the schools. Kevin's hope is to assemble a team of skilled workers from the U.S. to accompany him. —Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer

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Cindy Gallo a registered nurse and Kevin Michael a general contractor served in Haiti during a one-week missions trip from Westwood Church in Orlando, Florida.

Rice Thank You

Do you have any idea how great the significance is of your offering to purchase rice to feed the children of Haiti? I am sure your heart has an imagination of a hungry child. Your giving is an act of obedience to God's will to see a miracle happen.

When you buy rice you reinforce the child's love and dependence upon a merciful God who is faithful. You have brought peace where there was agitation. You have brought hope for a people stepping out of poverty.

Many days in the life of the child, they awake and their tummies want something to eat. Often the mother will manage to give the child some little piece of food, maybe a banana or piece of fruit. There are no refrigerators full of food or kitchen cabinets, nor are there any drive-thru restaurants. The children wait for food. And the mother tries to distract the child from their pangs of hunger. There are times when the child will begin to cry and cry and cry. But the mother knows that if she starts that process of cooking a meal too early in the day, the rest of the day will be miserable as the hunger pangs return for more food.

The children of New Missions can come to school in peace and smiling. They know the cooking pots were put on at the first crack of dawn. They know their food is coming. You are making life change for them.

—Jeanne DeTellis



These sisters enjoy a hot lunch together at the New Missions school in Bordmer. Catiana Similien is sponsored by Susan Bowling from Shelby, North Carolina, and Magdaline Similien is sponsored by Bob & Charlotte Courteaux from Ormond Beach, Florida.

FAST FACTS:

- 300 110 pound sacks of rice are required monthly to feed our elementary school children in Haiti
- The sacks of rice in this photograph represent one month's supply of rice for New Missions



Family Serving in Haiti

It is a blessing for my family to be serving together in Haiti again. Many times in life it is difficult determining the best decision for your family. The DeTellis family felt led to be overseas again in a full-time role. It was also their desire to be together as a family, as I had been traveling back and forth between the States and Haiti.

My children are my treasure in life. Rachel is a wonderful wife and mother. She manages the Child Sponsorship program in Haiti, and oversees the medical needs of the children of New Missions – sending them out to other clinics and hospitals for further treatment when necessary. The entire family actively participates in hosting the mission teams. Our four children are thoroughly engaged in the “goings on” of the mission. Rachel and I have given our children back to the Lord for His service.



*Charlie and Rachel DeTellis with their family
Nathan (16), Elissa (6), Carita (11), and Jeremie (14).*



Missionary kids are a joyous part of being overseas. They stay involved in many activities of the mission. As Jeremie and Charlie take a moment to inspect the food warehouse, they make precious memories of serving together.

We know that the work in Haiti is not yet completed. We continue to add churches and schools on the Leogane Plain, and are also upgrading the existing ones. While Voodoo has had a stronghold in Haiti, with the Lord’s help and yours, we are changing that...one child at a time.

It is a joy for me to be in Haiti, and we thank you for being a part of this mission. –*Charlie DeTellis*



Carita took a moment to chat with some of our elementary school children in Mare Chal during a uniform distribution project with a visiting team. Learning Haitian Creole is an enjoyable part of living in Haiti.

Ready for You

The best part of being a missionary is you are continuously distracted from yourself, your desires, needs and your heartaches, as you listen to people who come to you for help.

I arrived for church on Sunday morning, and as I opened the car door, Julio, one of our workers, stood waiting to talk with me. His wife had a baby girl 10 days ago, and sadly, the baby did not survive. His wife was still in the hospital quite ill. What could I do to help him? I was on my way to church. Yes, I will pray for him and his wife. Having lost four children myself, I understood what he and his wife were feeling. However, I wanted to do more than pray for him in church. I sent someone to get one of Julio's shoes. Instead, Julio came into the church and gave me his shoe.

I told our people his story and asked, "Who would like to be wearing Julio's shoes?" Placing Julio's shoe on our pulpit table, I asked our people to come forward and put an offering in his shoe. I believe it was the biggest offering we had ever received. We laid hands on Julio to pray God's healing, love, and grace be upon his life and his family.

Jesus is asking you today, "What do you want Me to do for you?" In Luke 18:35-41 the blind man is sitting on the side of the road, begging, and he feels something going on. The people tell him that Jesus is passing by.

As Jesus passes by, the blind man screams out, "Jesus. Son of David. Have mercy on me." The people tell him to keep quiet. The blind man screams all the louder. "Jesus. Son of David. Have mercy on me." Are there people in your life who intimidate you from allowing your flesh to scream out to God for help? The crowd did not care about the blind man or that Jesus was there and that they should bring the blind man to Jesus for him to receive his sight. The people around you can lead you closer or farther away from God.

In the worship band at New Life Church there is a 16-year-old young man of Dominican and Indian descent. We all meet in a circle of prayer before church begins. One day as we joined hands in prayer, the young man, Jason, spoke out, "This is the best church!" His words were like an army of cheerleaders that touched my heart, and throughout the week I heard his words over and over again. Jason is experiencing God's presence at New Life Church. Be sure that the people who surround you bring you closer to God's love and changing presence.

Jesus hears the cry of the blind man. Jesus stood still and commanded that the blind man be brought to Him. "What do you want Me to do for you?"

I know a father and mother in Orlando who are telling Jesus exactly what they want. Their young daughter,

Gracyn, is currently waiting for a heart transplant. Put your hand on your heart and pray believing for a new heart for Gracyn. "Jesus. Have mercy on Gracyn."

When you tell Jesus what you want, get motivated to do all that you can in the natural to see that desire come to pass. Are you looking for a new personal change in your life? And what value do you place on that change? What will you do? The disciples never stopped rowing. They rowed and rowed - no matter how dark the night or how high the waves. And Jesus came to them. What you want requires your action and His Divine interaction.

Remember the words of President John Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." Yes, Jesus does say to you, "What do you want Me to do for you?" In this new year, many of us resolved to improving our health by eating smaller quantities of nutritious food and committing to physical exercise to give us healthy bodies and minds. When we tap into the source of our power in Christ Jesus, we will have the endurance and ability to row the boat in the storm during the darkest of night, until Jesus comes to us and says: "It's Me. Have courage. Don't be afraid."

Today, Jesus is talking to you, asking, "What do you want Me to do for you?" -*Jeanne DeTellis*

I wake up before dawn excited to work for God and thank Him each night for a great day! I experience His favor and anointing upon the ministry.

During a three-day church leaders conference at New Missions in the Dominican Republic, Dr. Anthony Ponceti of Lakeland, Florida said: "When there is harmony and love among church leaders from 20 churches in one room, the heart of God is touched. There is evidence that these leaders are compelled to serve Him to a greater depth."

I am praying for you to run, faster, serving our great God of love.

Love,



Jeanne DeTellis



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Salvation Grove

Dear Friends of New Missions:

A team of 30 from Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ in Mifflintown, Pennsylvania had an unusually fruitful and divine mission trip in Haiti this past January. Several of the team members have been to Haiti and the village of LaSalle many times, but this time they ended up in an area they'd never been—a small cluster of homes hidden just down a footpath on the edge of LaSalle.

The area was located under a shady pocket of trees with about 15 huts clustered in a small “grove” of homes. And so it began. The team began visiting with the Haitians and praying with them through the interpreter.

The people were so intensely ripe for harvest that when team members would finish praying with one family, they would turn around to find another family standing there waiting. Again and again, the visits and prayers went on with Haitians waiting their turn. Many prayed to receive Jesus. The team aptly named the area Salvation Grove.

Says team member George Losch, “It was obvious the Holy Spirit was going before us. It’s possible other teams had been there planting seeds, but we had never been there. Many times teams go through a village, but don’t necessarily get to see the fruit of their work.”

Throughout the week, the team stayed in contact with Salvation Grove, making three visits. And miraculously, the New Missions truck was able to make its way through the thick brush for a rice and cooking oil delivery.

For the third visit the team asked the pastor from the LaSalle church to join them. This young pastor immediately connected with the people and invited them to attend church. The pastor said that if the new believers didn’t come to church he now knows where they live and would visit them.

“This shows the importance when possible, of including the pastor while doing village ministry,” said Losch. “This was key and has given our team a new way to minister in Haiti. The reality is we will be going home, and the Haitians need ongoing encouragement and discipleship.”

Knowing that two mission team members were going to be baptized on Thursday, the invitation was extended for those Haitians who prayed to receive Christ to be baptized as well.

“On Thursday, our prayer was that they’d come,” said Losch. “At first there were no Haitians—just our team members. Then the Haitians started coming out of the brush, walking through the compound area and coming down the beach!” *—continued on next page*

Charlie DeTellis with the New Missions pastor from LaSalle, Jean Rigal Alcidas, celebrate together a life renewed in Jesus.



The young pastor from LaSalle performed the baptisms with Charlie DeTellis assisting. According to Losch, what was unique was at the completion of the baptisms there was no focus on the team. All the Haitians huddled together around their new pastor with him taking down their names. Anyone who has been to Haiti knows that normally the Haitians huddle around the Americans. Not this day.

Says Losch, "It was a new experience for us. Never have we loved being ignored so much. We could see that God was setting up discipleship through this young pastor."

In all, 28 Haitians were baptized along with their two sisters in Christ from the United States. Throughout the ceremony the young pastor kept saying, "This is good. This is so good."

-Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



Twenty-eight Haitians from Salvation Grove just after being baptized.



The Christians who found Jesus during the village ministry gather for the baptism service while Pastor Jean Rigal Alcidas kept a record of their baptism.

When a mission team travels to Haiti, they soon discover that the path they travel is worth the sacrifice because of the countless lives changed for eternity.

I Have a Dream

Where do you go when you have a dream? I find myself praying and seeking wise counsel. At the end of the day, I know that God wants us, His children, to yield to Him and live the dream that He has placed in our hearts. His will becomes our desire as we draw near to Him.

In Haiti, the children of New Missions are growing under the umbrella of God's love. We embrace them with the power of the Gospel. I was at our High School in Haiti sharing with a class of students



Thervene Ansley attends our High School in Haiti and has a dream to be a linguist. He is a fine young Christian man ready to help lead others in knowing Jesus and changing the future of Haiti.

about God-given dreams. I told them that together, we must pray and ask God to give us His dream for Haiti. We prayed and sought God. I asked God to pour out His love and grace upon each student - that they would overflow with His love for the people of Haiti. After we prayed, I began to ask the students if they have a dream.



Our school teacher, Mesidor Marie Manite, was child # 0119 and graduated from New Missions. She now teaches the third grade class at the Bordmer School. All she knew growing up was the love shown by New Missions and the power of the Gospel in her life. She now helps young children begin the process of leaving the life of poverty through a Christian education in Haiti.

There were several students who stood up, and many more who came up to talk with me after class. Their dreams included: being a police officer, a doctor, pastor, college professor, nurse, athletic director, and more. How encouraging it was to hear their passion and dreams. Today, I want to introduce you to one student named Thervene Ansley who lives in the village of Marechal. He stood up and told me that he wants to be a linguist. He is seventeen years old and attends our High School. His dream is possible because of people like you, who support New Missions.

What truly amazes me is how God is changing the lives of our students. They start at a young age and begin to grow strong in body, mind, and in their relationship with Jesus. Then, as they become young leaders in High School, we enable them with skills necessary to step out of poverty and fulfill the dreams that God has given them.

I have a dream... to see sponsors for High School students like Thervene. Currently, Thervene does not have a sponsor. There are also other young leaders ready to grow beyond where they are, and I invite you to join me in helping them fulfill their God-given dreams. I can't imagine where these students would be without your prayers, support for New Missions, and God's saving love. -*Timothy DeTellis*

The Marie Chantal Story...
COMING SOON

She was trapped in Haitian poverty and Voodoo. When her mother prayed, God showed up in an unusual way!

God of Miracles

Do you believe your God can perform miracles? God is all powerful. God is the creator of this world. The greatest miracle of all is when someone comes to know the Lord. This is a work of God which will last forever.

For the life of the believer, there are times when we can also sense our distance from God. We need to stir up His presence and His Spirit in our lives. We can easily become busy in our work and skip spending time with Him. While I would love to say that I naturally run to my Bible at the start of each morning, most days I first have my coffee and breakfast, and then give some direction to the other workers at the mission.

We are made in God's image, and we were created to have fellowship with Him. Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." God also tells us to love Him first with all of our hearts. I believe this is the only key to being successful. We need to always put God first in our mind, heart, and with our time.

Daniel had the habit of praying three times a day. He was in a foreign country as a captive, and yet he never gave up trusting in God. Like Daniel, most of you are probably living with adversity

in your life. You are familiar with feelings of anger or bitterness, and may have questions in your life. We need to be like Daniel, and we need to keep our faith in God even when life becomes hard. God does not tell us we will not have trials in this world, but He does promise to be with us during the trials. God delivered Daniel from the lion's den. Daniel's God was a God of miracles, and He delivered Daniel from this adversity. I believe Daniel did a lot of praying while he was in the lion's den. I know I would have!

Whenever I take the time to spend with God, I always sense His presence. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." (James 4:8) Many times I physically sense God's presence when I read His Word. God will be faithful to us, just as He was faithful to Daniel. God will speak to you. I believe anything is possible with God. God has protected this mission in Haiti many times. We have become accustomed to seeing God's hand upon this work. We give Him all the glory! Trust God during the storms in your life.

Throughout the years, I have personally witnessed God's faithfulness and deliverance in times of trouble. I remember a time when all of the missionaries were on the back of a truck, and my father was driving. As we headed down the

road, we noticed hundreds of people blocking the road. Upon a further glance, we realized that we were the "only" truck on the road. I told my dad not to go through the road block first...but to wait and follow after another vehicle. We looked behind us and saw a black military hummer speeding our way. Needless to say, we were full of joy to see it coming! Up until this time, I had never even seen a military hummer in Haiti. We followed right behind the hummer. It was as if God provided an angel to go before us. The hummer had quite a bit of difficulty with the crowd, and only ended up proceeding by driving off of the road. We finished making it through and arrived home safely.

I do not believe God wants us to live a perfect life without trials, because our faith and love for God are tested in the midst of adversity. I don't look for the storm or the battle – in fact I try to avoid them! But, He wants us to remain faithful even in the midst of adversity. He wants us to remain faithful when we are threatened to be thrown into a lion's den. He will deliver us and perform a miracle. We have His sure and steadfast promises to hold onto until we see our miracle and our deliverance. Let your faith rise up in a faithful God. –*Charlie DeTellis*

We praise God for the work which is taking place in Haiti, and truly appreciate the labor of the mission teams. Many have received salvation through their efforts. We plan on shipping materials and equipment for numerous building projects. The site for the new Middle School has been excavated and filled with gravel, and we will soon begin laying the blocks for this building. Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. (Hebrews 12:1-3)

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A Vision for Haiti

Dear Friends of New Missions:

Ten years and seven eye clinic mission trips later, Ophthalmic Diagnostic Technician Susan Korjagin of Houston, Texas and her team distributed a record number of glasses—600 pairs of eyeglasses (prescription and readers) and an additional 400 sunglasses.

Most of the glasses are collected via word-of-mouth at drop-off bins located in churches and optical shops, while others are purchased from discount stores. Once collected, Susan processes them at home. She reads the glasses to determine their prescription, bags them according to strength and enters them into a master spreadsheet.

“I start with a big pile of glasses and try to keep it simple,” said Susan. “Normally, I don’t take anything abnormal, but from time to time I’ll be prompted to bring something strange and I’ll end up needing it.”



Eric Mayo from Bow, New Hampshire served in Haiti providing eye clinics.



Bertony, the team's translator, assisted with close vision eye exams.



Team members Elena Hill (left) from Tucson, Arizona, and Trina Williams from Houston, Texas, rejoiced with Jean-Paul Guirand from New Missions whose glasses helped him to see better during school.

Susan’s portable equipment is perfect for Haiti. She can determine each patient’s prescription with no need for electricity! During the January trip, the team set up eye clinics in four different villages and saw 100-150 people per day. Despite long lines and long hours, the team also takes time to pray with the Haitians.

“Some of the Haitians have good vision, but they come to have their eyes checked,” said Susan. “Other times, they discover a problem and may learn that trees aren’t just big green blobs.”

The eye clinic’s services are only for glasses. However, if any of the Haitians have problems such as cataracts, growths, etc., their names and villages are noted to ensure further professional care.

Susan recalls rewarding moments such as having “the perfect pair” of glasses for someone or even needing just one unusual screw and then actually having it in the repair box! Imagine how something so small and brought from so far can make an impact in someone’s life.

One of the most rewarding experiences was in January when a young man came to have his eyes checked. He needed a very strong prescription, and the team had what he needed in inventory. The young man was so happy he hugged all four team members and said, “My life has changed because of these glasses!” —Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer

Spirit in the Dominican Republic

February 16-23 was a wonderful week of ministry at the mission in Sosua, Dominican Republic. My mother and I were blessed to have Pastor David DiStaulo from Toronto, Pastor David Mortelliti from Montreal, and Lucie Myre (also from Montreal) visiting with us. Here are some highlights from my trip...

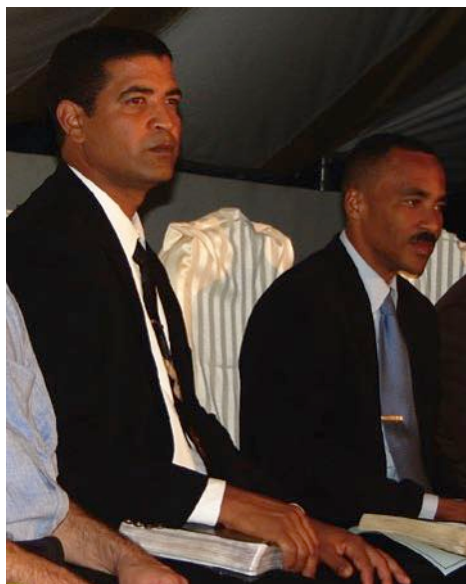
Visit to the public school

New Missions has a good relationship with the administration at the local public school, and has an open invitation to visit. We gathered in the school's courtyard where musicians from our Spanish church sang and performed for the children. Unlike public schools in the United States, we are able to openly share the Gospel and invite the children to attend our local church services. Children are the greatest opportunity to spread the Gospel. We hope to visit these public schools on a regular basis for music and ministry.



Pastor ordinations

On Saturday evening we celebrated the ordination of Pastors Nicolas Santos and Domingo Canelo. Pastor Nicolas had been a souvenir seller at Playa Sosua. One day, as Pastor George was preaching at an evangelistic event on the beach, Nicolas accepted the Lord. These two young pastors have now been preaching for more than four years. They are graduates of our Bible School. Pastor George and Jeanne poured their lives into these men, discipling them to be used of God in the ministry.



Tent crusade

In downtown Sosua, New Missions owns five acres. This is the compound that includes the baseball field, health center, five pavilions, and a large tent where our Spanish church meets. We hope to eventually build a permanent building on this property. On Friday night, every chair in the tent was filled for our crusade. I spoke to hundreds of Dominicans through our translator, Jennifer Brechtefeld. Many of the Dominicans commented that my mannerisms and speech reminded them of my father, Pastor George Sr., who went to be with the Lord last June.



The English church

On Sunday morning I preached in the English church on the main mission campus. The Dominican Republic is a great mix of people from all over the world who vacation and reside in the Caribbean during the winter months. Our church was filled with people from Italy, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands and also the United States.



Baptismal service

Sunday afternoon we had a powerful experience as 18 people were baptized in the swimming pool at the home of Jorge and Delia Espinoza. Upon retiring in 2003 the Espinozas were looking to buy a home in the Dominican Republic. Delia saw the New Missions church and said, "I am going to buy a house so I can attend this Christian church." They have been a wonderful blessing to the mission in Sosua. Prior to the baptismal service, Jorge led a 10-week Bible study for the candidates, preparing them for their baptism and affirming their decision to follow Jesus.

Jesse, our worship leader, played guitar while each of the new disciples was baptized. This was a powerful testimony to the congregation to see the pastors who had just been ordained the night before being used of God. There was such a spirit of revival that many people in attendance made a decision for Christ and asked if they too could be baptized that very day. We were baptizing new Christians late into the night!



Jeanne report

Never have I come home so excited! I couldn't help but see that my mother has a fresh anointing on her life - as though God has given her a new calling. She has picked up the torch my father had been carrying, and is leading the charge with a powerful spirit. The Spanish and English churches in Sosua are growing, and there is a spirit of excitement and expectation as we anticipate all the good things God wants to do in the ministry of New Missions.

—George DeTellis, Jr.



Sacrificial Love

Recently the song “Give Me Your Eyes” by recording artist Brandon Heath became my favorite song. In the middle of the chorus the lyrics are: “Give me your love for humanity, give me your arms for the brokenhearted, the ones that are far beyond my reach.” I began to search my heart for how I could best love and reach out to the brokenhearted. How can I love those far beyond my reach? I want to be effective in loving others, especially the hurting.

I then began to ask myself what lasting impression do I leave on people? Do they remember what I do...or what I say? It seems that people will most remember how I made them feel, more than what I actually said. You may remember the old saying, “sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” Well, that’s just not true. Words sting like a bee and they linger for years in the heart and mind of the recipient. Have you ever heard of *The Five Love Languages*, by author Gary Chapman? They are divided into acts of service, quality time, physical touch, gifts, and words. Yes, words are a way people give and receive the expression of love. I can love the brokenhearted

through my words, but is that enough?

Hidden in Scripture is a wonderful passage from Zephaniah 3:17: “*The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.*” For the Lord’s own, His final word is not of anger, as with the unbelieving nations, but of love, as expressed in this beautiful verse. When it comes to His people, chastised and forgiven, the Lord rests His case with love and rejoicing. Think about a mother and her child. When her baby is trying to fall sleep, what does the mother do? She sings sweet soft songs to the baby. In the same manner, our God in heaven sings over us with His love!

How can we do the same for those around us? This brings me back to a Scripture found in Luke 18:29-30 which reads: “*I tell you the truth,*” Jesus said to them, “*no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life.*” Jesus declares we must sacrifice to love. In our world today, too many

have become self-absorbed, being overly concerned with themselves and not caring for humanity. For us to help we must reach out, which often requires sacrifice.

One of my all-time favorite hymns is *The Wonderful Cross*. Its words convey that it’s not just because of Jesus’ amazing sacrifice, but His amazing love and obedience to His Heavenly Father. I can’t imagine the suffering or the pain. However, His faithfulness to follow through to the end of the cross amazes me. Jesus could have walked away; instead He made the ultimate sacrifice of love and gave His life for everyone of us.

Today, I ask myself, how can I sacrifice to love? When I look around me, I see people waking up to the idea that we need to be better stewards with what God has entrusted to us. Great idea! We could skip lunch this Tuesday and donate \$5 to help feed 25 children a hot meal in Haiti. Our communities, our homes, and our world will be a better place as together, we sacrifice to love. My prayer is: “*God, please give me Your eyes; allow me to be Your hands.*” –Timothy DeTellis

This May, we are sending a 40-foot cargo container to Haiti and invite you to participate. We need to raise funds to purchase construction supplies for the Middle School that is being built on our High School campus. In addition, we welcome any donated musical instruments and PA systems for our 21 churches in Haiti. God is at work, and we rejoice knowing His hand is upon our ministry and lives. May we continue to be courageous and passionate together in our calling.

Serving together,



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The Marie Chantal Story...
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She was trapped in Haitian poverty and Voodoo. When her mother prayed, God showed up in an unusual way!

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Math Teacher Multiplies Shoeboxes

Dear Friends of New Missions:

Math teacher Sandy Mathews turned her passion for packing Christmas shoeboxes into an opportunity for students to put their school's mission statement (*...character before career; wisdom beyond scholarship, service before self, and participation as a way of life*) into practice.

A LaCrosse, Wisconsin native, Mathews has been teaching for 18 years. For the past seven years, she has been teaching at The First Academy (TFA) in Orlando where she is now head of the Upper School Math Department and primarily teaches Algebra II and Pre-Calculus to 10th through 12th graders.

"In years past, TFA has encouraged the students to participate in the Christmas shoebox effort. It's something everyone can participate in, and becomes a competition among grade levels," said Mathews.

When asked which grade usually wins, Mathews chuckles and says, "My students generally win every year. I am known at TFA for my enthusiasm with the Christmas shoeboxes."

Usually the shoebox effort kicks into high gear in the fall and tops out with a packing party in November. However, Mathews is in high gear all year long, constantly buying shoebox items on clearance and raising money in her classroom.



Students from The First Academy in Orlando helped assemble nearly 200 shoeboxes on Good Friday. Pictured from left to right: Abby Mixner - 10th grade, Katie English - 11th grade, math teacher Sandy Mathews, Emma Radcliffe - 11th grade, Stephen Hyotala - 10th grade and Connor Jones - 10th grade. Not pictured Taylor Coan - 10th grade.

"My cupboards at school are full," says Mathews. "I buy things when I see them on sale. Recently, I saw wash cloths on clearance, and after Christmas I found socks and jump ropes for a quarter."

Mathews gets creative in the classroom too, offering incentives to students to help reimburse herself for the items she buys throughout the year. She may sell candy or cupcakes for a quarter or fifty cents and allow the students to eat in class that day. Some students donate items for the shoeboxes while others choose to donate the cost of shipping several boxes.

"The participation comes in a variety of ways," said Mathews. "When they see my enthusiasm and what I have stored in my cupboards, the students get enthused, too."

That enthusiasm recently translated into the "off season" when several TFA students volunteered to help Mathews assemble nearly 200 shoeboxes on Good Friday. There was a great energy as the students arrived by 10:00 am (on their day off from school) to help assemble shoeboxes. The donated items were organized in the classroom: calculators, clothing, essential hygiene items, etc. The passion was contagious! The local Christian radio station, Z88.3 FM, was playing in the background and there was an excitement in the room. After the shoeboxes were packed, the students loaded them into cases and drove them to the New Missions office in Orlando. —Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



Packing shoeboxes is a great project for churches and schools, as it creates a tangible way to do missions and spread the Gospel.

Host a Collection Drive

What a joy it is to see children come to know the love of Jesus.

It all starts with a special gift, packed by you, filled with love, and sent with your prayers. A Christmas shoebox has the ability to capture the attention of a child and open their heart to learn about Jesus. You can make this possible by partnering with us to collect shoeboxes for the children of New Missions.

Last year we saw a wonderful response to our Christmas Shoebox drive, and collected just over 4,000 shoeboxes! This year our goal is to reach 10,000. In order to accomplish this goal, we need your help. Please call 407-240-4058 or visit shoeboxdrive.com and sign up now to lead a collection at your church or school. You can also host a shoebox drive at your place of work. We will send you resources to help promote the campaign.

Thank you for your great demonstration of love and in remembering the children of New Missions this Christmas. —*Timothy DeTellis*



New Missions volunteer advocate Cindy Gallo from Westwood Church in Orlando, along with Dan Daly, Children's Pastor at Westwood, were in Haiti when the shoeboxes arrived. They helped sort the cases while Cindy found the shoeboxes she actually packed at home.



2009 COLLECTION DATES:

NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 18

*Send a shoebox for your sponsored child
or a boy or girl still waiting for a sponsor.*



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Soccer Camp Quenches Thirst in Haiti

More than six months ago, a brainstorming session resulted in a creative soccer camp that uses a familiar Bible story to share the Gospel with Haitian fifth graders.

Mike Wilson, a former pastor and now professional speaker hailing from Franklin, TN, has been to Haiti nearly 10 times. He knows that soccer is a big thing among the Haitians, and wanted to somehow use soccer to reach them.

Leading up to the trip, Wilson asked the experts at D1 Sports Training in Tennessee if they would train him to put on a soccer camp. D1 Sports not only instructed him...they sent four D1 representatives with him to Haiti! Meanwhile, by using the social networking website, Facebook, 60 soccer balls and uniforms were donated! Lifeway Christian and Stuph Clothing also donated hats and t-shirts. Each fifth grader would receive a backpack and water bottle, as well.

Once in Haiti, for four days in a row the mission team brought in 100 fifth graders to participate in a soccer camp. Each day students from two separate villages were given tickets and sent to the New Missions main complex where the soccer camp was set up. A total of 400 students participated in the soccer camp.

“You could just see their eyes light up as they came in the gate,” said Wilson. “We introduced ourselves and started off with some warm-ups to get them laughing and relaxed. Then we gave them colored wrist bands to coordinate rotations through the stations.”

The conditioning and training stations included speed ladders, mini hurdles and inflatable tires. A variety of trophies were given each day for fastest, best overall, etc.

“We are known for working our mission team volunteers to death,” laughs Wilson. “While some of us were doing soccer camp, other team members were helping in the kitchen to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and prepare hard-boiled eggs. Since we took the fifth graders out of school, we needed to feed them lunch.”

Halfway through camp each day, the team held a devotion that started off like this: “Is anyone hot? Is anyone thirsty?” Then the Bible story of the woman at the well was shared with an invitation that went like this: “Would you like to drink this living water so your soul will never thirst?”



“While a kid in America doesn’t really connect with well water, Haitian kids do,” said Wilson. “Each child was given a water bottle with a *Jesus Loves You* sticker that they were able to fill from the mission well.”

As a result of the soccer camp, a total of 38 fifth graders came forward to receive Jesus. According to Wilson, their names were given to the directors at their churches with word that they had made a decision for Christ.

Says Wilson, “We know that follow-up will happen. We did a half-day soccer camp, but the real ministry happens in the churches. We are so thankful we have a mission in Haiti where we know these children who made decisions will be included in their local church family.”

—Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer

Whitney King (with sponsored child Berthony Prince), Missy Wilson (with sponsored child Rachele Paul), and Kelly Mills (with sponsored child Wednel Elceus) enjoyed quality time together in Haiti during the sports evangelism and soccer camp.

The Wild Goose

Most of us think of a peaceful, sweet dove descending upon Jesus as He was baptized by John in the Jordan River. Yes, as the song goes, “Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet Heavenly dove...” How delicately touching is the ‘dove’ of the Holy Spirit.

However, in Ireland, the early Christians used the symbol of the ‘Wild Goose’ for the Holy Spirit. They sent out missionaries around the world using the symbol of the ‘Wild Goose.’ And what’s a wild goose like? Unpredictable, noisy, strong, scary, and not like a sweet wooing dove.

My teacher (as I refer to my late husband George) taught that the Holy Spirit was living in me from the moment I invited Christ into my life as Savior. 1 Corinthians 3:16, “Do you know that...the Spirit of God dwells in you?” Pastor George loved adventure for God. At times he was uncontrollable, strong, noisy and unpredictable. Often, his adventure pushed me out of my comfort zone. I loved God and I loved my husband. So, I obeyed, followed, and shared in the excitement and adventure of his ‘wild goose’ nature.

After my husband’s death, I thought I would bring my life into a secure routine without taking risks and I certainly would not seek out any adventure. I had plenty of adventures to remember. I am adjusting and love my new life. I look forward to my weekly ministry commitments: 3 school chapel services, morning prayer meeting, two Spanish services, one English service,

women’s ministry, office appointments, missionary and Spanish leadership meetings. I love it all! I am blessed to have a bicycle and enjoy riding it around town and meeting people, and I treasure my early morning walks along the beach. I’ve got my routine. I love and I’m loved. Most of all, I feel the peaceful sweet ‘dove’ presence of the Holy Spirit.

But that ‘wild goose’ in my husband has begun to flap around in my innermost being. I took a day off last month and went horseback riding (haven’t done that in 49 years), and I loved the thrill of the horse galloping along the edge of mountain ledges and going through cold river waters – what a day to remember!

Is your environment always controlled, and is your spiritual environment intimidating, structural, programmed, so much in order that there is no room for the ‘wild goose’ of the Holy Spirit. We, as spirit-filled Christians, need to choose and express a spirit of liberty in our churches. Christ came to set us free. And where the Spirit is there is liberty.

Well, I’ve changed. I’ve decided that I want the Holy Spirit in my life to be like the early Irish Christians – like a wild goose. I want the Spirit to lead me and at times that will be unpredictable.

This morning, a little Haitian boy with dimples penetrating his cheeks and chin looked up at me with a full smile and said, “Madam George, you speak Creole!” What a thrill! What joy to lead people to Christ. What great

satisfaction to love and embrace a lonely older woman, and for tears to fill her eyes as she felt God’s presence visit her. What excitement to have a woman (who had been a well known prostitute in town) come to know Christ and get baptized last month in Iglesia Nueva Vida (New Life Church). The ‘wild goose’ got her and she is out on the streets preaching to her friends – and I’m going with her!

We needed a place for a nursery at our Spanish church. A missionary had the courage to ask me if she could use my church office. I got excited about that and purchased nursery furniture from a Scottish mother who was leaving the country. We’re showing the little ones who they are – they are God’s Kingdom – the future of the church. And we’re telling the parents how important the happiness of their little ones is. We want to show God’s love and provision for them.

Sometimes as Christians we feel safe in the cage. Are you bored? Don’t you want to honk and be wild? We need some spiritual adventure – like Daniel being thrown in a den of lions and Noah building the ark. Enjoy the wild ride! Life is short...and spending your life for Him is the greatest call to spiritual adventure.

Adventure – pursue the Holy Spirit. Fill your life with Him. He’ll take you for a ride on the best ticketless flight – you’ll be holding your breath, laughing with joy, and your heart will be satisfied beyond measure. –*Jeanne DeTellis*

Sometimes life is tough. It hurts. I recently celebrated George’s 74th birthday on April 25th without him. What did I do? That ‘wild goose’ in me got noisy and unpredictable – I preached at our big tent and hosted a beach event with music groups, preachers and my chocolate peanut butter treat! Remember, Christ came to set us free...so let the ‘wild goose’ take you to a higher adventure.

Love,



Jeanne DeTellis





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

Churches That Serve

Dear Friends of New Missions:

When it comes to missions, the priority is preaching the Gospel so that people can enter into a personal relationship with Jesus. The purpose of New Missions is to lead children into a growing relationship with Jesus, while strengthening their bodies and minds and helping them out of poverty. Sure, we can provide a good education, but without the foundation of Biblical principles, will real change come if a child still lives in the darkness of Voodoo? We can feed a child so their mind is alert, help prevent disease, and enable them to grow strong. But it's the changes brought by the saving power of Jesus that can truly change a life and a nation.

Charlie DeTellis has served in Haiti since 1983. He is carrying on the legacy established of training and raising up leaders who serve the people of Haiti who are in such great need. On Tuesday, May 5, all of our pastors and school directors (including our High School and Bible College) gathered together for a time of fellowship and learning. All who attended received a true blessing. We had several guest speakers from the United States who shared on developing ministry teams, leading worship, and the power of spiritual discipleship.



Charlie DeTellis shares with our 21 pastors and school directors (including our High School and Bible College) in Haiti. Monthly, these leaders come together for continued prayer, planning, and personal development.

As I watched Charlie love on these pastors and provide additional leadership and instruction on how we are moving forward as a mission, my heart was encouraged. I know that God has assembled His army to reach Haiti. When my father and mother founded New Missions, we did not even have a handful of Haitian Christians. While I was at our Birey Church, Pastor Jean Panel Louis shared with me how thankful he is that the school children can come. He added that his prayer is that as the children come to church, their parents would follow and grow with them in a personal relationship with Jesus. Real change has taken place and continues to touch lives as the Gospel reaches villages across Haiti through the ministry of our churches. Please pray about the establishment of another church and school in Haiti this fall, as we are scouting locations on the Leogane Plain. —*Timothy DeTellis*

Please pray for our pastors by name. For a complete list visit our newsroom online at newmissions.org.



Pastor Teleports to Haiti

In light of the recently released *Star Trek* movie, the famous catch phrase “Beam me up, Scotty” comes to mind when thinking of Pastor David Holmes, the children’s K-5 pastor at First Baptist Church of Orlando.

Holmes and two others from First Baptist Orlando just returned from a three-day trip to Haiti. While there they filmed numerous clips of Holmes which will be used to create a video for the church’s upcoming Vacation Bible School program. Holmes plans to create the illusion that he’s been teleported from live on-stage appearances back to Haiti. The illusion makes use of a time capsule-like booth, along with smoke effects.

“We want to bring missions to life,” said Holmes. “Kids see a lot of videos, magazines and pictures, so we want to make missions real for our kids. We want them to see real families, real kids and real needs.”

Holmes has a bigger plan in mind than just a one-shot VBS program. He recognizes the ongoing needs in Haiti and says that his kids can step up and meet needs such as school notebooks, clothing, etc. He doesn’t just want the kids to become informed about missions, but for missions to be part of who they are—“part of their DNA.” The children’s ministry is off to a strong start with their November 2008 food drive that brought in nearly 3,000 pounds of rice and beans.

“This partnership is a perfect opportunity for elementary school children who are in the ‘it’s not fair’ phase and the ‘we never get to...’ and the ‘we always have to eat spaghetti’ phase,” explains Holmes.

Holmes also sees an opportunity for kids and their parents to go on mission trips to Haiti. He references his own third grade son and how Haiti is an ideal forum to be with his son one-on-one, mentoring and coaching him on how to become a servant to others.



Pastor David Holmes visited the hut of Catiana and Magdaline, who are featured in our Christmas Shoebox Drive video. The children at VBS this summer will be invited to pack shoeboxes for this Christmas.



A group of students from our Bordmer school gathered after practicing the writing of their names on the chalkboard. Jesus said, “Let the little children come unto me.” Your love for your sponsored child makes a difference.



“I haven’t been excited like this in a while,” said Holmes. “Kids are like play-dough at this stage. It’s a scary and exciting time. We have an opportunity to mold their hearts into an attitude and lifestyle of doing missions.”

Holmes says that if he had not been called to children’s ministry, there’s no doubt he’d be on the mission field. The great thing about where God has him is that children’s ministry allows him to train and inspire hundreds of others who can be “teleported” throughout the mission field. —Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer

Along the Leogane coast, the villagers depend upon farming and fishing. Pastor Holmes greets Roland, a local fisherman. The children at VBS will see the surroundings of a third-world country and its people.

Buildings for a Purpose

When I walked through the medical clinic in Haiti, I knew the day would bring miracles to those waiting outside. People were sick and arrived well before 8:00 a.m. in anticipation of the clinic's opening. When it comes to treating the sick in a third world country, the real challenge is delay in seeking medical attention. Too often parents wait to ask for help because they think the problem may fix itself. At New Missions we believe in the power of prayer, and we know that we serve a miracle-working Savior.

The journey to our medical clinic may be several miles for some. We hope and pray one day to build another medical clinic on the Leogane Plain to serve more people who are too far out of reach. Currently, our medical clinic serves over 1,000 patients each month. We train healthcare workers for in-village needs, including mid-wife services. When visiting teams arrive, they go hut to hut praying with people and making sure priority issues are being taken care of.

Because of your gifts to *Love Your Mission*, continued improvements are taking place at our mission facilities. This past month the Bordmer church and medical clinic were painted. We have much work still to be done and summer is here. We need your extra support to help us go the distance. We have school benches that need to be built, repaired, and painted. Additional churches and schools need painting. The floors in our Bordmer Elementary School classrooms need to be raised due to past flooding from storms. We have already raised the sidewalks and have replaced the doors.

This month, a 40-foot tractor trailer filled with needed construction supplies, warehouse shelving, and chain link fencing will go to immediate use in serving the students enrolled in New Missions' schools. Thank you for believing with us that with God all things are possible.

—Timothy DeTellis

Outside our medical clinic in Haiti, patients wait for its opening at 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. This facility was built by a donation from Faith Fellowship Ministries World Outreach Center and Pastor David Demola in 1998 and continues to touch lives for the glory of God.



Ernst Verdry is painting the very first church established by New Missions in 1983 located at our Bordmer campus.



The Ultimate Example

When God sent Jesus to earth as a baby, He was thinking outside the box. Why not send a powerful military leader instead of a baby?

When God gave His only Son, Jesus, to be sacrificed for the sins of the world, He was thinking outside the box. Why kill the Savior?

When Jesus turned over His leadership authority to the disciples, He was thinking outside the box. How could that band of uneducated Galilean fishermen, despised tax collectors, and fanatical zealots accomplish anything worthwhile?

We have much to be thankful for in that God doesn't think the way we do: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways." (Isaiah 55:8) This is why Moses pleaded with the Lord... "If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you." (Exodus 33:13) Moses understood that in order for him to lead the people according to God's will, he would have to grow in likeness with his leader.

Jesus gathered the twelve and then spent the next three years pouring Himself into them. Day and night, Jesus taught, led, ministered, rebuked, encouraged and pushed them toward their destiny in God. He pointed out their strengths and exposed their weaknesses in

order to prepare them for what lie ahead. Jesus never gave up on them.

We can learn much from the life of Jesus. He is our Savior. He was also an inspirational leader, both a cheerleader and a coach, always seeing potential instead of failure.

Now it is your turn. You must take up the role of cheerleader and coach. Begin thinking outside the box to move closer and impact the lives of those around you. God has called and sent you to love.

For God so "loved" the world... He sent His one and only Son... (John 3:16). Yes, there is need for correction and discipline, which both fall under the role of loving someone. When you want the best for another person you love them enough to help steer them in the right direction. The ultimate gift is to give your life.

Remember, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command." (John 15:13-14) Together, we give our lives to be sent of God as we model the ultimate example in the life of Jesus.

—Timothy DeTellis

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What does it mean to leave a mark? To make a difference starts by loving. "If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I am nothing." 1 Corinthians 13:3 Today, choose to love and see the difference you can make.

Serving together,

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

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During a mission trip in May, the Similien girls share a gift of okra with Timothy DeTellis.



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Change the life of a child

The Journey of Hope

Dear Friends of New Missions,

She came to school and the big question was, what would life be like after New Missions? Her name is Nadege Bertrand, child number 36. It was 26 years ago when she began attending our first school in Bordmer. Her classroom had walls made of woven coconut palm branches and the floor was the dirt ground. Nadege walked to school from the village of Neply and she was one of the very first students to hear about Jesus through New Missions.

When Nadege came to New Missions years ago, we had a focused message – Haiti: Hope in God. We saw poverty that you could not imagine. Today, Haiti is still the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, but there is a new generation of Christian leaders stepping forward. Nadege is one of them.



Recently, I sat down with Nadege and we talked about her journey from learning to read and write in school at New Missions, to now teaching the third grade class at the very school she once attended. What impressed me most was her inspiration for each student in her class. She told me she sees herself in each and every one of them.

The journey continues for this graduate of New Missions, as she continues to expand her horizon and attends nursing school, thanks to a New Missions donor sponsoring her nursing school tuition. She continues to teach at Bordmer Elementary School, and she hopes to be a medical professional in a few years. She is currently number two in her first-year class at the nursing institute. The nursing program is four years.

The third grade students are proud of their teacher. She not only is a role model, but she believes in them, and prays for them by name, as they travel the same road she has. –*Timothy DeTellis*

As a graduate of New Missions, Nadege is teaching the third grade students to be the next generation of leaders.

*Nadege Bertrand, child #36,
began school at
New Missions with no
idea what God would do
for her and through her.*



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From a dry feeding, a child brings home enough food to feed their family about 50 meals.

Dry Feeding

A dry feeding is distributing food that is not cooked, such as rice, beans or oil. It is one of the ways New Missions expresses the love of God to the children of Haiti. Some groups visiting Haiti through New Missions take an offering for the 110-pound sacks that are bought in Haiti and delivered to the schools. A sack costs \$42 U.S. dollars. Each child receives two mamites (commercial-size tin can) of rice. The families typically cook the rice with beans. An average family has seven members and the dry feeding will provide about 50 meals.

“In addition to the hot meal the children receive at school, the dry feedings provide food that they can take home to their families. The dry feedings truly bless the families because they can cook that food at home.” said Tim DeTellis.



A 110 pound sack of rice feeds 360 children one meal. You can purchase a sack of rice for \$42.

Each bag of rice in the fragile hands of a child is an expression of God’s love and provision to people who are still hungry. *Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.* (Matthew 19:14). –Katie Dees, Contributing Writer

Power of a Photograph

We are familiar with the phrase, “a picture is worth a thousand words.” This child, Horlna Dorsainvil, has the photo of her sponsors, Raulin and Dottie Travis, proudly displayed in her hut. For the children of New Missions, when a sponsor sends a photograph, it becomes a treasure. To see the people who are praying for them, loving them, and providing the funds for them to attend school is powerful. Their hearts and minds are overwhelmed to know someone loves them so much.

This summer, we want to invite all of our child sponsors to send a photograph and note to their sponsored



child. You can email the photo and note to info@newmissions.org. Please include your child’s name and identification number in the subject line. Or, if you prefer, you can mail the photograph and note to our New Missions office. A simple note with an enclosed photograph will be a great blessing in the life of your child. If you have visited your sponsored child, please send them a photo of you and them together. Let’s show our love and support through the power of a photograph. –Timothy DeTellis

Horlna Dorsainvil cherishes the photo of her sponsors, Raulin and Dottie Travis, from Deridder, Louisiana.

Award Recipient Gives to New Missions

Laura Groth, a junior at Huntington University in Indiana, was recently awarded one of the university's two 2009 Servant Leadership Awards. The Dean of Students nominated Laura for her character and service, without her knowledge. She was then awarded a plaque and a \$1,000 scholarship. As part of the award criteria, recipients were required to donate \$250 to a charity of their choice. Having just returned from a mission trip to the Dominican Republic during spring break, Laura chose New Missions because of the character and service she saw demonstrated by the missionaries.

"I chose New Missions because I saw the need firsthand. I saw the staff using money wisely and how strong their relationships were with the people. They really showed love and care," said Laura.

During the trip, Laura and the team of 13 staff and students from Huntington participated in crafts and games with the Dominican kids, and distributed care packages of t-shirts, hygiene items, shoes, water bottles, etc. The team also repaired 16 desks at the school in Redemption Village, which enabled 16 additional students to attend.

One of the very reasons Laura was nominated for the Servant Leadership Award was for helping her fellow team members raise support for the mission trip. The team was so successful in their fundraising effort that they had extra money. The extra funds were used to purchase rice and beans for several Dominican families who were excited to receive it.

"I am a worker," said Laura. "Yet this trip was very relational. We talked with the people and loved on, played with, and held the children. It caught my heart. I was surprised to see how strong the relationship is between New Missions and those they serve."

—Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



Huntington University junior Laura Groth plays with Wilbelis Perez (who is sponsored by Kirk Grable of Carmel, IN) at Redemption Village.



Laura Groth making friends with Angela Silverio (who is sponsored by Todd and Amber Spurrier of Lansdowne, MD) and Yoclairis at Colegio Nueva Vida (New Life School) in the Dominican Republic.

Coming this September, the mini-documentary The Marie Chantal Story. Watch the trailer now online at newmissions.org.

*The Marie Chantal Story...
COMING SOON*

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This Do In Remembrance of Me – Dash

In 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, the words record the first Communion service, and in closing, Jesus is asking us to remember His death. He does not want us to forget that He died for us. His death gives us life, now and forever. I love having a Communion service, and drawing the people close together around the Communion Table to remember the death of Jesus. In the Communion service we remember His death, and by faith we announce “Jesus is coming again.”

In John 11, Jesus has a friend who is sick, named Lazarus. Lazarus does not get better and he dies. Jesus visits the grave of his loved one. He cries and He cares, because He is a friend of the dead man. Everything that Jesus is and all of the loving passion within Him moves Him to call Lazarus out of his grave. You are a friend of God. Your loved one is a friend of God. No matter if they are dead four days or 4,000 days, the day will come and Jesus will call them out of the grave. Pastor George is a friend of God – one day he will get up!

July 9, 2009 marks the first anniversary of my husband’s resting place for his earthly body. I will visit the cemetery and I know exactly where I laid him to rest at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Lot 37N, in West Boylston, Massachusetts. It is not a prestigious corner lot and it is not bordering a road, but inside. I know the spot. I had a black granite bench made that was placed at the head of the grave. On the left side of the bench, it is engraved: George John DeTellis, April 25, 1935 – June 26, 2008. On the right side of the grave, my name is engraved: Jeanne DiPietro DeTellis, June 3, 1942 – Someone is waiting to put the date of my death to complete my life on earth.

There is a place for me next to George. There is a place waiting for me. As death chases me through life,

and I keep ahead of death, I am enjoying the ‘dash’ of my life. I am alive and I am serving God! I am being hugged by children and people. I am jumping and dancing in my Spanish-speaking churches. I hear God speak, direct, and lead me in ministry. I see new vision and future ministry and growth. I love my people, friends and family, and their love keeps me lacking nothing. But there is a dash – and death is waiting for me.

Now I am reminded of the Word that I chose for my husband, Pastor George in I John 2:17 – The wantings and wantings (the desires) of this world will pass away, but the one who does the will of God will live forever. I must examine my life each day, and most often with fear and trembling. I cannot tinker with temptations or tweak my reasoning – I want to know and to do His will! The dash is there so strong and bold and yet today, I am gifted with life on earth.

This do in remembrance of Me – I often enjoy having a Communion service with the Lord, all alone, in my home. I remember Jesus, and Jesus remembers me. This first anniversary of my husband’s death, Pastor George, I remember him. Pastor George’s life lives on in me. I will forever remember Pastor George. I will remember Jesus

who died so that I have the hope – that after the dash catches me, I will live forever. Jesus says in Revelation 3:5 that He will remember us, to present us, to announce us before His Father, for our free entrance into eternity, into heaven – our life immortal. Until then, live and enjoy the DASH! –*Jeanne DeTellis*

In honor of our founder, Pastor George DeTellis, we want to give you a FREE audio CD of a preaching message he shared. Simply call 407.240.4058 or indicate on your giving statement to request your copy. You may also download this message online at newmissions.org.



This first year living alone as a widow, and leading the ministry in the Dominican Republic, has been a life-changing experience. I have had my private times of pain and sorrow and loneliness. My job is to give it all to Jesus – and in exchange, He gives me His powerful presence to live and work for Him. My life is filled with satisfying joy in serving God. I want to do His will all the days of my life. I thank God for each of you. Your prayers and friendship have turned this year from tragedy into triumph.

Love,

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

Jeanne DeTellis





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Miracle Sunday

Dear Friends of New Missions,

You are invited to host a Miracle Sunday event at your church featuring *The Marie Chantal Story*. Do you believe God can change lives? If you could make a life-changing difference for a child from the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere would you? Here is a chance for you to join others on one day to change the lives of Haitian children waiting for a sponsor.

Join the "Miracle Sunday 100" and be one of the people who finds a sponsor for 10 children on one Sunday. You will help bring a miracle of change to a child's life. We are targeting September 27, 2009 as Miracle Sunday. However, you can host this special event anytime during the year. How? You can show the new video documentary *The Marie Chantal Story* at your church and set up a table with 10 photographs of children waiting for a sponsor. It's that simple!

You may be able to find more than 10 sponsors, and that would be wonderful, too!

Can you share during a weekend worship service? Would there be an option to speak during a Sunday School class or small group? Has anyone in your church traveled to meet their sponsored child with New Missions? If so, could they share a story about their visit?

I am praying that God will unite a team of 100 people who are passionate about making a difference in the life of a child. Will you be one? Call our office at 407-240-4058 and speak with Jill. You may also visit newmissions.org and order your Miracle Sunday event kit. Together, we will prepare for the day that will make history and bring a miracle of change for the children of Haiti. —*Timothy DeTellis*

To sponsor one of these children, please call 407-240-4058.



Guerby Linot
3/18/1994 - BordMer



My Lovely Jean-Paul
8/8/1995 - Birey



Wansly St. Cilus
9/5/2004 - Birey



Freslene Petit-Homme
10/6/2000 - BordMer



Yonelson Pierre
12/23/1999 - BordMer



Marie Vanessa Jean
8/9/1996 - Birey



Jamesly Eloi
10/13/1998 - BordMer



Alexandra St. Fort
1/7/1993 - BordMer



Gerosson Santerre
12/22/1999 - Birey



Dapheka St. Fort
9/27/2001 - BordMer



Ralph Romulus
6/14/1990 - Birey



Derline St. Victor
4/5/2000 - BordMer



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3/6/2002 - BordMer



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New Tent Needed

I can remember more than 25 years ago in Haiti, teaching a Sunday morning women's Bible study. For sure, most of the women would be late if it rained on Saturday night. A mud hut with a thatch roof does not hold back a driving rain from entering the inside of the house. The women would tell me how they would huddle in one corner to sleep, trying to avoid the rain falling on them. In the morning, they had to lay all of their bedding, clothes and belongings out on the ground to dry.

I thought of those precious women in Haiti as I have watched my Dominican people endure the rain dripping through the frayed, patched and worn-out big tent top that we use for ministry at Iglesia Nueva Vida.

Embarrassingly, one night I had to change my seat three times, just trying to keep dry. Imagine your people praising and worshipping God with puddles at their feet.

At times I wonder how my people can hear the Word and respond when rain is falling on their heads. Yes, these people may be poor, and a tent may be our best sanctuary for now. But, I believe God, and know that

He has something better for me and His people. We are praying that the tent will last a few more months. I am trusting and believing God to buy a new tent. Our tent has blessed hundreds with the ability to hear and respond to the Word of God. A new tent will enhance and enlarge the ministry of Iglesia Nueva Vida.

I thank God I live in a house that when it rains, I can simply enjoy the sound of the rain, without the concern of my roof leaking. I am asking you to help

me buy a new tent for God's sanctuary in the Dominican Republic. This month, I want to make that 'click' on the computer to Miami Tent Company and say "make and ship this tent as soon as possible!" Whatever we can salvage from the old tent will be used for disaster relief.

Thank you for your love for me and my people. We're trusting God to allow us the opportunity to present the Gospel in the best

way we can. For now, this will be through a new big tent for the Dominican Republic. (Note: The cost of the tent is \$12,000.) –Jeanne DeTellis



The tent in the Dominican Republic is used six nights out of the week for ministry. Jeanne DeTellis has the vision for this tent to be a 24/7 ministry to serve the people of the community.



On Monday, February 7, 2005, the tent was first erected in the Dominican Republic, and now needs to be replaced.

Pastor Ordained

The first church we established in 1983 on the Leogane Plain in Haiti has a new pastor. Johnny Fontaine was ordained on Sunday, July 19, 2009. This young man grew up around the mission and is one of our graduates. His father, Pastor Guy Fontaine, moved to our area from Port-au-Prince soon after the mission began in 1983.

“I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the Gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith.’”

Romans 1:16-17

Pastor Johnny will now have the full-time responsibility to serve the BordMer church and school. At the BordMer elementary school, children attend class from pre-school through 6th grade. They are fed a hot meal, and each week the students have chapel service in the church building. Each day, Bible is taught in the classroom. The ministry model of New Missions is surrounded by the role and responsibility of a pastor and church. We celebrate with Johnny, one of our graduates who now serves the next generation of leaders for Haiti. —*Timothy DeTellis*



Pastor George DeTellis, founder of New Missions, at our very first church in Haiti, under the coconut trees with the banner which reads: Haiti: Hope in God. The church in BordMer was established the very first Sunday we were in Haiti, January 9, 1983.



Charlie DeTellis and several of our pastors gathered around Johnny Fontaine and laid hands on this new leader for our BordMer church.

The World Needs Jesus



Jeanne DeTellis with Pastor Joe McKelvey, founder of Christian Faith Fellowship Family Church in Middletown, New York. Pastor Joe sponsors Dieyel Dhat and Dieunalle Dhat (brother and sister) from Haiti.

How many countries can fit into one room? During the International Pastors and Ministers Conference, 138 countries were represented. David T. Demola, who is celebrating 50 years of ministry this year, is the pastor and founder of Faith Fellowship Ministries World Outreach Center. Pastor Demola shared, *“Every good thing will be opposed, so be of good cheer.”* *John 16:33*

I attended the conference with my mother, Jeanne DeTellis. For decades churches from around the northeast have supported New Missions. What a joy it was to meet with numerous pastors and friends. Personally, I was inspired by the world-wide representation of pastors. During breakfast one day, I met

pastors from central Russia, Sri Lanka, and Egypt. I also spoke with pastors from Northern Ireland and India. The speakers continued to drive home the point that our ministries only have breath when we root all that we do in the Word of God.

The challenge churches face around the world is conditional truth. Yesterday, today, and forever our God never changes! In Haiti, we proclaim Jesus as the only way to salvation. In the Dominican Republic, we stand firm on the Word of God as truth. In all that we do, we ask: What does Scripture have to say, and how does our ministry lead others to a personal relationship with Jesus?—*Timothy DeTellis*

Stepping Out of Slavery

Do you ever feel as if you work and live like a slave? Do you feel the difficulty of changing your situation? This can be true of my work in Haiti. At times I can focus too heavily on the tasks at hand. While driving to Port-au-Prince, I look at the mountains and the reefs in the ocean. How I would love to explore and see what is over the mountains, or see what is under the surface of the water. But, we are to be focused on the task at hand. However, it is also important to have time for family, friends, and to see what is on the other side of the mountain. God wants us to take a rest from our labor. We always need the proper balance in life - distributing our time among work, personal needs, and the needs of others.

My family recently spent three nights camping in the Smoky Mountains in Cherokee, N.C. We love the cloudy skies and the endless streams of the Smokies. We camped by a large stream and could hear the water rushing over the rocks all day long. It was a joy to watch my seven-year old daughter Elissa walking in the stream exploring. She would fall down at times and get soaked in the cold water. I had to explain to her that I was laughing out of sheer joy of watching her have fun... and not at her. Our last night is usually when I build the biggest camp fire. At 3:00 a.m. I got up and added more wood to the fire. With the beauty, coolness, the light of the fire, and the mountains around me, I read a chapter in Jeremiah. This was such a

precious time alone with God.

Some people retain a mindset of slavery, even after being released from bondage. This was true for many of the Israelites after being released from slavery in Egypt. It seems many of the Israelites did not want to give their hearts completely to the Lord. The people complained and wanted to go back to Egypt...back into slavery. God wanted a people to be His own. I personally need to have ongoing fellowship with God, and have a small goal of reading one chapter in the Bible at a time. God desires this relationship with us and wants us to keep coming to Him each day.

Many of us know the history of Haiti. The Haitians were released from slavery. However, many Haitians are economic slaves as well as spiritual slaves to Voodoo to this very day. In a small downtown restaurant in Port-au-Prince, I found an elderly woman laboring washing the dishes. I gave her a tip, and her countenance completely changed as she bent her head down with a smile. This little bit of money brought her great joy. Who knows if she is even getting paid? She might simply be working for her food. On my next trip into town a few days later, I repeated this act of tipping her. She smiled and told me that I was going to spoil her. I had only given her \$1.25 each time. The history of Haiti is very much intertwined with Voodoo. God wants the hearts of the Haitian people. Christianity is growing in Haiti,

and we know that Christ alone is the only way to have true freedom.

God wants us to focus on our newness of life. He also wants us to shine our light throughout the world. Recently, while entering Haiti with my son Jeremie, I had a small bag of snacks that I wanted to give to someone. Upon arriving outside I saw a man who knows me, and sometimes helps us with our bags. He told me I was a "bon moun." This means a good person. I gave him the snacks and said, "No...you are a bon moun." While walking in downtown Port-au-Prince I heard another Haitian say that I was a "bon blanc." This means a good white or a good foreigner. We all need to be encouraged and lifted up. Who are you encouraging today? We were purchased out of slavery. Yes, just like the prophet Hosea purchased back his unfaithful wife, Gomer. Will we change our mindset and live like the children of God? This hymn says, "Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow." Our past history does not matter. It does not matter if we were like the prodigal son seeking after the pleasures of this world. We are now the children of God. We are no longer slaves...we are His sons and daughters.

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."
John 10:10 -Charlie DeTellis

The airport in Port-au-Prince has been busier than ever this summer with travelers. When I arrive at the airport, it is so exciting to see the various mission teams visiting Haiti. You can feel their passion and anticipation! Many of them are bringing medical supplies and various other materials which will bless the people of Haiti. As I watch them load into vehicles to continue their journey, I'm reminded that it is wonderful to give your life for a greater cause.

"And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever." 1 John 2:17

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CARGO CONTAINER ARRIVES

The container, which was shipped from our Orlando location on May 26, was finally released from customs on August 5. Our mission in Haiti is growing, and with this new growth, our need for new construction is escalating. We will be doubling our work crews in order to facilitate quicker construction. We had the new warehouse racks up and the supplies sorted in two days. I was in a new village yesterday where we plan on building two structures. It is in a very primitive location. There were several deep, wet spots on the dirt road, and the Jeep would fall into the holes, but we kept going!

As New Missions prepares to move forward, we are beginning to map the Leogane Plain. There are villages where we have not set foot. During a mission team visit in July, we drove to an unknown area for a rice distribution and evangelism. Upon arriving, a visiting guest asked me where we were. I replied, "I don't know!" We did, however, have two schools and two churches not far away. There were children all around us who attended our schools. I was so touched when I prayed with one young woman to receive the Lord. She was pregnant, and her mother (who was next to her) was already a believer. Her gray-haired mother lifted her hands in prayer. I was taken back by the love and the spirit of this woman's mother. I am sure this day meant so much to her!

We do the physical to accommodate the spiritual. We are on a mission for God, and I believe God has a mission for you... wherever you are. Please keep us in prayer, as we expect two more containers full of Christmas gifts this coming winter.

~ Charlie DeTellis



Above: Charlie DeTellis coordinated the purchasing of much needed supplies for the mission, and enjoys loading the container to maximize space. This cargo shipment weighed 60,000 pounds.

Below: Construction supplies such as lumber, plywood, and chain link fencing will be put to immediate use in Haiti, as we are building year round.

Bottom: The 40 ft cargo container arrived in Haiti on Wednesday, August 5 with much needed construction and mission supplies.



A CHILD'S SCHOOL DAY

How often do we hear kids in the United States complain about going to school? And how often do students who wear uniforms wish they could wear their “regular” clothes? In Haiti, it is the exact opposite—attending school is a privilege, and a uniform is treated with special care.

“In Haiti, not every child gets to attend school,” said Rachel DeTellis, missionary in Haiti. “Most schools are overflowing. The reality is that even New Missions cannot service every child.”

Many parents of New Missions students have never been educated, making school a radical change to their family’s history. And yet for other families, the parents were educated by New Missions and now their children are following in their footsteps.

“The second generation students are fortunate to have parents who can help with homework,” said Rachel. “In addition to an education, school provides structure, discipline, mind stimulation, food and spiritual growth. Without school, children have nothing beyond a few chores to occupy their lives.”

New Missions schools are held Monday through Friday with two half-day sessions per day. Each session, students are taught reading, writing, arithmetic, French, social studies, health and science. In addition to these subjects, students also have Bible time, recess, lunch and weekly chapel. When the afternoon session students arrive, they eat lunch first. A New Missions student receives lunch each school day, and this may be that child’s only meal of the day.

Since many students go to school without having had anything to eat, some scavenge for a mango or a stalk of sugarcane during the walk to school. At recess, some kids might have a few gourdes (Haitian currency) to buy a paté (seasoned fried dough) or a small pack of crackers.

While it could be argued that a guaranteed meal accounts for some school motivation, it is much more than that. Haitians also take great pride in their appearance. A school uniform, made from material provided by New Missions, is part of that pride.

In the morning, mothers do their daughters’ hair with ribbons and barrettes. Wearing powder is also popular. Bathing takes place in the cold canal waters. Uniforms are put on with care. And shoes and socks are the norm. Some students actually share shoes! One child may go to school in the morning then give his or her shoes to another student to wear in the afternoon.

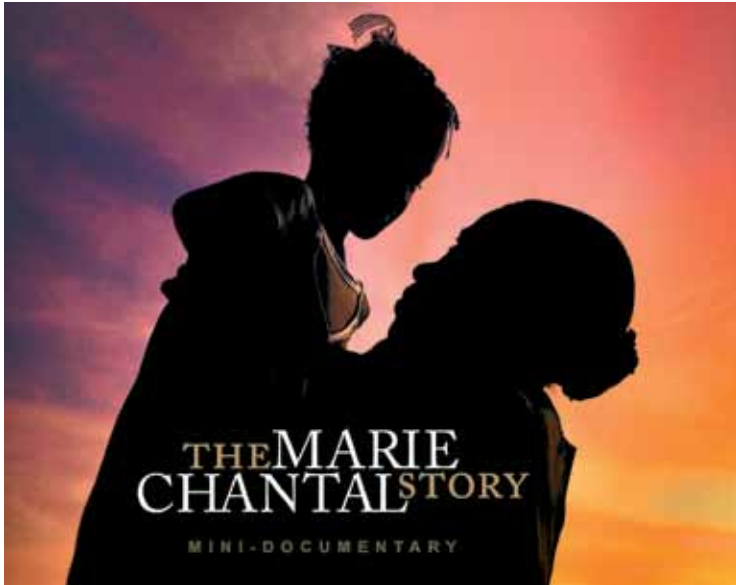
“Since wearing shoes and socks is a cultural and social norm in Haiti, it’s a big deal when mission teams donate and distribute them during their week-long visits,” explained Rachel. “When students get home from school, they immediately change clothes in order to keep their school uniforms clean for the next day. Students learn at a young age how to keep their uniforms clean.”

While there may be no such thing as back-to-school shopping in Haiti, New Missions students are always anxious to return in the fall. An education from the books as well as from The Book is the key to changing lives and developing new leaders in Haiti.

~ Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



The children of New Missions have hope and joy thanks to your loving prayers and support.



THE MARIE CHANTAL STORY

This mini-documentary, featuring a graduate of New Missions, is now available. Her full name is Marie Chantal Phillipe, and she was born in the village of LaSalle, Haiti. As a young girl, she came to our school and heard about Jesus for the first time. In her village we pioneered a church and school where there was neither. We drilled a well where there had been no clean drinking water. From Marie Chantal's village, graduates have now become pastors, teachers, mechanics, nurses, administrators, and other professionals. And we've only just begun! Now, the next generation is able to follow in the footsteps of these role models.

A break in the cycle of poverty is happening when a child learns to read and write, receives proper food, medical care, and the love of Jesus, which will change their life for eternity. The children of Haiti live in absolute poverty, which is when the circumstance of poverty is sustained over time. At New Missions, we believe the bridge out of poverty is first spiritual, then physical (food and medical), and finally the mind (education).

To each child sponsor, the power of Marie Chantal's story is a reflection of the life change taking place in their child. Each child at New Missions is given equal opportunity to grow and develop. This comes from the hope and prayers that you share with your child through your sponsorship, love, and commitment. We must never give up on investing in the life of a child. These children are becoming an army of God that will change the history of Haiti.

~ Timothy DeTellis



Frames from the Marie Chantal Story. Request your free copy today!

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On Friday, August 7, a rice distribution took place in the village of Darbonne, Haiti with the visiting team.



What does the World's Strongest Red Neck, Steve McGranahan, have to say about New Missions?



Need access to a Haitian Creole Bible online? It's now available in our resource area.



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THE SOURCE

What do you believe in? Where is your faith? Psalm 20:7 says, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." What the world looks like today, compared to three years ago is surprising. It is even more difficult to comprehend the changes that have taken place over the past twenty years.

In our ever-changing world, what can we depend on that will remain the same? Technology is changing at a rapid pace. The children growing up in today's time will learn with videos and the internet. They are the digital generation. In times past a hand written note was commonplace; today it is the highest sign of personalization. Email and text messaging dominate our communication, and cell phones are everywhere. The world is changing so rapidly. . . it's hard to keep up!

What will stay the same? Where can we find peace in all of the turbulence in our society? Debates are taking place on when life begins and when it should end. Who has the right to be married and who does not? Will health care be a government program, and who will protect our country from economic collapse? Is our world going to forever be at war, and is peace just a slogan that will never become a reality?

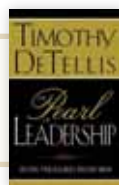
To find the answers to all these questions and to discover what will never change, just open your Bible to Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." When I read this, it makes me want to jump up and celebrate Jesus! He is the real deal. Why? Because He never needs to change to keep up with the times – He is so real – He never has to adapt! Truth found in Scripture never changes. Our world wants to twist and bend the Bible to make it fit their personal desires, pleasures, and wants. This is wrong.

Everything around us changes, but our Savior stays the same. People try to make the Gospel relevant and my response is: Jesus has never changed! We have. . . and in our attempt to stay relevant, we change the Gospel and that is impossible. We need to come back to the truth. . . the foundation. . . the rock: Jesus!

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8

My prayer is: Jesus, I ask you today, please feed my faith and starve my doubts with your supernatural strength.

~ Timothy DeTellis



Visit www.newmissions.org to receive a FREE copy of Tim's book on Haiti's history, *The Pearl of Leadership: 7 Treasures from 1804*

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Girl, 07-05-91, High School



Manouchka Dorval
Girl, 02-11-91, L'Acul



Niko Delva
Boy, 05-02-91, Bordmer



Guerdie Cimonet
Girl, 05-08-92, High School



Wilson Raymond Smith
Boy, 11-21-94, Bordmer



Genese Leger
Girl, 07-01-93, Tiriviere



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SHARE A LITTLE CHRISTMAS

As Gloria stood next to her dad opening her Christmas shoebox, I was behind her watching. I remembered my daughter Kate telling me how she went shopping with her grandmother (Jeanne DeTellis) for the gifts. I was there to witness the opening of the shoebox. To my surprise, she pulled out a beautiful dress and a smile stretched from ear to ear. My eyes began to fill up with tears and I said to Gloria, "Kate bought that just for you, just for you!" It was precious. My little girl reached out from her heart, and gave to our sponsored child in Haiti a gift that opened her heart as well.

This year, I invite you to express love to your sponsored child by sharing a little Christmas with the help of New Missions. You can send a Christmas shoebox to your sponsored child, or for children who are still waiting for a sponsor. We have a goal to collect shoeboxes for all of our school children. In order to achieve this goal, we will need to collect nearly 10,000 shoeboxes. Will you help make this possible?

Your involvement can take place in three ways: first, by sending a shoebox for your sponsored child; second, by hosting a collection drive at your office, school, or church; third, by sending an extra Christmas offering to help us provide gifts to the children without a sponsor. These steps will enable you to invite others to join you in giving the gift that opens the heart... the Christmas shoebox.

Please send your shoeboxes to our office between November 1 and December 18, 2009. To request free resources, call our office or visit www.shoeboxdrive.com. Together, let's share a little Christmas and help change the lives of children with the Gospel message. ~ Timothy DeTellis



Above: Each child who receives a shoebox will hear the Gospel message. Often their parents are with them.

Below: Kate with her shoebox packed with a special dress for her sponsored child Gloria in Haiti.

Bottom: Gloria Estephanie Joseph received her shoebox with her Dad by her side. She is in 4th grade and sponsored by Kate DeTellis (8) and Luc DeTellis (11).



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

From Bales to Backs

So familiar is the yellow and pink gingham fabric used to make school uniforms for New Missions students, but not so familiar is the behind-the-scenes effort to get the fabric from bales to backs.

According to Rachel DeTellis, "It's a joint effort between Charlie DeTellis, Pastor Guy Fontaine (Port Au Prince business assistant to Charlie) and Martha Joseph (office assistant to Charlie and translator for the teams). Charlie or Pastor Guy handles the purchasing of the bulk bales of material, and Martha directs the mission teams for the actual distribution to students."

Mission teams play a huge role. The process works with teams cutting the bulk fabric into various sizes and filling bins. After all the bins are full, teams load up flatbed trucks with the bins of material and other supplies, and then climb onto the back of the truck for the ride to the school being serviced that day.

Once onsite, a height chart is used to determine how much material to give each student. Students are called in class by class, they each show their school ID card, Martha locates their name on the class list, the child's name is checked off, and then the child receives the material along with anything else being distributed that day.

"It's not precise," says Rachel. "But we make sure each child has more than enough fabric for the uniform. Each week when teams are visiting, we have a plan for distribution. Each school director notifies his staff as to what day we will be there to disburse the fabric."

According to Rachel, mission teams often raise extra money which is used to purchase rice. In addition to material for new uniforms, each child is also given a New Missions string backpack with precious food inside.

"We take full advantage of the mission teams," said Rachel. "While some are distributing fabric, others play a key role in praying for each student as they come through the line. We pray for them individually and lay hands on each child. Other team members simply interact and play with the students while they wait. We emphasize all of this in the distribution process."



Once the material has been distributed, seamstresses throughout the villages are kept busy making the uniforms. Each family is responsible for having their own uniforms made. Some of the village seamstresses have the old fashioned pedal machines, while others have more modern machines which use electricity.

With almost 10,000 students in Haiti (ages preschool through high school) material for uniforms is distributed all year long. So many people have a hand in the distribution process that it truly "takes a village."

~ Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



Mission teams play a key role in cutting and distributing fabric for the New Missions student uniforms. Each uniform is cherished and well maintained by the students and their families.



KIDS ON A MISSION

Steve and Becky Weldon of Orlando have a passion for introducing kids to missions. The husband-wife team recently led their second family mission trip to the Dominican Republic, and plan to make it an annual event.

“We almost didn’t plan a trip for this year,” admits Becky. “There is a great deal of preparation and much of it occurs during tax season when my husband is busiest. After such a positive response to last year’s trip, our church really encouraged us to lead another team—so much comes out of the trips.”

Becky explained how the trips allow parents and their kids to partner in ministry. It’s a bonding time for families. Many times parents will tell Becky that there is no way their child can contribute on a mission trip, but by the end of the week, the parents are convinced their kids contributed more than they did.

On a Weldon-led mission trip, a kid’s job is simply to play. Says Becky, “Kids build relationships through playing. There is no language barrier playing tag. A five-year-old on our mission team blended in immediately. It was just another day on the playground to him.”

Becky believes that kids absolutely need to understand worldwide missions so they can see how God works outside their own country. Through the New Missions child sponsorship program, kids can also form a relationship with a child their own age in another culture.

Once a family returns home, Becky says the parents report changes in their children. There is a lot less asking for “stuff” because the world looks a whole lot different. ~ Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



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PRAY FOR LAND

Pray for the future purchasing of land in Haiti for the purpose of an agriculture program to plant black beans.



RICE DELIVERY

On Sept. 8, 22,000 pounds (11 tons) of rice was delivered to our mission for school food and rice distribution in the village of Ambas-Pere.



BECOME AN ADVOCATE

As a child sponsor, you can find other child sponsors to take care of one child.



TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Mission trips leave each month for the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Experience the trip of a lifetime and serve overseas for one week.

Above: Mission team leaders Becky and Scott Weldon of Orlando with their sponsored child Faviola. During last year’s trip to the DR, the Weldon’s orchestrated a princess-themed birthday party for Faviola complete with streamers, balloons, party food, princess plates, cupcakes and crafts for the neighborhood kids.

Left: Pictured here with Jeanne DeTellis in the DR is the Weldon mission team from Northland Community Church. The team of 19 included five “kids on mission” between the ages of five and nine years old.

KICKED!

Have you ever been kicked? I'm sure you have. Life has a way of giving all of us a kick from time to time—whether it is a financial loss, poor health, broken relationships or unfulfilled dreams.

For the baby giraffe, his life starts out by being kicked. The baby drops approximately 10 feet from his mother to the ground. Then, the mother hovers over her baby and begins to kick the baby continually until his newborn wobbly legs are strong enough for him to stand up. The baby giraffe needs to strengthen his legs immediately to be ready for trouble—a predator, another animal that could attack the baby giraffe.

Babies getting kicked—what can be more cruel? New Missions' missionaries have seen and heard stories of babies and children who have been kicked and kicked by abuse, poverty, ignorance, neglect, sickness, and accidents. Getting kicked leads to feelings of rejection. Do you feel rejected? In Isaiah 53:3 the Bible says, "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not." Jesus understands the kicks you get, and He cries with you.

When we are kicked, we need to strengthen our legs and not reject the only One who can help us—to receive God's help, His power, His presence, His comfort, His strength, His hope, His salvation, and the gift of all gifts—eternal life.

We have a beautiful student at our school, but the kick (pain) of her father dying made this little girl angry. She often walked out of her school classroom and could not be found. She even walked her neighborhood in the middle of the night. But God's love is healing the kick. I now love to see her smiling and enjoying chapel.

A 12-year-old boy who lives in a campo (poor rural village) never had the opportunity to go to a formal school. The cost of transportation was almost equal to the cost of feeding his family. He's been working hard against the kicks in life and now is finally able to attend our mission school.

Psalms 37:24 says, "Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord grasps his hand in support and upholds him." The kicks or rejection will not destroy you. You will stand stronger than ever. Feeling kicked? Get up! Isaiah 35:3 says, "God will steady the wobbly legs." ~ Jeanne DeTellis



NEW SCHOOL OPENS!

The children featured below are from our new Amba-Pere elementary school. As a brand new school, all 298 children currently enrolled will need a sponsor. Will you please pray about sponsoring one of these precious children, or one of the many others at this new location?

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Girl, 03-08-93, Amba-Pere



Thierry Oliveira Garcon
Boy, 05-05-05, Amba-Pere



Kethlene Romulus
Girl, 06-12-99, Amba-Pere



Meide Darsendy
Boy, 08-27-03, Amba-Pere



Dimy Louis
Boy, 10-01-00, Amba-Pere



Rosemina Belange
Girl, 10-25-98, Amba-Pere



Yvon Amilcar
Boy, 01-08-02, Amba-Pere



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STOP HUNGER

How much rice, oil and beans do you have in your pantry? For Charlie DeTellis, in Haiti, he purchases 350,000 pounds of rice, 35,000 pounds of beans, and 6,500 gallons of oil each year for his pantry. Is that staggering to you? It is to me! And then there are spices, garlic, and vegetables or whatever is available and in season to feed the children a quality meal.

Charlie oversees 22 elementary schools and he is feeding more than 9,000 children throughout the school year. Every month truckloads of food must enter the warehouse. Food workers come in the wee hours of the morning to begin the daily food preparation. It is a holy calling to feed the poor. There is an anointing on the hands that stop hunger. But, because of sin entering the world, we suffer from social and economic injustices – unhealthy political systems that fester poverty. The result is hungry children. A happy well-fed child will learn to read (read the Bible), and know the true love of God. Our children believe they can do all things through Christ.

For most of us, we do not experience hunger for more than a few moments. Hunger is very different for us. I am not obsessed with facing hunger and longing for a bowl of rice just to survive. I am spoiled with many choices of what I feel like eating each day. My pantry has my favorite stash – the things I brought with me from my country. My taste buds like different things, such as black licorice, candied ginger, wasabi peas, dark chocolate, pumpkin seeds and more.

I feel God's presence, and if I could see His face physically, I would love to share food with God – the very best of my food. And I can hear His voice... you fed Me. Yes, and now I will feed a hungry child. Will you? ~ Jeanne DeTellis



Above: Charlie DeTellis, in Haiti since 1983, knows that without New Missions most of the children would not eat. For many, the hot meal they receive at school is the only food they have all day.

Below: The children of New Missions are thankful for their lunch of rice and beans and often save some to take home to other family members.

Bottom: Rice deliveries arrive each month at New Missions in Haiti, and the sacks of rice are distributed to our 22 elementary schools for preparing the daily meals.



VICTORY AFTER VICTORY

Victory after victory is how Mike McClanahan, a pastor with First Baptist Hendersonville in Tennessee, described his team's recent mission trip to Haiti. From challenges early on in preparing for the trip, to the challenges they saw Haitian interpreters and pastors facing everyday, the team saw firsthand how God wins again and again.

Leading up to the trip, team members faced a variety of concerns. Many had never been on a mission trip, nor had to raise support to cover trip expenses. But when God puts a team together, the victories come. One first-time mission team member experienced victory over "fear of the unknown." Another team member experienced victory in raising support when a small 50-member church unexpectedly funded her entire trip.

"I am amazed at how God put together this team," said Mike. "We've had good teams before, but this team had such a variety of people. I believe nearly all of us are planning to return to Haiti again next year."

The team focused most of their attention on a village called Amber Pere, the most recent village where New Missions is ministering. A temporary school has been established until one can be built, and church worship is being held in a tin roof shanty. Team members distributed school uniform material here, and also assembled and distributed shopping bags of gifts and hygiene items. First Baptist Hendersonville's 4th grade Vacation Bible School also played a role earlier this summer by raising \$1,500 for the purchase of rice, which the team helped distribute.

One of the team's most memorable experiences was worshipping with the Haitians on Sunday. The villagers in Amber Pere were excited to be in church in spite of the sweltering heat and sang with unabashed joy.

Says Mike, "We were all very struck at hearing God's Word read in another language – to realize that the language barrier is only temporary because someday we'll all be worshipping together with no language barrier. The Haitians were very welcoming and gentle."

This welcome and gentle nature, however, doesn't make it any easier for the young Haitian interpreters who accompany the mission teams. According to Mike, watching these men serve as interpreters



sharing the Gospel and as leaders in the Wednesday night worship band is a humbling experience. They are leaders in such a tremendously difficult environment. Sadly, there are times when the interpreters will be sharing the Gospel with someone who would like to respond but who does not because of intense pressure – the pressure from friends and a long heritage of Voodoo. Despite this, God continues to work victories through the interpreters.

"It was an overwhelmingly humbling opportunity for our team to be ambassadors for Christ," said Mike. "There are so many who don't know the Lord. To see what God is doing through New Missions – 22 schools and churches – victory after victory – to see such a huge undertaking, first-hand on the ground and working, was amazing. We all left a huge part of our hearts in Haiti." ~ Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



Top: Lindy Rowe poses with a young Haitian girl after some face painting fun. **Bottom left:** The team from First Baptist Hendersonville along with a few other short-term missionaries from other states visiting during the same week. **Middle:** Construction is underway on the Amber Pere school. **Right:** Happy students from Amber Pere look forward to their new school.



NOT ALL IS LOST

I came out of my office and noticed Rachel sitting with the woman for whom we had built a home in LaSalle Bordmer. I said good morning with a smile, and then Rachel told me that the woman's husband died the previous night while fishing. What a shock! The small wooden fishing boat had been run over by a freighter in the bay of Port-au-Prince. There were two men on board; the one remains lost at sea. We truly have a hard time understanding the suffering of the poor. This woman is now faced with the care of her four children alone.

The Haitian boats are too small to be picked up by the radar of the large ships. This is so upsetting to me, as it has happened in the past. I am going to supply some radar reflective devices for some of the boats in the area. While boating with my father, he used to hoist a radar reflective ball on his mast while in fog.

The good news is that this fisherman had become a Christian during the past year, after my wife witnessed to him in the village. The mission is committed to continue meeting the needs of this family. My wife and I have given her gifts and food to last a month, and have helped with the medical needs of her children.

New Missions is looking to obtain and outfit a boat for use on the bay of Port-au-Prince. We would provide assistance to mariners when the need arises. Having a boat would also add a measure of safety to the mission during times of flooding and hurricanes. The boat would be used for locating sites to establish new churches and schools, and also enable us in ministering to established locations along the shoreline. ~Charlie DeTellis

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SHOEBOX DRIVE COLLECTION DATES

Send your shoeboxes to New Missions between Nov. 1 – Dec. 18 to 8054 Presidents Drive Orlando, FL 32809



BLACK BEANS & COOKING OIL DELIVERY

We received delivery of 400 55 lb sacks of beans at the mission. Rice and beans are served at our elementary schools in Haiti.



CHURCH & SCHOOL GROUND BREAKING

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Wilyne, the wife of the fisherman lost at sea is loved by Frank and Cindy Gallo from Westwood Church in Orlando, FL. The Gallo family sponsors two of her children, Shneilove and Dieulin Sanon. She was given a month's supply of food immediately. Her old hut was replaced with a new home built by a visiting team last December.

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR SELF-IMAGE?

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, the author of "The Power of Positive Thinking," was on a trip to the city of Hong Kong. While walking the streets looking at the different shops selling all sorts of gifts and exotic foods, he came upon a tattoo parlor. In the shop window was a picture of the various tattoos one could purchase. One of the tattoos read "Born to Lose" in large block letters. When Dr. Peale saw that tattoo, he became disturbed at the thought of someone having such a negative message permanently engraved on their skin. Why would anyone ever tattoo themselves with the message "Born to Lose?" So, he went into the shop and asked to speak to the owner. An older Chinese man came to him and he asked the shopkeeper, "How can you sell a tattoo that says 'Born to Lose'? That is such a negative, self-defeating message. Why would anybody want to put that tattoo on their arm?" The Chinese shopkeeper responded with a heavy Chinese accent, "Tattoo on inside - before tattoo on outside." What the Chinese shopkeeper was saying is that the person already had that self-image on the inside of them before they had the tattoo engraved on the outside.

My question to you is . . . where do you get your self-image? Do you get your self-image from looking in the mirror, or from looking at the people around you? If you look into the mirror, you will only see your blemishes, weaknesses, and failings. I do not get my self-image from what people think or say. People will only praise or criticize me for what they see on the outside. If we get our self-image from a measurement of who we are in comparison to the rest of the world, we will end up with a very low assessment.

I get my self-image from what the Word of God says about me. I am who the Bible says I am. I can do what the Bible says I can do. My grandfather reads his Bible every morning and every evening. He has kept this discipline his entire life. At ninety-one years old,

my grandfather is still driving to church every Sunday, and he is as healthy as can be. The only medication he takes is a baby aspirin every night before going to bed. I know that the Word of God is the greatest medicine in the world. It is full of life and healing.

By God's grace, I am trying to keep the same discipline of reading a little piece of the Bible every morning and every evening before I go to bed. The reason people have such a difficult time reading the Bible on a daily basis is that they try to read too much at once. Jesus said, "We do not live on bread alone, but on every word of God." (Matthew 4:4) The Bible is like our daily bread. Imagine if you tried to eat a whole loaf of bread all at once. Likewise, the Bible is our bread of life, and we should eat just a small slice at a time. I try to read a small portion of Scripture at a time – maybe a chapter at the most. Sometimes I just read a single verse or just one sentence. I then focus my thoughts and meditate on that one verse. For instance, Jesus said to Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15) There's an entire sermon in that one verse. Have you experienced the power and the message of one verse of Scripture?

The Bible tells us to hide the Word of God in our hearts. When we have the Word of God written in our hearts, we are ready to encourage ourselves at a moments notice. When Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert three times, every time Jesus would respond with the words "The Word of God says . . ." and He would quote Scripture as His defense.

What tattoo is written inside of you? Are you writing the Word of God in your heart daily? ~George DeTellis, Jr.

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STUDENTS ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

Four Orlando area Christian schools have kicked off collection drives to help New Missions with its goal to send 10,000 Christmas shoeboxes to Haiti. The First Academy, Masters Academy, Central Florida Christian Academy and Foundation Academy all have the same goal of helping students in Haiti develop into leaders. That same goal also has a return benefit to the U.S. students.

Says Foundation Academy Youth Pastor Keith Yarborough, "Apart from the obvious benefit to Haitian students, we are using the project to teach leadership skills to our high schoolers. We hope there will be lasting levels of compassion and concern that will affect the way our students see their place of influence in the world." A team of Foundation Academy students is also planning a mission trip to Haiti.

Fewer than 20 minutes down the road from Foundation Academy are both The First Academy and Central Florida Christian Academy whose students are no strangers to collecting shoeboxes. Both schools have been participating for years. For TFA, however, a group of upper school students will also become short-term missionaries and travel to Haiti in January to distribute their shoeboxes.

Pastor Charlie Hubbard, chaplain at The Master's Academy, says, "I love it when we get to put our hand to the things we talk about and believe. We are just finishing a time when a number of missionaries challenged our students to get involved. The shoebox drive is the perfect way for us to do that."

Whether doing missionary work from home or traveling to a third world country, the goal is the same – to change the lives of children by giving the gift that opens the heart.

~ Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



Top photo: Conner, Chelsea, Miss Sandy Mathews, Emma, Allison, and Katie from The First Academy in Orlando, Florida helped packed 282 shoeboxes in one day.

Middle photo: Joy and Leighton volunteered on a Saturday to help assemble shoeboxes filled with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and clothing.

Bottom right: Conner and Ashley are thankful for what they have to share with the children of New Missions this Christmas.

Bottom left: High school students from The First Academy, led by teacher Sandy Mathews, are on a mission to help share a little Christmas with the children of Haiti.



CLINIC OF HOPE

By 6:30 a.m. each weekday several people have already arrived at the Clinique D'Esperance, New Missions Clinic of Hope. Since Haitian clinics treat patients on a first come first served basis – it is never too early! Before long the whole deck will be full of students and local people needing care. The day starts with a devotion, song and prayer led by a clinic staff member. It is always “music to my ears” when I hear singing coming from the clinic deck. I know that as the opportunity arises, the nurses are prepared to pray for or counsel a patient.

The clinic treats approximately 35-45 patients on average each weekday. New Missions school students may see the nurse, receive medication or have lab tests done free of charge. If the child needs to be referred to a hospital or larger clinic, their expenses are paid by New Missions. I have been working closely with our Haitian nurses in the referral process. They are familiar with the hospitals and clinics throughout the region. By utilizing other facilities and referring patients out, the clinic stays focused on meeting basic health care needs.

Most Haitian families do not have a medicine cabinet in their homes – no bandages, no Tylenol, no cough syrup – nothing. Therefore, the clinic plays a vital role in helping the community with their health issues. Anything from coughs and colds, infections, malaria, malnutrition, worms, skin issues to checking for sickle cell anemia, diabetes or AIDS is handled at the clinic. Diagnosis, treatment and appropriate referral of patients are vital functions of the clinic. However, probably the most important function is education and counseling.

The clinic has always done patient education – whether by classes or through individuals. Topics such as dehydration from diarrhea, nutrition, hygiene and special diets for diabetes and high blood pressure are covered. Just like having clean drinking water in an area makes a huge impact on health, so education and greater understanding of health issues also improves people’s capabilities to react knowledgeably to health challenges as they arise.

For years now the clinic has assisted the local midwives with training and supplies such as gloves and cord clamps. The midwives have no official affiliation with the clinic, but the clinic has become



a channel through which we can help the community by assisting the midwives. Another project that has arisen from the clinic is led by Lucie Myre from Canada. She, along with the Haitian nurses, has trained health workers to go out into the community to share basic health information.

I love seeing those who have been helped by the clinic. A lady from Bord Mer LaSalle smiled at me in the office today. She said, “You are my mama; you helped me go for treatment.” I rejoiced that she was feeling better, but best of all. . . she thanked God for it, and actually prayed to receive Christ as her Savior right then and there! The New Missions clinic, Clinique D'Esperans – Clinic of Hope, wants to help the sick, but we always want to make sure that that is not all we do – we want people to find hope for their lives. Haiti, keep hoping in God! ~ Rachel DeTellis



In Haiti we train health workers who serve in villages across the Leogane Plane. Marie Chantal Phillip is our medical clinic director in Haiti. Each day, mothers bring their children to our clinic where our school children have the benefit of free medical care.



WALKING THE BIBLE IN HAITI

Dave Kless of Phoenix, Arizona is on fire for Haiti. He can't quite explain it, but the country took hold of his heart after his first mission trip there two years ago. During his third trip in October, he led a team of seven who served in a variety of capacities alongside other teams from North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

Says Dave, "Just being in Haiti is a God moment. As soon as you hit the ground, you're walking the Bible."

He cites Matthew 25:40 which says, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me."

"When you're looking into the eyes of those children, you're looking into the eyes of Jesus," says Dave. "Haiti is grounding and humbling – a reminder of what we should be about."

The team was certainly about the work of God—leaving fingerprints everywhere. They did village and school evangelism, puppet shows, uniform material distribution, dry feedings and distribution of ministry bags of clothes, shoes, school items and treats. And if that wasn't enough, the team also helped with much needed repairs at the mission compound. Ceiling fans, faucets, screens and a solar generator that had been struck by lightning were repaired or replaced.

Amid all the hands-on activities, the team agreed that one of the highlights of the week was worshipping with the Haitians.

"When 50-60 Haitians sing 'Trading My Sorrows' the place just shakes," explains Dave. "They have real sorrows, yet they just shook that church and gave their sorrows to God. Worshipping with the Haitians is about as close to heaven as we can get." ~ Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer

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GOT LAPTOPS?

We are in need of donated laptops for our Bible College & Business School in Haiti. These will also be used in our High School.



Left: Team Arizona from left to right: Ralph Morong, Eddie Leaphart, Dave Kless, Barbara Riesland, Amy Matlock and Susan Parks (Steve MacIsaac not shown). **Middle:** A young Haitian girl came to the New Missions compound asking for prayer. **Right:** Mission teams distributed school uniform material to students in LaSalle, Concrab and Amba Pere.

SAILING THROUGH THE DOLDRUMS

While sailing with my father in New England we would sometimes experience the doldrums. It meant that there was not any wind for sailing. During these times, we might put up a bigger head sail, or we might start the engine. Many times it took patience waiting for the wind to pick up. Yes, it takes patience getting through the doldrums. The first thing I would probably do would be to eat. We always seemed to have a jar of pickles in the ice chest on board. I would then maybe straighten out the boat lines and see what else I could do. The definition of doldrums is: low spirits, sluggishness, or dead calm oceans. Can this strange word also describe our emotions at times?

In contrast, it was utterly amazing to sail with a strong wind. My dad had a 28-foot sloop and the boat would sail at 8 knots with a strong wind. There was something precious about the boat being propelled without the noise of any engine. You only heard the noise of the waves being pushed away from the bow of the boat. My dad taught me that you can only see five miles on the ocean because of the curvature of the earth. Since the horizon kept changing we had to keep looking for land marks, boats, and navigational aids.

It is very easy to feel like you are going through the doldrums in life, and to feel all alone. The wind will blow again, and you will see new horizons. Just as a sailor is faced with various trials from the sea, the believer also faces various trials. We need to stay on course and focus on reaching our next safe harbor. We need to remain diligent – whether we are facing a hurricane or the doldrums. Perhaps we are attacked most when we feel like there is nothing exciting going on in our lives. The trial often lies in our hearts and minds. Let's always keep our eyes on Jesus, as He is the captain of our souls.

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I am encouraged to know that our God does not go through the doldrums. He does not slumber nor sleep. I can so easily worry about so many things. We need to put our focus on what we already have. The wind is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will remind you of who you are in Christ. Life is truly precious. I pray that your joy will be renewed in your work. Many days I am content with only completing two or three errands in Port-au-Prince. Driving in traffic can also be like being in the doldrums. Many times we will purchase a load of supplies and then head back to the mission. I am always so very glad to pull the truck into our driveway. I feel like I have arrived in a safe harbor. Upon arriving back from the city, I always sit and have a cup of tea with my wife. I enjoy this simple pleasure... sitting on my porch and looking out at the ocean.

Psalms 37:4 says, "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." This world cannot fulfill your desires because this world is temporal. We need to always put God first in our lives. Recently, while driving back from Port-au-Prince with a medicine order for our clinic, I came across an old, large red metal coke chest on the side of the road. Though muddy and in need of repairs, I was able to purchase the coke chest. I do believe God gives

us little delights. I am cleaning up the coke chest and plan on having it painted and repaired. When I have friends come over the house, I will have some cold cokes for them to enjoy. They still sell cokes in Haiti in small glass bottles. I will especially look forward to seeing children enjoying themselves at my coke chest. Children are always so full of life, and we can learn lessons from them. We need to be reminded that we are all God's children. We can trust our heavenly Father in all of the hardships of life – knowing we have a steadfast anchor in the Lord. ~Charlie DeTellis

Everyday I think of my personal convictions and my faith in God. How will I live this day? I pray before I begin my work, and then trust God with the day. We are constantly faced with various decisions either in our work or in our personal lives. Sometimes I get tired and don't even want to make the smallest decision. We all need to be reminded of the value of our faith. We must not only begin the race well – it is also important to finish the race. Yes, it will take endurance, and most likely we will face hardships. However, it is all worth it!

Charlie DeTellis

Charlie DeTellis

1 Cor. 2:9 "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

