



CONSTRUCTION TEAM NAILS IT

In November, the first post earthquake construction team of 18 experienced men set foot in Haiti. Led by Mike McClanahan, men’s pastor at First Baptist Hendersonville in Tennessee, the team undertook demolition, clean-up, repair and new construction.

For 15 of the 18 men, this was their first ever trip to Haiti. Imagine Haiti. Then imagine Haiti on the heels of an earthquake, a hurricane and a cholera outbreak. To date, New Missions has coordinated only limited and specialized teams. However, year round construction has been underway with Haitian construction teams.

The team surveyed sites and determined the high school church to be the highest priority. Its roof had been completely destroyed in the hurricane. What looked like two to three solid days of demolition and clean-up took three hours with the help of several Haitian villagers working alongside the Americans. The high school students watched in amazement as the team handled sharp clay roof tile and scrap lumber. Wooden church pews bolted to the floor were also removed.



“God took amazing care of His team,” said McClanahan. “Among all that debris, we had no injuries. The Haitians were the hardest working men I’ve ever seen.”

In addition to the high school church and other demolition, the team constructed 70 roof trusses, restored a critical water line and poured concrete footers for a new school.

~ Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer

Top: Keith Holloway (left) and Dr. Ted Miller clearing debris at the high school church after Hurricane Tomas completely destroyed the roof.

Bottom left: Keith Holloway removing bolts from scrap lumber.

Bottom right: Jay Goostree measuring lumber for construction of 70 roof trusses, which will be used for multiple buildings including the high school church and a warehouse for storing shipping containers.



A SPARK OF LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Every now and then a spark of light can come into your life. Allow me to explain. The story goes back sixteen years and begins when my parents were serving as missionaries in Haiti. My mother, Jeanne, was at the hospital when a mother died during childbirth and left the baby girl an orphan. The girl's father then abandoned the baby. My mother found other extended family to care for the child. The uncle was already working for the mission as a yard worker. The girl's name is Rose Varda Louis and her new mother's name was Jackie. Over the years I kept in touch with the family, and would help them with special gifts of food, clothing and school supplies. Jackie was a woman of great love and loved Rose as her very own.

Rose does not have a hard heart, in spite of her past. On the contrary—she has an abundance of joy. Once while doing some evangelism in the village of Concrab, I asked a group of children if they wanted to receive prayer. At first the children did not respond, but then Rose (10 years old at the time) came forward by herself. After Rose came forward, other children followed. Rose remains a leader in her local church and sings often during services. She is now 16 years old and is in high school.

Tragically, Jackie died last year leaving Rose motherless again. We gave Rose a summer job in our kitchen—where we prepare the meals for our teams. She loved the companionship of the other women, and I have allowed her to continue working after school hours.

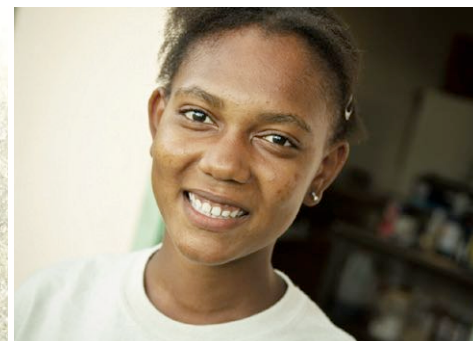
Rose enjoys music and foreign languages, and we are encouraging her to continue working



Rose Varda Louis, sponsored by Theresa Horn from Virginia, attends the New Missions High School and is from the village of Concrab.

in ministry with her music gifts. The faith of the Haitian people has always encouraged me. They have a dependent and childlike faith in God. He is all they have...and their faith in God changes everything! So, through our trials, let's not remain bitter, but let our light shine for all to see.

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”
Hebrews 11:6 ~Charlie DeTellis



Above left: The High School is where our students grow into young leaders and each student began with us at a young age. The only enrollment to our High School is through graduating from our elementary schools. **Above middle:** As a young child, at the age of 4 Rose was enrolled in the Concrab village New Missions school. **Above right:** At our Missions Training Center, Rose serves as a cook in the kitchen for visiting teams. She enjoys the company of other women and learning about different foods.



PREACHING THE GOSPEL

New Missions takes orders from our commander—the Lord Jesus Christ. He said, “Go into all the world and preach.” Why preach? Preaching is being the mouth of God to bring hope, love, encouragement and healing to those who need a miracle.

As missionaries it is easy to become distracted by the daily needs of the people. While these things are necessary, I can still hear the words Pastor George repeated over and over: “New Missions is here to preach the Gospel.”

And preach we do—whether passing out Christmas shoeboxes, distributing food, providing education, or tenderly caring for their medical needs—we use every opportunity to share the Gospel. More than 11,000 students in New Missions schools hear the Good News that Jesus loves each and every one of us.

When Pastor George went home to be with the Lord, many of you donated to the *Pastor George DeTellis Memorial Fund*. These funds are honoring our calling to preach the Gospel by providing free tuition to students who attend our Bible College. I am pleased to announce that this past year 30 students graduated from our Bible College and are carrying out the Great Commission as commanded by Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20. Lives continue to be changed thanks to your faithful support and prayers.

Preach—there is no greater calling!

~Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor

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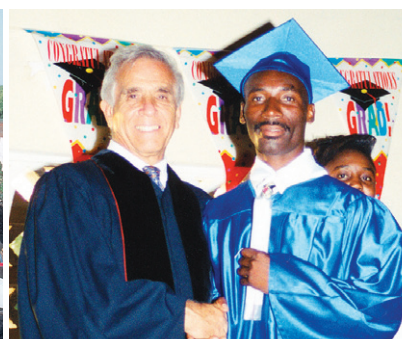
WELL WATER SAVES LIVES
Students at our high school rejoice as a donated generator pumps fresh well water for their daily enjoyment.



RICE FOR CHILDREN
Does your church host Vacation Bible School? You can order coin banks for your children to help feed children in Haiti.



LOVE YOUR MISSION
February is Love Your Mission month, and your special offering to help continue building and repairing facilities is appreciated.



Top: Our first church in 1983, with the banner: Haiti Hope in God. Now 25 churches across the Leogane Plain proclaim the good news of Jesus. **Above left:** The beginning on January 6, 1983, living in tents with God’s grace, a mission was pioneered. **Above middle:** Pastor George with one of our early Bible School graduates, Pastor Joseph from TiBoukan. **Above right:** To preach is the calling of New Missions, and the 2010 Bible School graduation is a testimony of the continued efforts to raise Christian leaders, even after the earthquake.

THE PASSIONATE CALLING

When God wants my attention He taps into what makes me passionate. He communicates with me by tugging at the issues close to my heart. Proverbs 4:23 says, “Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.” From my heart is where my real core produces the energy to be effective in my calling.

God wants me to be passionate, not simply interested in my calling. To be passionate requires energy. As 2011 kicks off, many people begin to make New Year’s resolutions. On the top of my list is energy management. For years I have been a student of time management and productivity principles. The concept of getting things done through effective systems and procedures makes 100% sense to me. I have my 90-day project outlook list and my annual master to-do list. Ask me how helpful those were the day after the historic Haiti earthquake. Not much help—because what needed management was not my time, but my energy.

Jesus knew how to manage His energy so that He could give 100% to His ministry. From His time in the garden and moments on the hillside, Jesus knew that time away meant energy restored so He could return and invest in others. These disciplines are necessary for an effective life, otherwise burnout is inevitable. “It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors; for He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.” Psalm 127:2

The area that is still a struggle for me is managing my energy, not my time. I’m spending all

my energy, which is the greater problem. This leads to a life running on empty—which can become the greater threat to burnout and poor decision making. I turned a major corner a few months ago and stopped working late into the night.

From Scripture I hold on to the story of Martha and Mary. The exact text in Luke 10:40 says, “But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, ‘Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!’” There comes a point when all the busy activities don’t equal the accomplishment we need most...rest and restoration of our faith.

Personally, I’m passionate about my calling and now I’m protective of my energy. This keeps me from being overly accessible. I’m very selective on where I invest my energy. However, I do maintain connectivity through social networking—which provides me the ability to stay in touch and communicate with many people at once and when

possible, to be personal, too.

I am reminded of Philippians 1:6-7, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

My heart’s desire is to be consumed by the calling God has upon my life. It’s like a flame versus a raging fire. I’m asking God to make this the year of shining! Let’s shine for Jesus. ~Timothy DeTellis

FROM HIS TIME IN THE GARDEN AND MOMENTS ON THE HILLSIDE, JESUS KNEW THAT TIME AWAY MEANT ENERGY RESTORED SO HE COULD RETURN AND INVEST IN OTHERS.

My life verse reminds me of where my passion remains. “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” Colossians 3:23-24. Let’s remember to pray for each pastor and teacher serving at New Missions. They are committed to their calling of serving God while helping others.

Serving together,



Timothy DeTellis

P. S. Does your church have a children’s ministry? Find out ideas for Kids Helping Kids in Haiti at kids.newmissions.org or call 407-240-4058.



Tim and Sheryl DeTellis in Haiti visiting with their sponsored triplets, Manouchea, Magdala and Mackendy.



NEWMISSIONS

Building a new Haiti

ONE BOX MANY BLESSINGS

Walking down the dirt path from our Ambas-Peres church and school, I met several students attending the New Missions school. However, it would be 10-year-old Michela Adelson from Concrab who caught my attention. Why? Her birthday was only a few days away, Sunday, December 12. My daughter's birthday was also coming up on December 29.

My question to Michela was, did you receive a Christmas shoebox at school? Her response was a big smile and yes! What did you enjoy the most? She replied that it was pretty things for her hair. My eyes began to tear up. I knew my little girl at home was about to turn 10 soon after Michela, and she loves to have her hair done. No matter where you are in the world, a child's heart is precious and they deserve to be loved and cherished.

Thankfully, Michela has a loving child sponsor who provides her the opportunity to attend school, receive food and medical care, and most of all...precious letters and a Christmas shoebox! This year, shoeboxes will reach the home of each New Missions student—what a tremendous blessing and outpouring of God's love!

Life is fragile in Haiti, and I believe the more we infuse our children with precious gifts of love and essential supplies, the more we will make a wonderful difference. Michela told me that she received toothpaste and her own toothbrush! Can you imagine a 10-year-old girl in Haiti excited to have her own toothbrush? The truth is that your gifts make a life-changing difference. Thank you.

~Timothy DeTellis



Top: Photographs enclosed in shoeboxes become a treasured reminder that someone is praying for them.

Bottom left: Each shoebox blesses a child and their family with much needed essential hygiene items and toys that children truly are thankful for. **Bottom right:** Michela Adelson celebrated her 10th birthday on December 12 and attends the fourth grade at our Concrab school. She has attended school at New Missions since Kindergarten.



CHANGED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

“If you want to get people’s attention—heal them,” said Danny de Armas, administrative pastor for First Baptist Church of Orlando. In November, de Armas led a team of 48 on a medical mission trip to the D.R. The team got a good taste of what it was like 2,000 years ago during Jesus’ ministry.

Unique to this team was not only the size but also the number of Spanish-speaking team members. First Baptist’s Spanish ministry partnered with the church’s American membership, resulting in nearly 20 team members who were able to speak one-on-one to the Dominicans in their native language with no translators.

The highlight of the trip was a 10-year-old boy who had a marble-sized cyst next to his eye. He was born this way and was very self-conscious—unable to even look at people. One of the physicians was able to remove the cyst in just 15 minutes, completely changing the boy’s countenance. The boy’s father made a special trip to the clinic to say that seeing his new boy was the best day of his life and what I could not provide, you gave me.

“After the boy’s healing, Dominicans who knew him came to the clinic in curious excitement asking about the doctor who healed him and where it happened,” said de Armas. “It was like when Jesus healed people. We felt like rock stars.”

Although the team was firm that they would see only students for crowd control reasons, there was actually no “no” from this team. One of the school’s headmasters begged de Armas for a favor explaining that one of the teachers had a sick two-year-old at home. No begging was necessary as de Armas quickly adjusted plans to include any staff and any family of staff. The last patient of the day was the headmaster himself.

“Our people engulfed them,” said de Armas. “What a



great time of fellowship. One of the physicians said he’d never seen more patients in a single day. More than 1,500 Dominicans received care that week. The impact was amazing.”

~Terri Starcher, Contributing Writer



Top: Connie forms a new friendship in one of the Dominican villages. **Middle:** Crystal and Lorena loving on the children in Redemption Village. **Above left:** Eric and Luz praying with a young Dominican couple they met. **Above middle:** Dr. Alex examining a patient with the help of assistant and translator Sheila, who is showing by example. **Above right:** Some team members witnessing to a Dominican family in their home.



GOD WAS WITH ME

On January 12, 2010, I had a dream...a good dream to build a high school in the Dominican Republic. There are 297 students at Colegio Nueva Vida in Sosua, and we needed more classrooms.

Shortly thereafter, I met with a contractor, and it happened to be the same day the earthquake hit Haiti—destroying 90 percent of our buildings. Now my dream seemed crazy. Would I be able to even persuade my leadership? But, I was convinced God was able to rebuild Haiti and to turn my dream into a reality.

In the Old Testament, Joseph had a dream that God would use him. In Genesis 39, we read five times that “*God was with Joseph.*” That’s all we need—God to be with us.

Pastor Tony Ponceti was in the Dominican Republic leading a Pastors’ Seminar. Sharing my dream with him, he reached into his pocket and made the first donation for the construction. Ten months later, Pastor Tony returned, touched the building and dedicated it to God’s purposes. During the dedication, I challenged the high school students to dream and believe God for His future construction in their lives.

God is with us just as He was with Joseph. We can keep dreaming God’s dreams and allow God to use us to further His Kingdom. ~Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor



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AUDIO BIBLES

Pastors at our churches in Haiti received audio Bibles that are solar powered. These will be used as part of adult literacy programs at our churches in Haiti.



TWO CONTAINERS ARRIVE

Two 40-ft cargo containers arrived in Haiti just before Christmas. Two more left for Haiti on January 3 with more construction supplies and shoeboxes.



CHOLERA REACHES LEOGANE

Marie Chantal, our medical clinic director, met with all our school directors and pastors for a special briefing on treatment procedures.



TEACHERS HELPING HAITI

Are you a schoolteacher? Join the Teacher’s Helping Haiti network and together we can help change the lives of children both in your classroom and overseas.

Top: High school built in 2010 in the D.R. **Above left:** Mike Jacobi is a second-year high school student. The dream of Colegio Nueva Vida continues to educate children with Dominican and European parents. **Above middle:** Juan Carlos, a fourth-year high school student, is one of our promising leaders of Iglesia Nueva Vida - with Pastor Tony Ponceti, Grace Church, Lakeland, Florida. **Above right:** Morning lineup of grades preschool through high school before daily chapel. At Colegio Nueva Vida 297 students have an exciting future.

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM TO SOLVE?

What's your problem to solve? The world is filled with problems. Global warming, government deficits, unemployment, environmental pollution...the list is endless. But, most of these problems are not your problem to solve. One day, I was talking with my brother Tim about a problem that was outside of my control, and I said, "That's not my problem to solve." That statement became a catch phrase for all the distractions of the news media. Global warming is not my problem to solve. I don't have the authority or the responsibility to even begin to solve the problem of global warming. The same is true for hundreds of other problems in our world today. It may sound selfish or insensitive, but most of the world's problems are not my problem to solve.

Recently, I had a dream that left me with a vivid message. In my dream, I was at a large gathering of Christians, and we were singing and dancing in a worship service with thousands of people. In the worship service, I was shouting over and over, "This is my problem to solve! This is my problem to solve!" In my dream, I was so happy that I had a problem to solve because I knew that God had given me this problem to solve. I knew God would give me the victory regardless of the circumstances, events, or the outward appearance of the problem. It was personal—this was my assignment from God to solve this problem. Has God given you a problem to solve? Each of us has an assignment. We all have a job to do...a mission to complete.

Often, my father would give me a problem to solve without much detailed explanation. There was a time when someone had donated property to us in Jamaica. There were numerous issues with the deed,

and after many years the lawyer in Jamaica could not get things straightened out. In the end, we began to suspect the lawyer of trying to take advantage of us. In 1984, when I was 23 years old, my Dad sent me to Jamaica to go get the deed. I showed up at the lawyer's office unannounced on a Monday morning. She told me that I would need to go to Kingston. The next day I was on a small plane to Kingston, Jamaica. I came home with the deed, and we sold the land to a family in New Jersey the next month for cash to pay for our first buildings in Haiti. I did not know anything about the laws of Jamaica, whom to speak with, or where to go. I was only focused on one thing. Dad told me to come home with the deed. I remember praying all the way through that trip, and God provided the victory!

If you have a problem to solve, do not focus on your enemies or the circumstances—focus on your God-given assignment.

In the Bible, there are many stories of men and women who were given an assignment from God to solve a problem, fight a battle, or liberate a people from a wicked ruler. One of my favorite stories is that of Nehemiah who was given the assignment to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Nehemiah, who was focused exclusively on his mission, refused to discuss the issues with his enemies. If you will have that same focused determination, God will provide the victory. In the heat of the battle, remember the words of Nehemiah 4:20, "*Our God shall fight for us.*"

~George DeTellis, Jr.

You may write to George at george@newmissions.org

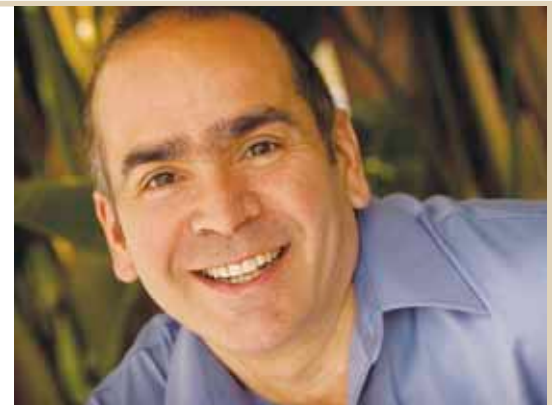
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HAVE A JOB TO DO...
A MISSION TO COMPLETE.

Has God given you a problem to solve? We are all on a mission for the Master. Sometimes the task that is given to us appears small and insignificant, but other times the assignment appears insurmountable! Whether the task is large or small there is no greater calling, no greater service than to be used of God.



George DeTellis, Jr.

P. S. Keep the mission in Haiti in your prayers as we continue to work in the midst of a difficult political situation.



NEW MISSIONS

Building a new Haiti

BUILDING NEW SCHOOLS

We are rapidly working in Haiti to complete a number of new buildings. As of today, there are workers at three locations: our Bord-Mer warehouse, Bord-Mer school, and Concrab school. The new structure at the Calitor church is only waiting for the concrete floor and front steps to be completed. We have added more local workers to our construction crew, and our visiting U.S. teams have been a huge blessing with the new construction. John Schaefer, of Singers Glen, VA, is in Haiti for several months helping to oversee the construction, and a friend from Norway is also with us helping to construct three school buildings.

The earthquake was shattering to our infrastructure, and the last hurricane of 2010 destroyed the roof on our largest church at the high school property. Building a new church on this property is one of our top priorities. It is beautiful seeing the new buildings erected. There is definitely new life coming up from the rubble! We also grew this year by adding three school and church locations. We have never taken such a large leap of growth in the past. I sense the hand of God behind the work here in Haiti, and I count it a privilege to work in such a country. ~Charlie DeTellis



Top: Quality construction involves more use of wood and raising the foundations above flood levels.

Above: Our Haitian construction crews are working alongside visiting teams that have construction experience, and the combined efforts are productive.

Bottom: The students from the Bord-Mer elementary school will enjoy this brand new facility, with its exciting new paint color, as their school was destroyed from the earthquake.



CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I call my parents from the Dominican Republic, and when Dad picks up the phone, he will often say, “I can’t hear you.” I want him to hear how I am and tell him what is happening. Have you ever had to ask someone to repeat what they said because you couldn’t hear them? Not to hear or be heard can be a frustrating experience. Hearing is a communication of connecting and receiving news and direction for living.

People who are born deaf or have hearing difficulties in first-world countries, such as the United States, can seek medical attention for hearing deficiencies. In the Dominican Republic, deafness is often accepted as a fate in life. Where do you find an audiologist when you live up a mountain...where you do not have indoor plumbing or public transportation, much less a primary care medical facility? How do you travel a day’s journey to seek help when you are barely surviving day by day earning minimum wage just to support your family?

New Missions is grateful to Dr. Laura Dennison, Eugene Harper, the Rotary Club of Duluth, GA, and Dr. Pat Biondi (from NJ) who organized a team to help such disadvantaged people find hearing solutions. Many people came to be evaluated, and more than a hundred hearing aids were fitted.

One of the most astounding cases was a 10-year old girl, Yerika Dilone, who was born deaf. Yerika was startled and bounced off her seat when she heard her own voice for the first time. When she heard the first sounds, she hit the sides of her head with the palms of both hands—trying to figure out what was going on. Where were these sounds coming from? As her mother watched



Above: Born deaf - but now I can hear!

nearby, her heart burst with joy when Yerika said “Mama” for the first time!

The audiologist showed her how to clap her hands, and when she heard the sound, she smiled from ear to ear! You should have seen her come alive when she was given a drum with drumsticks.

Now she has a chance to learn to speak, receive a better education, someday gain employment, and live a life with the benefits of hearing, and will have the opportunity to “hear” about Jesus and His love for her. I appreciate the doctors and missionaries who helped these miracles happen.

This was our first hearing aid clinic, and our health center is a “preach and heal” center. At the waiting area, people were hearing the Good News and two healings were taking place.

Can you hear me? God hears you. *“God is not becoming deaf. He can hear you when you call.”* Isaiah 59:1 ~Jeanne DeTellis-O’Connor



Above left: The Health Center in the Dominican Republic serves as a venue for medical seminars and delivers health care for the Sosua community. **Above middle:** Happy people receiving medical services. **Above right:** People waiting for medical services are a captive audience—open to hear about the Great Doctor.



FROM BOTTLES TO BIBLES

Packing them on the back of motorcycles and inside pick-up trucks, cases of Bibles were on their way to our 25 churches. The gathering for all of our pastors in Haiti welcomed a surprise gift of 600 Bibles. What interests me is how these Bibles were provided for these churches.

At Saddleback Church in California, a church member wanted to leave a legacy and had the idea to launch a campaign to recycle plastic to raise money for Bibles. Through collecting bottles at bins across their church campus, monies have helped fund the purchase and distribution of Bibles around the world.

The distribution of Bibles in Haiti took place on a Friday morning while Pastor Steve Rutenbar from Saddleback Church was with me in Haiti. Only two days later we found ourselves visiting a few New Missions churches across the Leogane Plain, and it was a joy to see cases of Bibles actually in the churches. Have you ever been to church and forgot your Bible? Was it great to have one in the pew in front of you? Thankfully, our churches have Bibles on hand. Preaching the good news of God's Word is our priority. ~Timothy DeTellis



Above left: The Haitian Creole Bibles were purchased directly in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. **Above middle:** Pastor Steve Rutenbar from Saddleback Church shared with our 25 pastors in Haiti the importance of preaching the Word of God. **Above right:** The unity of our pastors is powerful—as together they know God has them serving across the Leogane Plain.

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NEVER THE SAME
During the very week of the historic earthquake, Allison Starcher met her sponsored child Fadeline. Watch their video online.



PA SYSTEMS FOR ALL CHURCHES
Each of our 25 churches in Haiti received brand new PA systems to help proclaim the gospel.



SHOEBOX DRIVE UPDATE
All our students received a shoebox gift, and the smiles were contagious at all of our schools in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.



FOUR 40-FT CARGO CONTAINERS
Over the period of four days, four 40-ft cargo containers arrived at our mission in Haiti.

DON'T SHIPWRECK YOUR FAITH

The biggest concern for any boater is to avoid loss of lives and property. This can occur by capsizing, sinking, or running upon rocks or coral... just to name a few. Our faith is a fight of faith, and we are not to shipwreck our faith. Some people may think that their faith cannot be shipwrecked. I do very much believe in the providential power of God to hold onto us. I also believe He gives us the liberty to make our own decisions.

We need to avoid the storm or the grounding. I don't think we intentionally aim our boat for the rocks, but I do believe we can become reckless—asleep and not alert of our surroundings. A Norwegian friend of mine recently said, “When a boat sinks, many times the men have been travelling those same waters all their lives. But, they become relaxed and fall asleep.” The ocean can be overpowering. We must not become careless regarding our faith. We must stay focused—on course.

One of my favorite quotes from Pilgrim's Progress is, “One leak will sink a ship, and one sin will destroy a sinner.”

We can find ourselves caught in the midst of a storm. In Haiti, my wife and I, along with six others, went to the little island of LaGonave—which is located 15 miles off our beach. We brought some

food to give to the people we were going to minister to. Upon our time to leave the island, the wind had really picked up. I tried twice to leave the island, but I had never navigated in such huge waves ever before. The waves were taller than the height of our 24-foot boat. I returned to the island and announced that we were going to have to spend the night. Thankfully, we had radio contact with my father back at the mission.

On the island we held a church service in a little building made of sticks. The church was full of people, and they were amazed to see the winds had stopped after we had church. The next morning we returned safely at the shores of our mission.

Wind and waves can represent obstacles. Will

you only serve God when you have clear skies and smooth sailing? Will you continue to serve God in the storm? Surely, your faith will be tested. Every day, I am very much aware of the decisions I make. “Therefore let us not sleep as

others do, but let us watch and be sober.”

1 Thessalonians 5:6

I Timothy 1:19 says, “Having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck.” In this passage, Timothy is charged to wage the good warfare. I sometimes wish I could wage the good warfare in the flesh. However, we are not to overcome evil with evil. We also need to guard our hearts and keep our hearts faithful to God and our loved ones.

~Charlie DeTellis

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I TIMOTHY 1:19

We do not need to have fear of our faith becoming shipwrecked, nor fear the oceans of the world. We need to have a respect for the ocean, be aware of the dangers in this world, stay alert and remain true to the convictions of our faith—always recognizing the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Standing firm in the faith is a combination of God's providential power and our choice of obedience.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

Charlie DeTellis

P. S. There is always hope with God. Yes, God can take a shipwrecked life and restore it completely. Make your boat sea worthy and enjoy a life full of service and love.





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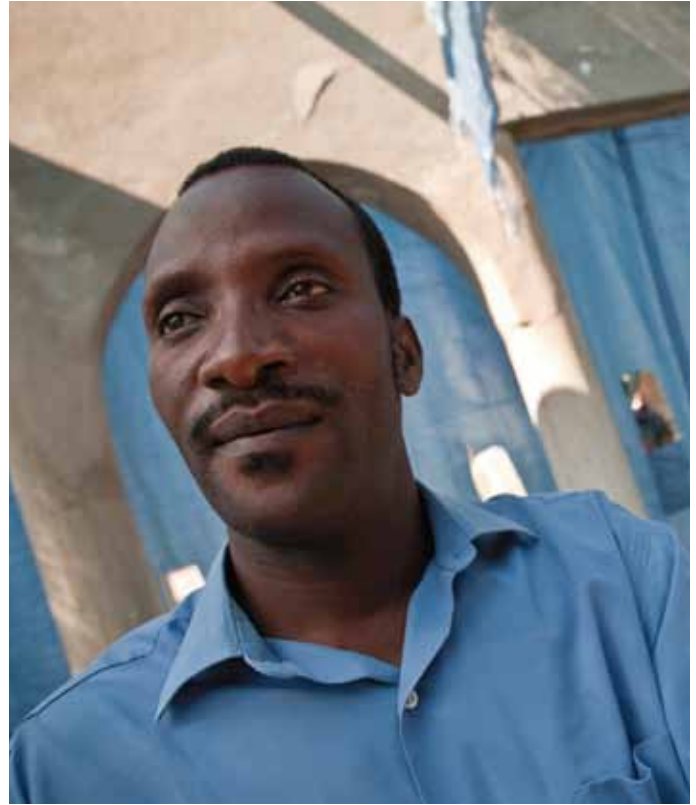
REAL CHANGE FOR HAITI

What does Haiti need now? Haiti needs godly leadership—people who wake up each day and ask, “How may we serve?” Since 1983 New Missions has focused on training a generation of Christian leaders. Currently, 2,064 high school and Bible college students are being prepared to lead Haiti.

Jesus told His disciples, “*No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.*” The vision beckons, but we must remain focused on it. Developing Christian leaders for Haiti is our goal.

From the early years of preschool, children at New Missions learn they are someone special. We now have 25 churches and schools in Haiti. Our newest location is in the village of Calitor on the Leogane Plain. The pastor and school director is Fanfan Michel and when he was a young student at New Missions, I gave him keyboard lessons at our first church. It is a great joy to see our graduates now leading their communities and helping to change the lives of children.

Right now, hundreds of students enrolled in our high school do not have a sponsor. Please join us this month by supporting our High School Fund for unsponsored high school students. Their self-worth is grown from a place of despair and lack of hope—to a new found faith that changes lives. ~Timothy DeTellis



Above: Fanfan Michel, school director and pastor at our 25th church in Calitor, Haiti, grew up as a New Missions student.

Bottom left: The Calitor church and school facility is brand new and provides a beacon of hope to the entire community.

Bottom right: Our tractor operator in Haiti, Chailcher Saint Jean, learned how to read and write at New Missions, and now serves on construction sites building schools.



REFLECTING THE HEART OF GOD

New Missions sponsor Tammy Rahn noticed a recurring theme while reading through Scripture. Verse after verse described God's heart for "the least of these," and Jesus' ministry showed His love and provision for the poor and hungry. After discovering these truths, her own heart reflected her Father's priorities. "To have the heart of God, you can't help but want to feed the hungry," says Tammy.

This realization spurred Tammy into action. After many trips to Haiti, she was familiar with the needs of the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Tammy had interacted with the poor and hungry and knew there was more to be done. Even before last year's catastrophic earthquake, many Haitians struggled to eat enough to survive. The disaster only intensified the problem. "Scripture commands us to always have a heart attentive to the poor," says Tammy. "To me, that is Haiti. I believe that is where God's heart is." She began to raise money with her church to provide rice for families in Haiti. Through fundraisers, Newport Assembly of God in Pennsylvania raised over \$5,000 to feed the hungry.

In February 2011, Tammy and her family traveled to Haiti with other members of their church to distribute the rice they raised funds to purchase. The team held dry feedings at three New Missions schools. During the distributions, the team gave rice and oil to each student and prayed over each of them. The food and cooking items were then taken home to provide meals for entire families.



The smiles of children receiving rice bring a moment of hope and opportunity for lives to be truly changed.

"I always get teary-eyed when a child gets a bag of rice," said Tammy. "It makes my day just to know something as simple as that makes such an impact in a life. I count it a privilege to be the hands and feet of God in Haiti. The Bible says we will always have the poor among us, but we always need to be among the poor—helping, encouraging, and lending a hand whenever we can."

Tammy and the team from Newport Assembly of God distributed food to about 850 students during their week in Haiti. Hundreds of families were blessed by the obedience and commitment of this church. The team was also blessed as they saw the promise of Proverbs 22:9 fulfilled – *"A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor."*

~ Jaimee Marks, Contributing Writer



Above left: The team arrives in Haiti to distribute food at New Missions Schools. **Above center left:** During the dry feedings, team members pray over each student. New Missions is dedicated to encouraging students' physical and spiritual growth. **Above center right:** Students eagerly waiting to receive essential food items to share with their families. **Above right:** Team members are the hands and feet of Jesus, as they distribute rice and oil to each student.



MAKE CHANGE, BEAT HUNGER

Hunger is a crisis in Haiti where it's typical for a child to have only one meal per day. For our students, that meal is enjoyed at a New Missions school. But those students have families and friends who are still hungry. You can make a huge impact with a willing heart and a few coins.

Here are five simple ways for you to make change and beat hunger:

1. Place a coin bank at your school, office or home
2. Host a coin collection during your church's Vacation Bible School
3. Choose a Sunday to host a "Beat Hunger" day for your youth or children's ministry
4. Host an office "Beat Hunger" month for employees to donate their loose change for the hungry in Haiti
5. As part of your birthday celebration, ask for coins to give a gift that truly makes an impact

You can order coin banks and resources by calling 1-800-Yes-Haiti or at www.newmissions.org. I look forward to serving you, as together we make change and beat hunger.

~ Jaimee Marks, Campaign and Volunteer Manager

Get involved: jmarks@newmissions.org

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SAFE DRINKING WATER
Wells at our schools in Haiti provide necessary water to cook food and enable our children to have safe drinking water.



READING & WRITING
Open the mind of a child by giving them the power to learn. Your child sponsorship is changing the life of a child with your prayers, letters and shoeboxes.



SPOONS FOR HAITI
Do something that kids of all ages can participate in—collect spoons for Haiti. Our goal is to receive 12,000 spoons for Haiti before September 1.



MEET A TEACHER
The fruit of discipleship is Godly leadership. Graduates of New Missions now lead the next generation of students.



Top: Eating at New Missions gives confidence in the life of a child both in their heart and their mind—knowing they will not go hungry.
Above left: Tate Lorenz, age 4, has a heart for Haiti and hopes other kids will too. **Above center left:** Growing healthy kids starts with good nutrition and fun activities at school. **Above center right:** We help beat hunger by providing extra food for our students to take home and share with their families. **Above right:** In line for their lunch, these three and four year olds will escape hunger and grow stronger.

RESURRECTION POWER... IN ME—NOW!

It's the season—the lilies, tulips, daffodils...all the flowers I have missed over the years working on the Island of Hispaniola. And in the United States, there are Easter hats and Easter baskets, little chicks and candy eggs. It's Easter season!

For Christians, we rejoice in the words of Jesus in John 11:25, *"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."*

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, and the many memories pain your heart, rest in the words of Jesus, *"Those who believe in Me, even though they die like everyone else, will live again."* John 11:25-26

Last night at church, nine year old Johanny came up to hug me. I remembered back to when she was 6 months old, and her mother died from lupus.

Death—we can't make it pretty.

When I am in Orlando and pass by the funeral home where my late husband George chose his own casket, the painful memories of his death are smothered out like a hard-driving torrential rain on a wild fire with the words of Jesus, *"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."*

God's words and His promises bring about a calm patting to our emotions, and can rub our pains away—as our heart resumes a normal beating rhythm. Death screams reality, but God's love triumphs victoriously over death. The sting is lost. *"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."*

For the Christian, this resurrection power now lives in us. If we die, this resurrection power in us is our blastoff—our spirit goes to God. This resurrection power is a miracle and a mystery. Alive or dead, we have the resurrection power that raised Jesus from the dead. That excites and empowers me! I am comforted and energized.

With this resurrection power in me, I feel like Peter who got out of the boat in the middle of the night and walked on the water. I can always cry out, "Jesus!" It is His resurrection power in me that gives me this passion to get out of the boat.

Philippians 3:10 says, *"...that I may know the power of His resurrection."* That is what I need! I need His resurrection power to get me walking on the water just like Peter. Resurrection power is what I need to live a victorious Christian life.

I know that for some of us, we don't want to be comforted to accept death. It is unknown. We love life! We love living, have loved ones we cherish, and a work we love to do. How can we accept death as part of the plan for our lives? I remember the story of Corrie ten Boom

as she told of her insecurity in having her train ticket. "Where are the tickets?" Her father comforted her. "When we get to the train station, I will have the tickets." When our time for death comes, Jesus has the tickets. His resurrection power will take us home, because we believe...we trust...we have faith in the miracle mystery truth of His words, *"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."*

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



Dennis O'Connor and I both lost our spouses to cancer. I appreciate how he has come alongside the ministry—making the work a joy. We were married on November 6, 2010 in North Reading, MA. The above photo was taken in New England. We were both moved by the words on the stone arch at the entrance to the cemetery, *"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."*

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

P. S. You have that same Resurrection Power—come out of your grave—physically, spiritually, financially, emotionally and live your God-given life.





NEW MISSIONS

Building a new Haiti

LOGISTICS FOR PROGRESS

It's 8:00 a.m. on a Thursday, and the flatbed tractor trailer has arrived at New Missions in Orlando. Pressure treated lumber, piping and metal reinforcement materials are right on time. The deliveries are synchronized with the arrival of two 40-foot cargo containers. Within a few hours of leaving New Missions in Orlando, these much needed construction supplies will be on their way to Haiti.

We purchase as many materials in Haiti as possible—to support the local economy. However, some items are simply not available. We do have a source for tin roofing, concrete and blocks in Haiti; and since the early 80s we have used the same trucking company for all of our gravel and sand.

Behind the scenes is a man from South Carolina who provides the hidden ingredients to logistical planning: the price and source of materials. Dale Collins, from Seacoast Church in Summerville, is a volunteer for New Missions who contributes his expertise in construction material and suppliers.

Prior to the moment the tractor trailer arrives at customs in Port-au-Prince, the proper paperwork is filed and arrangements for delivery begin. As soon as the trailers arrive at the mission, there are sounds of rejoicing. The work continues, and because of your continued prayers and support, we are building a new Haiti. ~Timothy DeTellis



Above: Flatbeds of pressure treated lumber arrive in Orlando for shipment to Haiti. **Below:** The new warehouse facility in Haiti is elevated off the ground, and 20 cargo containers provide secure storage under shaded roofing. **Bottom left:** Shoeboxes have blessed all of our school children and their families. More shoeboxes just arrived for distribution beyond Leogane. **Bottom center:** The arrival of construction and medical supplies, along with shoeboxes, are a blessing to thousands of families across Leogane, Haiti. **Bottom right:** Since the earthquake, we have sent fourteen 40-foot cargo containers to Haiti.

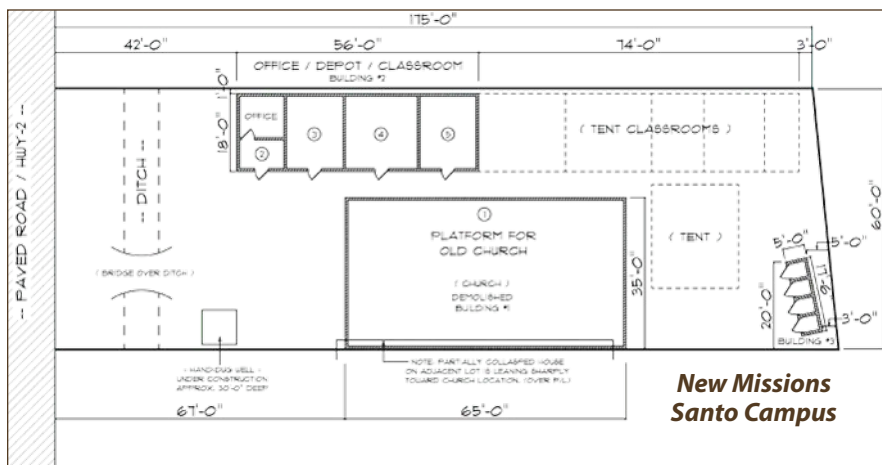
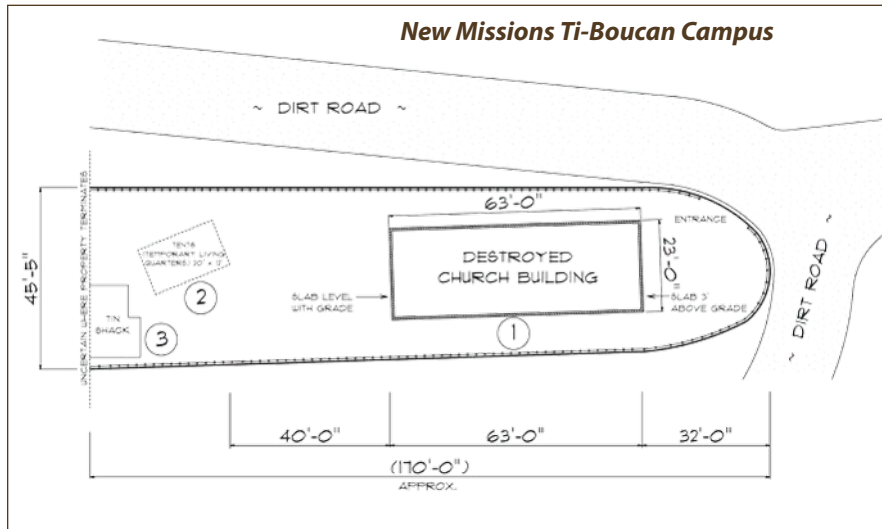




Above left: The children in Ti-Boucan have seen New Missions buildings destroyed and rebuilt.

Above center: A new church and school facility in Ti-Boucan is a symbol of hope to this mountain region.

Above right: Tim DeTellis prays inside the new building with Pastor Joseph Elifete Eliane from our Ti-Boucan Church and school. Pastor Joseph is a graduate of New Missions Bible College.



CONSTRUCTION YEAR-ROUND

We now have the majority of our main infrastructure for the administration of the mission in place. This year, we have received 14 containers consisting of building and medical supplies, and Christmas shoeboxes. Five buildings have recently been completed, and we are working on three more buildings at this time. A further evaluation of every location is currently taking place. We continue to tear down buildings damaged during the earthquake; this month, the church at Darbonne and the school at Fond-Jacques were torn down. Our backhoe tractor has been extremely useful for the demolition of buildings.

It was wonderful to be working in the Brache-Milot, Darbonne, and Fond-Jacques schools this month. In addition to these locations, we are very

Below left: Construction teams serve strong as new churches and schools are built at New Missions.

Below center: Warehouse facility construction at Bord-Mer.

Below right: The new warehouse facility will help contain and distribute 31 tons of food each month, plus store construction supplies.





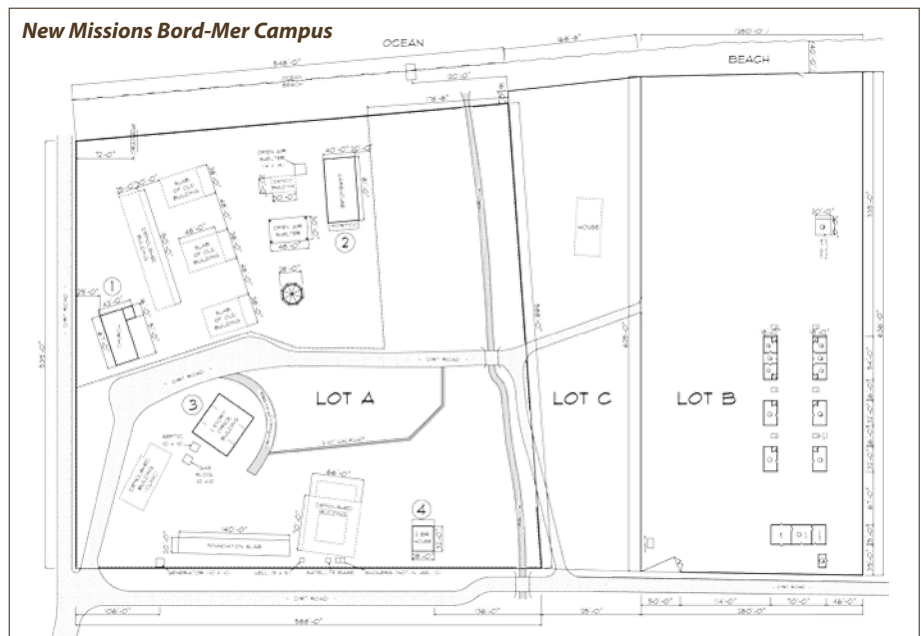
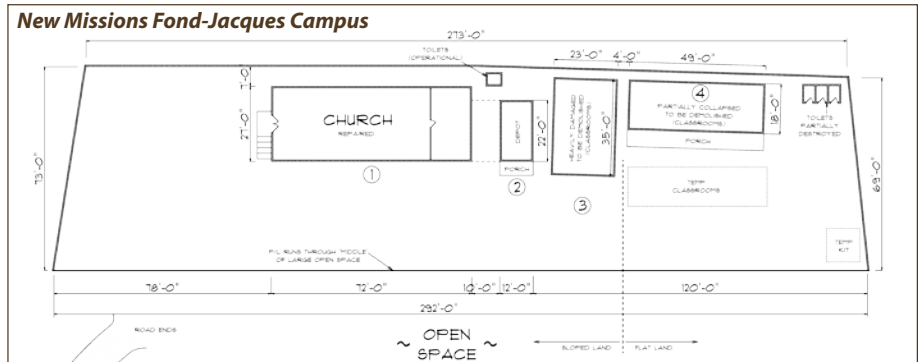
Above left: The Bord-Mer school children now have two new buildings.
Above right: Children are thankful for their new school benches and classrooms in Bord-Mer.

thankful to have a new “container warehouse,” where we organize our building supplies for future projects. In the past, 90 percent of our buildings had concrete block walls. Our current building plans consist of using all wood or metal for any schools or churches, as they would hold up better if there were another earthquake to strike the island. We earnestly want to complete the rebuilding as quickly as possible, and are working according to a priority of building needs. Eventually, we would like to launch out into further locations—establishing additional schools and churches.

Thank you for your prayers as we continue the rebuilding process. It is a joy to be serving God in Haiti.

~ Charlie DeTellis

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Below left: Trusses are pre-built on location at New Missions in Haiti and then delivered to construction sites.
Below center: Already this year, brand new sound systems, keyboards, and percussion instruments were sent to Haiti for each church.
Below right: John Schaefer, from Singers Glen, Virginia, manages our construction teams in Haiti.



GOD'S ORCHESTRATIONS

When it comes to planning, I'm all in. It's important to plan and appropriately assign the required resources (time, people, and tools) to achieve the desired outcome. I enjoy the dreaming and designing sides of life. From ideas to implementation, I find a great sense of reward. However, I welcome my planning to be trumped by God's divine orchestration. Yes, God is in our planning process—but He is also Lord over the outcome.

God's will (sovereignty) is the ultimate power. While I believe in the free will of man I also believe that God can trump us whenever He wants. He's God! Proverbs 16:3 says, *"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans."*

When it comes to planning, my prayer is: "God give me the wisdom and discernment to make the best decision, and may Your will be done!"

During the planning phase for rebuilding in Haiti, we determined which building would be placed on the top priority list by focusing on the most urgent needs. On one of my trips after the earthquake, one of my sponsored children, Catiana, and I shared lunch together. I asked her if she was discouraged because her school building was gone. She and her classmates were temporarily meeting inside the dining hall. To my surprise she just smiled and said, "I'm happy to go to school." On a personal note, months later, my heart jumped for joy the day I saw the photo of Catiana proudly standing in front of the new elementary school at Bord-Mer. Two new buildings were constructed on that campus due to earthquake damage.

My weakness is patience—as it's hard to simply watch and wait. God's timing is perfect. I'm going

to do all I can on my part and then give God the authority to be God in my life. All throughout the planning process, I've invited God to pour in. I actually believe that He is the source of ideas and creativity, so we are "best-partners" in anything I do. God's plans are best. *"But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations."* Psalm 33:11

Recently, I had a meeting with a church regarding partnering with New Missions for building a new Haiti. The pastor asked me a question few have ever asked me. "If you could do anything, what would you do?" My response, "Build a trade school." He replied, "Build it and I'll help pay for the construction." This June, we will break ground on a trade school at New Missions in Haiti. The school will train

Haitians in construction trades and management. God's timing surprised me. With all of the construction that continues in Haiti, this trade school will provide many opportunities for graduates of New Missions.

The trade school has been a dream of ours for many years. Now, God's timing makes it perfect. God's orchestration happens when we welcome it, invite it, and even expect or pray for it. That's the balance between the free will of man and the sovereignty of God. We must live with an open-hand policy. I'm in awe of God's orchestrations...not my strategies.

I pray to see God make the plans that change lives. I believe that Jesus is still the answer for the world today. He brings real hope. In whatever we do, let's ask God for wisdom and then serve others. *"If you do not have wisdom, ask God for it. He is always ready to give it to you and will never say you are wrong for asking."* James 1:5 Has God's orchestration surprised you lately? ~Timothy DeTellis

"JESUS IS STILL
THE ANSWER FOR THE
WORLD TODAY."

With God, all things are possible. You are not a waste of God's time...He made you! Today, be encouraged and invite God to pour His orchestration into your life. It's not our strength that makes things happen. *"Look to the Lord and ask for His strength. Look to Him all the time."* 1 Chronicles 16:11

Serving together,



Timothy DeTellis

P. S. Thank you for continuing to stand with us and partner to help build a new Haiti - the work continues!



Tim and Sheryl DeTellis in Haiti visiting with their sponsored triplets, Manoucheca, Magdala and Mackendy.



NEW MISSIONS

Building a new Haiti



BUILDING HIS KINGDOM

At New Missions, everything we do has one purpose—sharing the Gospel. This truth was clear to Jack Gritter and a team from Northland Church in Longwood, FL, on their recent construction trip to Haiti. While their tasks included demolition, rebuilding, and distribution, Jack noted that the most impactful moments for the team were their ordained encounters.

They first met a young mother named Michelin and her two-year-old daughter. While Michelin was cracking rocks with a hammer, the team offered bottles of water and began a conversation. The next day, Martha, who works in our Haiti office, found Michelin and shared the Good News with her. The team rejoiced when Martha returned and reported that Michelin accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior! Jack described this moment as “awesome, because Michelin had captured our collective hearts.”

Another day, Jack was able to visit with Lovely Luc, the sponsored child of his business partner. Lovely and her friend came to the New Missions compound on a borrowed bicycle. As the group shared lunch, both young ladies prayed to accept Christ while talking with Charlie DeTellis. Jack was thrilled to return home and share this news with Lovely’s sponsor family.

Though the purpose of the trip was constructing buildings, God also used this team to build His Kingdom. ~Jaimee Marks, Contributing Writer



Top: The Northland team distributed over 300 shoeboxes to students at the Brache-Milot School. Jack noted that “these children and their families are taught the love of Jesus Christ and see it lived out in a very tangible way thanks to the work of New Missions”.

Below: The volunteers from Northland replaced tattered tarp walls with wood paneling at a New Missions school. **Bottom left:** Jack Gritter spends time with Lovely, the sponsored child of his business partner, Chip Gregory. **Bottom right:** Lovely and her friend, Nicole, accepted Christ during their lunch with the construction team.



SQUEEZE MY HEART

Have you ever felt your heart squeezed? Since the earthquake in Haiti in early 2010, the hearts of people have been squeezed to do everything they can to help Haiti recover. Thank God Haiti is recovering. My three sons encouraged me to stay focused to help them in Haiti's recovery.

Meanwhile, hundreds of children in the Dominican Republic have been waiting for sponsorship, while more are waiting to be registered. Our new high school that opened last year will open a second high school session this August—adding 150 additional students. I believe God squeezed the heart of my son, Tim, when he said to me, “Mother, I’m going to help you find sponsors.”

On April 10, Tim’s son Luc turned 13 years old. Nonna, as my grandchildren call me, has not been able to attend many birthday parties of my 10 grandchildren. I can only remember one birthday party with Luc when we happened to be passing through Orlando for a speaking engagement. Tim emailed to tell me he was sponsoring a 13-year-old boy from the Dominican Republic as a birthday gift for his son.

Monday morning could not come quickly enough for me to find Luc’s sponsored boy. I had a new calculator and some fine pens to give to Luc’s boy. I found Luis—and he had the same gentle, tender, loving spirit as Luc. I could feel his lean frame as I hugged him, and I felt like I found a new grandson.

I apologized to Luis for the little gift, and he melted me with what he said: “Not important at all; it is your love for me that is important to me.” I never wanted to stop embracing Luis, as I loved him with words and a prayer. Luis is the son of a single mother from the mountains, and his mother has been working for the owners of the condo



Luis has a personality much like my grandson Luc. I appreciate my grandson's commitment to sponsor Luis in school. I believe God has a special future of success for Luis, a good young boy from a mountain village. I love him like he is another grandson of mine.

community where I live. I love this new sponsored boy, Luis, like a gift of another grandson.

My son Tim has found over 30 sponsors for children in the Dominican Republic. I have hundreds waiting—in addition to the 150 coming to the second high school session. I ask God to squeeze your heart to help change the life of an innocent, precious child just like Luis.

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



Above left: Students at our school in Sosua. Carlos Perez, seated in front, is loved and sponsored by Pastors John and Jen Tether of Queensbury, NY. **Above middle:** Students at our school in Bombita. After holding school in a tent for six years, I believe we'll see a school built, as God cares deeply for the children. **Above right:** Students in the new high school at New Life School. In August we will open a second session of high school, and 150 students will have an education they never imagined. All 150 children are awaiting sponsors.



WORSHIP SPREADS THE GOSPEL

Across the Leogane Plain, people gather at churches to worship, in an area that was known as the Voodoo capital of Haiti. When New Missions began in 1983, I remember traveling village by village hosting outdoor evangelism meetings, as there were few Christians to be found. Along dirt roads, we would turn the back of a pick-up truck into a stage, and play worship songs and preach the Gospel. One by one, people of the village would respond as we returned each week. Finally, with a handful of Christians, we would start a church.

I have two memories when worship in Haiti shaped my perspective of what it means to surrender. The first was at our church in Bord-Mer. Since I played the keyboard, I found myself arriving early to church—turning on the sound system and setting up. There was no predetermined schedule. The music was selected at random according to God’s leading. It was led by the Spirit, and the congregation was willing to wait upon the Lord.

My second memory was right after the earthquake. While driving down the road and throughout the night, we could hear the Haitians singing songs of praise to God—after the most horrific disaster to hit Haiti in 200 years.

Worship spreads the Gospel, and the Haitians’ singing is the testimony of lives changed. Their passion for God is loud, and their worship is spreading the Gospel across Haiti. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: Rhythm is part of the Haitian culture, and percussion instruments are used during worship services. **Above left:** Imagine the blessing your used instrument could make to a worship leader in Haiti. Donate your instruments and help change lives. **Above middle:** Pastor Guillame Jean serves at our downtown Leogane church and school, where adult literacy and music classes are also offered. **Above right:** In 1983, Tim DeTellis (then age 11) played the keyboard during Haitian church services; he also taught music at our Bord-Mer church.

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LEOGANE, HAITI
This coastal plain with farming and fishing villages is where New Missions calls home in Haiti. Learn more about this region where lives are being changed forever.



FOOD YEAR-ROUND
You can help beat hunger. Simply place a coin bank at your office or church and collect funds this summer to feed children year-round.



SPOONS FOR HAITI
There is still time to invite kids of all ages to participate in the Summer 2011 Spoons for Haiti collection. Our goal is 12,000 spoons by this September.



JEANNE’S KIDS
Rafelina Regalado Baez is sponsored by the Danny de Armas family of Orlando, FL. You can search online and join them in sponsoring a child from the DR.

WHO DO YOU KNOW?

You've heard the old saying, *it's not what you know that matters...it's who you know*. True to life, being able to call someone who can help you is more powerful than a head full of knowledge. In every sector of society there is a web of relationships of "people who know people." You may have a great idea for a movie, or could have written an amazing song. But, unless you have relationships in those industries, it is very unlikely that your work will become more than words on a page.

Whenever I have written to a corporation or foundation seeking support for our ministry, I have always failed—unless I first had a contact who was able to navigate me through the web of relationships to reach the right person. This is especially true in finding a great job. For the right person, a company is always hiring! It's all about the right relationships.

If we extend the old maxim, we can add that often *who you don't know is who you need to know*. Social scientists have observed we are a maximum of six relationships away from anybody in the world! So, a person you know has a relationship with someone who knows someone...who knows the person you need to know.

No matter how many books you read, or how much education you receive, what you don't know will always exceed what you do know. Deuteronomy 29:29 tells us, *"The secret things belong to God, but that which has been revealed belongs to us."* Our God is omniscient; He knows everything. God knows your mind and body better than any doctor in the world.

In my work in ministry, I am always trying to learn something new, or make contact with people

I don't know. I am fond of saying, "If you know Jesus, you know everybody," because Jesus knows everybody and everything. We have the powerful source of knowledge in our relationship with God. He is able to open doors and reveal knowledge to us beyond our own abilities. As a believer, you are only one relationship away from the person you need to know.

I often meet pastors who spend the majority of their time caring for a small congregation of people when there are a million people in the city—most of whom have never been invited to church! The pastor desperately wants to see his church grow, but spends much of his time meeting with the same people.

In the course of any given week, he rarely meets new people in the community. Pastor, it's not who you know...it's who you don't know that is going to grow your church!

"Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that My house may be filled." ~Luke 14:23

If you know God, you can ask Him for wisdom for all of your decisions. God could give you direction that is counter-intuitive to the world's wisdom. When everyone else is running to buy houses, stocks or gold, God can give you wisdom to go a different direction. Through Christ, we are not limited by our own knowledge or circle of influence. Our God knows everybody and everything. When you know Jesus, you do too!

~George DeTellis, Jr.

You may write to George at george@newmissions.org

**IF YOU KNOW JESUS—
YOU KNOW EVERYBODY!**

Is there someone you know who could help the work of New Missions? Do you have a relationship with someone at a university, a corporation or foundation who could help our ministry with children in Haiti and the Dominican Republic? You could be the key that unlocks a door to a great relationship. Pray about who you know who could be a blessing to our ministry.



George DeTellis, Jr.

P.S. Remember...it's not what you know, it's who you know. And when you know Jesus—you know everybody!





NEWMISSIONS

Building a new Haiti

SAVE THE DATE OCT. 1 – DEC. 15, 2011

Mark your calendar now for sending Christmas shoeboxes to Haiti. If you are packing a shoebox for your sponsored child and want your special gift to arrive in time for Christmas, schedule your shoebox to arrive in Orlando by November 15.

Shoebox Drive collection dates are October 1 through December 15. We are collecting shoeboxes for children in all our schools and surrounding villages. We surpassed 18,000 shoeboxes in 2010, and we hope this year to collect even more.

You can host a shoebox drive at your church, school or office. It's simple and fun. For packing ideas, shipping labels, and videos, visit shoeboxdrive.com. You can also pack a shoebox for a New Missions school teacher and "bless a teacher."

From little toys to essential hygiene items, these shoeboxes come filled with surprises that help children living in poor conditions. When it comes to surprises, watching someone break out into a smile from ear to ear is a moment you want to freeze in time. But, bigger than the smile is the joy of seeing a child accept the love of Jesus into their heart.

Thank you for joining us in sharing a little Christmas with the children of Haiti.

~Timothy DeTellis



Top: The children of New Missions are praying and thanking God for you and their shoebox gifts. **Below:** What's inside the shoebox is a surprise, and the joy comes from a photo and note from you. Your love makes a difference!



Above left: Prasline Sagaille attends third grade at New Missions in Haiti, and was blessed with a shoebox from her sponsors, Linda and Ted Fulton. **Above middle:** Thank you for sharing a little Christmas with the children of New Missions. **Above right:** Marie Manite Mesidor was once a New Missions student and now serves as our school director in Bord-Mer, where she previously taught for 15 years.

OFFERING TO THE LORD

On her way to the Dominican Republic, Esther Hoon wondered why she agreed to bring her guitar on a mission trip with the group from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. It was difficult to stow and frustrating to carry around, but God quickly made His purpose clear.

According to Chad Pickett, the team's leader, the purpose of the trip was "simply putting smiles on children's faces and making them feel loved." While the team taught songs and Bible lessons, Esther observed that the small things brought the children great joy and were truly making a difference. She recalls, "Seeing the joy and love that the kids shared with us, even though they had so little, changed me."

Esther's heart broke for the Dominican students, and she asked God to show her what else she could do. Esther thought, "I'm pretty sure He didn't just send me all the way here to be with these kids for a few days, and then go back to my own little world." As she prayed, she remembered the words of King David, "I will not offer to the Lord that which cost me nothing," and realized that she had one offering that would cost her something—her guitar. Though giving her guitar away would be a sacrifice, God was tugging at her heart.

After a service, she went to speak with one of the missionaries, hoping he would say there was not a need for a guitar. Instead, he gladly accepted it and told Esther about a music school where it could be used. She was invited to visit two days later and was even able to teach some kids how to play guitar.

"Now that I no longer have a guitar, every time I miss it, I am reminded of how blessed I was on this trip to the DR. I remember all the kids and



Twice a week in the Dominican Republic music lessons are taught. We have three music teachers who give free lessons in guitar, drums and keyboard to children from the community.

pray that my guitar will continue to be used for God's glory," says Esther. Chad adds, "We went on this trip with the expectation of serving and teaching others, but we gained just as much as we gave."

~Jaimee Marks, Contributing Writer



Middle: The team from Southwestern College in Kansas arrived in the DR ready to serve. They saw God move both through and among them during their trip. **Above left:** Esther, center with her guitar, and her teammates showed love to the children as they taught Bible lessons, songs, and crafts. **Above right:** "Jesus said, '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



A PROMISED FUTURE

I can remember early in our ministry Pastor George was attending a conference and he asked if the ministry had a Bible School. When he got a ‘no’ answer, he felt that particular ministry lacked vision.

With a Bible School and training of future leaders, there is a promised future with no unemployment.

Upon arriving in Haiti, Pastor George started what he then called “School of Ministry.” We had a dinner every Sunday, followed by classes. Before long, Bible School was held every day. When a missionary working with our Bible School left, Pastor George contemplated closing the Bible School. I pleaded with him to allow me to take on the oversight of the school, and he agreed. We created the Caribbean Bible Institute—offering courses in Bible, education and business.

New Missions makes our Bible School graduation the event of highest celebration. There are caps and gowns, a marching band, and quite a feast! What is most exciting about our Bible School is that in God, there is no unemployment. God is always calling men and women into the ministry.

When Pastor George passed away in 2008, we wanted to remember his sacrifice and discipline to serve God by using money given in his honor to provide free Bible School for our future leaders of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. His legacy lives on. ~Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor



Top: From their minds to their hearts, the lives of our graduates are changed and ready to help others learn about the joy of knowing Jesus.

Above left: Pastor LeRoy is the director of our Bible College, and he loves helping to raise a generation of new leaders for Haiti.

Above middle: Family and friends gathered to celebrate the accomplishment of each graduate. **Above right:** The choir came to the graduation ceremony dressed in their robes and worshipped with great thankfulness to God for His provision and care for Haiti.

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CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

We are thankful for the delivery of a new dump truck. Additional heavy equipment is needed. Email cheryl@newmissions.org for a complete list.



SPOONS FOR HAITI

There is still time to invite kids of all ages to participate in the Summer 2011 Spoons for Haiti collection. Our goal is 12,000 spoons by this September.



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WHAT'S YOUR DREAM?

The lottery billboard on Interstate 94 in Minneapolis, Minnesota says: "What's Your Dream?" Have you ever heard someone say, "When I win the lottery...?" In Genesis 41:41-44, Joseph did not win the lottery when Pharaoh gave him the ring, gold, royal robes, chariots and command of the land. Have a dream—a dream that is a God dream, and you'll love the chariot ride!

I hear you. Your dream was shattered by disappointments in people, your health, or money issues. Yes, it's a real world and life is tough. How did Joseph feel in the pit, having been sold by his brothers, accused by his boss's wife, and forgotten by his friends while in prison? Joseph believed in his God dream and he faithfully persevered with the highest standard of a working faith. Have you given up? Don't!

Your God dream will be unique to you. Eight-year-old Sarah from Carmel, Indiana, told the congregation at her church, "Just don't buy candy, and you'll have money to feed hungry children." She saw her dream come true—to provide 50,000 meals.

During the last year of his life (2007/2008), Pastor George often preached about his God dream. He invited men and women to dream his dream to continue the mission...and they did! The mission moves on with Bible schools—training hundreds in leadership, and more than 11,000 children are becoming the new Christian generation. His God dream continues to live on. (Pastor George and I founded New Missions in 1983. After a nine-year battle with cancer, he went "home" on June 26, 2008).

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN YOUR DREAM
AND A 'GOD' DREAM.
'GOD' DREAMS COME TRUE.

In the new year of 2009 I felt compelled to inspire people to have dreams for their lives. From time to time, people asked me about my dreams. I have dreams: a ring, gold, royal robe and chariot from a generous God—our ministry in the Dominican Republic and Haiti—for the past 30 years.

Now, I'm 69 years old. Maybe enough is enough? No! On April 11, I went to Bombita in the pouring rain. I asked the yardman for a shovel and called the students to the corner of our mission property and broke ground on what has been an impossible dream to build a school. I did not have one peso promised—only a fire in my heart and love for these little ones who had been having school for more than six years in a tent. Imagine the rains, the dampness of school books and papers.

Think of our teachers with sore throats and colds—teaching in the outdoor winds—but on their mission to give this impoverished community a school.

On May 15, while speaking at a church in Indiana, an unknown woman gave my husband, Dennis, \$200. I knew I had to call this \$200 the first pesos to build the school in Bombita. It takes courageous strength to express your dream. You may stand alone, or your dream may even feel like a nightmare! It's invigorating to your faith.

Remember, even if your dream has been shattered, the one thing that will always remain constant is the life Jesus freely offers you. Life with Him now—peace, purpose, and life without end. Dream a God dream!

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

To dream the impossible dream is to be walking in faith with your knees knocking like a bass drum. Do it. Dream! Yes, a dream is a lot of work. But, you and I love to work for God. I invite you to be like God—dream, and give, and let life be a celebration!

Sincerely,



Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

P. S. Don't be a daydreamer...get a God dream. God dreams come true.



Dennis O'Connor with Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



NEW MISSIONS

Building a new Haiti

TRADE SCHOOL IN HAITI

Today, we rejoice in God’s provision for us to establish a Trade School at New Missions in Haiti. Located on the Signeau Elementary School property, and expected to open in 2012, the school will provide Haitians the opportunity to learn a trade—giving them greater opportunities for employment. Margo Womac, director of Ministry Network at Second Baptist, believes that through this project they “are able to help people help themselves” and truly impact families.

Second Baptist Church in Houston sent a construction team to begin this project and the partnership will continue far beyond the construction phase. Womac expressed that Second Baptist’s desire is to have their church members return to the trade school to teach various skills (such as woodworking, plumbing, etc.) to the teachers.

When the team from Second Baptist visited Haiti in June, they broke ground on the project and constructed pads for the buildings. Throughout the week, the team also distributed gifts from their church family. Womac observed “love and playing together translate across any language.” The relationships that formed led to an unexpected addition to the week’s agenda—the decision to build a soccer field for the children. This team left the children and their families with smiles and hope for tomorrow. ~ Jaimee Marks, Contributing Writer



Above: The team from Second Houston broke ground on the Trade School campus—located on our Signeau Elementary School property—on the main highway in Haiti.

Below: Team member Kathryn McCall shared moments of joy with the children of New Missions at our Signeau Elementary School. Showing love and spending time with the students is an important part of helping to change the lives of children.



Above left: Team member Tracey Tuttle operated a loader at the site to clear the land and prepare for the foundation.

Above middle: Gary Francis and Chailcher Saint Jean, one of our Haitian construction workers, served side-by-side in helping to build a new Haiti. **Above right:** A soccer field was established at the New Missions Signeau Elementary School campus where the entire community is welcome to use this area for recreation.

WHY LEAVE TO HELP

The story of how a mission trip changes lives is too often buried under “life” when we return home. Below are questions asked of David Dean, a personal friend, who leads mission teams to New Missions in the Dominican Republic.

Tim: On your most recent trip to the D.R., what long-term impact did the team feel they made in the lives of the Dominicans?

David: It usually occurs in the moments we never planned. Six to seven months prior to each of our trips, we begin meeting to discuss how we plan on sharing Jesus with the locals. More often than not, ministry moments take place off our agenda—spur of the moment prayer time with someone who is ill or who recently lost a loved one.

Tim: After a trip, what is life like?

David: Arriving guns blazin’ in the D.R. is the easy part. Returning home to the frenzied pace of our internet driven world can be overwhelming. A day after we came home from our trip I tweeted, “I spent a week in the Dominican Republic and not once did I watch TV or read a newspaper.”

Tim: Spiritually, how has your involvement in missions drawn you closer to God?

David: I’m a big fan of David Livermore’s book on short-term missions called, “Serving With Eyes Wide Open.” Livermore writes that often times, our teams are so consumed with the “stuff” we plan on bringing to the locals



David Dean leads mission trips to New Missions in the Dominican Republic. Each time, the lives of children are impacted with the love of God and the power of the Gospel.

that we forget what the locals are longing for the most: our presence. Like our children, the most valuable commodity we can give is our time. So these trips have taught me that my prayer-Bible time are THE most important moments in my day.

Tim: When it comes to your prayer for the people of the Dominican Republic, what is deep in your heart for them?

David: The most common request I hear from the locals before we pray for them is that they would “stay hungry for God.” How ironic is that—coming from a people who long to squeeze in one or two small meals a day? It’s a great prayer for my Dominican friends; a great prayer for us.

Thank you, David, for your passion for the people of the Dominican Republic. It’s contagious! ~ Timothy DeTellis



Bottom left: The joy of the Lord is the strength for each child to grow strong and discover their full potential in Christ.

Bottom middle: At New Missions, you can sponsor a child from the Dominican Republic. Search at newmissions.org for a boy or girl to share your love and prayers. **Bottom right:** Maria Alexandra Torres Garcia, attends our Bombita school, and is sponsored by The Thirteen Foundation. She has hope in God and is surrounded by Christian teachers and pastors from New Missions.



SPOONS FOR HAITI

I can only imagine what it's like waking up every morning as a Haitian child. For many children it means getting up from the mud floor where they slept, and going outdoors to find a private place to be their "necessary room." How far is the stream or the well to find water to get clean? Then, they put on their school uniform and begin their walk to a mission school. This is all they have ever known, and they feel so proud to be a student! Hunger is with them the moment they awake, and as they try to keep their tummy quiet to fall asleep.

New Missions provides a hearty cooked meal at school. But, there are rules—good ones to protect health and life. Each student must wash their hands before eating. Eating without a spoon is not the best option for a child. We do not want them to eat with their hands, even though they may do this at home. Hungry, without a spoon, their eyes search for a friend who will let them borrow his or her spoon.

A spoon...what a blessing we can be with something so small. Go buy spoons...buy hundreds of spoons! Buy them for the child, for their family, and buy them for the village. You can find them at yard sales or thrift shops. Not only are you providing them a hot lunch at school, but also the spoon to eat their meal.

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WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Tell us about your journey. Have you been on a mission trip with New Missions? If so, where has it led you? Email: volunteer@newmissions.org



Top: Let's celebrate with the kids from Vinings Lake Church in Mableton, GA. They collected over 600 spoons for Haiti.

Above left: Five-year-old Carson Jarrett turned his birthday into a Spoons for Haiti party and collected 270 spoons.

Above middle: Visit www.SpoonsforHaiti.com to download posters and join the efforts to help each child enjoy having their own spoon.

Above right: This fall our goal is for each student to receive their own spoon. There is still time for you to get involved.

THE LOVE TO FORGIVE

Do you have the love to forgive people who have wronged you? This is my challenge for you and me. Personally, I have had an issue with forgiveness. Please consider that I am Italian, and one quarter Sicilian. I often tease that it would be easy for me to kill my enemies if God told me to do so. I have a tendency to remember wrong done against me. God has told us to forgive and to love our enemies. If we are judging people, we end up judging ourselves. Have we not also done wrong things? We are in need of forgiveness from God, others, and ourselves. In John chapter 8, the teachers of the law and the Pharisees wanted to stone a woman accused of adultery. But, Jesus said, *“Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”* John 8:7

The inability to forgive will have a negative impact on our lives and those around us. I have seen this time and time again. Many families have stopped speaking to one another because of past offenses. I recently enjoyed the movie, “The King’s Speech.” The king had a speech impediment, and for various reasons had issues with anger. Apparently, his anger was also the source of his speech impediment. It seems some people can grow angry and bitter in life. We all know that life is full of challenges. However, we cannot let life get us down. We need to be full of love in a fallen world, and have a positive impact upon those we meet along this journey. We cannot do this if we are angry, depressed or burdened—as we will not achieve our greatest potential.

SET YOURSELF FREE
TODAY BY FORGIVING
PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE.

None of us like when bad things happen to us. As a child, I could not speak clearly. When I was teased, I thought I’d never forget these offenses. However, we must let the offenses roll away like water on the feathers of a duck. We have a new life in Christ and must walk in our freedom, peace, and love.

1 Corinthians 13 speaks all about love. We must do all things in love, and must not keep account of wrongs. We have been saved by grace, and are not to react negatively when bad things happen. If we do good deeds, but have not love, we are nothing. I emphasize this with construction teams in Haiti.

Right now, we are finishing up a beautiful church in the mountains of Haiti. I often tell the workers that they are anointed for the task. In the Old Testament, when the workers worked on the temple, they were anointed workers. God does not need just anyone... He wants workers who love like He loves! It has been amazing how three different teams have worked on this building. They have each complimented the creation of this beautiful church built with wood. When we give a gift to a community, we want to give a good gift—as it is a reflection of the kingdom of God. Finally, we must find our self-worth in the eyes of God, not in the eyes of man. In the Lord’s Prayer we are told to forgive our debtors as we are also forgiven. Forgiveness is a character of our God of love.

~Charlie DeTellis

Life is a gift from God, and is to be celebrated! I am often reminded that we live in a fallen world. Psalm 139 says, *“Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.”* Life is marching by... so live your life here on earth full of love. God has promised us an abundant life here on earth.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

Charlie DeTellis

P. S. Please, please forgive anyone you think has offended you. Love people, and watch how you receive love in return.





NEW MISSIONS

Change the life of a child



NEW SCHOOL IN BOMBITA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

In Bombita, New Missions has held school in a tent—encountering wind, rain, and scorching sun. I think you would agree it's time to build a school in Bombita—a poor campo, located between Sosua and Cabarete.

God has given me a dream to build these poverty stricken children a good school. He loves these children, and so do I. Will you join me?

The first phase of construction is \$20,000. I started out with \$5,600, and needed \$14,400 just for the first phase. A pastor with the heart of God, from Alexander City, Alabama, challenged his congregation one Sunday to provide this amount. The work has begun, and the contractor will work only as funds are available. The total cost will be approximately \$150,000.

The children and I stood in prayer and broke ground on the land, and I know God heard our prayers. Someday, we will see a beautiful school for these children. I invite you to share what God has entrusted to you, to help build a school for His children in Bombita.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



The mind of a child filled with hope and education will change a nation. This life change begins with knowing Jesus.



Middle: Now, their hope is beaming. Thank you for loving the children of Bombita. We appreciate your love for children.

Above left: The children in Bombita praying with Jeanne—asking God for a school building. With no promise of anyone to help financially, a few months later God moved in the hearts of people to make it possible for construction to begin. **Above right:** Join us as our vision continues in the Dominican Republic. Your special offering will make it possible for this school to be completed.

CELEBRATE TEACHERS

When it comes to changing the life of a child, teachers are on the front row. The teachers at New Missions truly are the beacons of hope to the children they serve. Right now, teachers in Haiti, who are graduates of New Missions and currently teach in our schools, represent something a new generation is seeing for the first time: role models.

Role models change our perspective on what we can become. I would like to introduce you to Manite Mesidor. She graduated from our high school and became a teacher at our Bord-Mer Elementary School—where she served as a teacher for 15 years. This past year, she was promoted to principal of the school. The very school she grew up in, she now leads.

Within each classroom, an oasis is created for the children. Daily, children step out of poverty and wear their clean school uniform, receive a hot meal, and enter an environment where hope is alive! At the center of this place called school, is their teacher.

This fall you can host a “Shoebox Drive” packing party for the children of New Missions. In addition, you can join us in celebrating teachers by sending an extra shoebox for a teacher. Yes, you can “Bless a Teacher” with a shoebox this year. Visit ShoeboxDrive.com for a special packing list that will bless the teacher and also their classroom.

Gloria is a fifth grade student at New Missions, and her father is a school teacher at the school that she attends. While she is now in the top of her class, previously she had struggled to learn. She has someone who not only believes in her potential, but who can actually help her.



The principal of our Bord-Mer school, Manite Mesidor (middle) shares a conversation with other teachers about students taking a survey on their progress.

This is just one example of the change that has taken place in the lives of children at New Missions.

Teachers help make the world a better place. As a child sponsor and shoebox advocate...you do, too. Thank you! ~ Timothy DeTellis



Middle: From preschool through high school, our 278 teachers lead the way for lives and minds to grow. **Above left:** Samuel Joseph teaches the fourth grade class at our Bord-Mer Elementary School - where his daughter, Gloria, is now in fifth grade. **Above middle:** All of our teachers are Christians, and Bible is taught in the classroom daily. **Above right:** Milsee Ermiclé, from our 6th grade class in Bord-Mer, is a reflection of God's love and she shines the hope for Haiti.



Students in the sixth grade class at our Masson Elementary School serve as role models for hope and change in Haiti.

WHO WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

In our lifetime, how do we measure the difference we make? For Jesus, it was in the people, by name. In John 17:6-7 Jesus gives an account to his heavenly Father about his disciples: *“I have revealed You to those whom You gave Me out of the world. They were Yours; You gave them to Me and they have obeyed Your word. Now they know that everything You have given Me comes from You.”* Who has God entrusted to you? Who is your legacy?

My life is not my own...and neither is yours. I believe that the big difference comes when we are faithful in the little things. Today, I want to invite you to be a legacy advocate.

Join New Missions as we embark on “30 Years of Legacy” beginning this November and running through December 2013. Our mission has focused on the life of a child since 1983. Our prayer for “30 Years of Legacy” is that you will become a legacy advocate by helping to find sponsors for the children of New Missions.

In our lifetime, what difference will we make and who will we help? Each child you find a sponsor for becomes part of your legacy, by name. *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance.”* Colossians 3:23&24 ~Timothy DeTellis

Become a legacy advocate: advocate@newmissions.org

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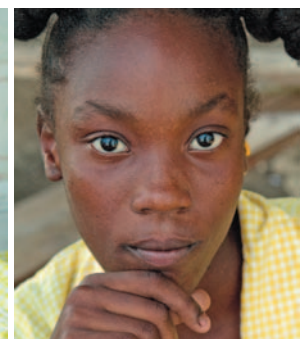
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ARE YOU A SCHOOL TEACHER?
Engage your students with an opportunity for your class to bless a class in Haiti with shoeboxes this Christmas.



Above 1: Thank you John & Kim Carswell for finding Edline Paul a sponsor. **Above 2:** Advocate Leon Durbin is changing the life of Wesley Charles by finding him a sponsor. **Above 3:** Marie Love Domond is part of the legacy for Cody and Katie Deese because they found her a sponsor. **Above 4:** David Kless, New Missions advocate, found a sponsor for Denisson Fleurime and his life will never be the same. **Above 5:** Thank you advocates James and Barbara Jo Metzler for finding Francesca Romain a sponsor and making her part of your legacy.

WHO SURROUNDS YOU?

Proverbs 13:20 says, “*He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.*”

Do you have a built-in security system? Are you surrounding yourself with people who build you up? The key is discernment.

First, let’s look at the people you need to avoid at all costs.

Gossipers: Gossipers are masters at sucking you into conversations filled with bad news, bad thoughts and bad attitudes. Spending too much time with gossipers will easily contaminate you. When confronted with a gossiper, learn to say, “Sorry, I’m not interested.” Warning: entering into a gossiping relationship will significantly damage your reputation as you will lose the trust and respect of others.

Discouragers: Here’s a piece of advice for you: attitude is contagious! When negative people come your way, they have one goal, and that’s to take a bite out of your good day. Please know there is a difference between offering encouragement to someone who needs it, and someone just taking away from you. When I encounter a discourager, I begin to pray to myself, “God, may You comfort their heart like no one can.”

Complainers: Beware of the complainer! Everyone has the potential to either be part of the solution or part of the problem. If all you do is complain without ever offering a solution, you do nothing more than add to the problem. If you are going to complain, at least offer a way to improve matters. Don’t let complainers steer you in reverse. Instead, continue stepping through problems by asking good questions and learning from mistakes.



Now, let’s look at those with whom you should build lasting relationships.

Believers: Have you ever met someone who looks for the best in all situations? One thing you’ll notice about them—they tend to see the potential in people. Seek out “believers.” These people infuse and energize you with great confidence. These are not people who merely say “yes,” but individuals who truly believe in you.

Learners: The more I meet people, the most common thread in people I enjoy spending time with is that they are learners. These people are always listening with both ears, and have an appetite for knowledge. Learners are forward thinking and care about what’s best. Are you a learner? If so, then find other learners and share ideas.

Doers: Success is never accidental. Whenever success happens, there is always someone behind the scenes making it a reality. Nothing truly successful happens without hard work by motivated people. Doers know how to plan, implement, achieve and succeed. High-level doers delegate to highly qualified people—to execute the plan. Do you want to be a doer? If so, find them, then observe and learn.

From a leadership standpoint, who you avoid and who you surround yourself with will help determine your success. Guard yourself against people who will steal your joy. When you wake up each day, seek to do what honors God, and pray that He helps you to be a good influence on others.

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”
Philippians 4:8 ~Timothy DeTellis

Generosity is a lifestyle, not a campaign. “*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*” Matthew 6:19-21

Let’s stay focused on the eternal purpose of our lives.

Serving together,

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

Timothy DeTellis

P. S. Stay connected to the latest news at [Facebook.com/newmissions](https://www.facebook.com/newmissions)



Tim and Sheryl DeTellis in Haiti visiting with their sponsored triplets, Manoucheca, Magdala and Mackendy.



OCTOBER 1, 2011 NEWSLETTER

NEW MISSIONS

Building a new Haiti

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Ongoing construction remains one of our top priorities, and we've been blessed to have had some wonderful teams assist us in this process. To date, construction has taken place at twelve of our locations. We continue to purchase building materials each month, as several buildings still need to be torn down and rebuilt. We're primarily building with pressure treated lumber, and have plans to import two buildings which will be prefabricated with steel beams. Also, on our construction list is the expansion of our high school chapel. These are exciting days!

Each of our buildings has a purpose. Our schools, churches, and medical clinics are changing lives. I am amazed at the transformation which has taken place in our community over the years. It's wonderful to know the children are healthy and educated. Recently, while visiting our Bord-Mer church, I was taken back by the spiritual freedom and vigor the children expressed. James 2:5 says, "...has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him?"

We can look at the challenges the Haitians endure—poverty, disease, and pollution to name a few. Yet one thing this life can't take from them is their faith in the Lord.

~Charlie DeTellis



Students from our Fond-Jacques Elementary School will enjoy their new classrooms this school year.



Top Middle: During the construction process, the villagers of Flon saw progress being made to benefit the children of New Missions and their families. **Above left:** The Flon Elementary School campus now has new classrooms including a new bathroom facility. Nathan DeTellis with Martha Joseph, Pastor Guy Fontain and Berthony Jean toured the buildings together. **Above right:** New classrooms are up and ready for use at our Chateau Elementary School campus.

SOCCER AND DANCE

What's it like when the kids in Haiti want to have fun? Where do they go? What do they do? I guess the title gave it away: soccer and dance. Actually, there are a few more fun games the children of New Missions enjoy: dominoes, jump rope, playing jacks, telling jokes and playing cards...just to name a few.

This summer, the fun began with the joy of knowing the children of New Missions would enjoy a hot meal even when school was not in session. This is of vital importance for keeping our kids healthy, as it brings even a greater hope for facing the next school year.

The Lassale and Bord-Mer students came together for a dance competition last month. The music was loud (as you can imagine) and the crowd was at capacity, as friends and family of New Missions' students cheered them on. From their cultural roots, dance signifies a free spirit of rejoicing—and these kids sure have much that they are thankful for. They are not going home hungry, and their parents see a positive future in their children—because of the education provided for them.

Soccer is still the favorite sport in Haiti. Our students are competitive and they play to win. Through sports, students learn the work ethic of discipline, team work and the very important skill of being coached. No matter how good of an athlete you are, a coach still provides vital insight to help you become better.

The next time you write to your sponsored child, ask them if they like to dance. Find out if they enjoy soccer or another sport—and encourage them in their journey of learning and



Students from our Lassale and Bord-Mer schools enjoyed a dance competition, as families and friends gathered to cheer them on.



growing stronger each day. Soccer and dance have given our students some good memories and blessings—while so many children in Haiti cannot even attend school. Thank you for faithfully loving and praying for the children of New Missions. ~ Timothy DeTellis



Top Middle: During the summer at New Missions in Haiti, our students from the elementary school campuses enjoyed a hot meal as our school children are fed year-round. **Above left:** Students from our Lassale school enjoyed the team spirit of playing soccer together while sharing their faith with other young people from the community. **Above right:** The competition is part of the fun for the students from our Bord-Mer Elementary School—enjoying a game of soccer during summer camp at New Missions.



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**HEALTH FAIR
DRAWS CROWD**
Following hurricane Irene, children and families from the Dominican Republic were blessed by New Missions.

ATTN: YOUR SPONSORED CHILD

It's bigger than the gift. Your shoebox packed specifically for your sponsored child conveys more than words can express. Recently, I asked some of our child sponsors about their experience when packing a Christmas shoebox.

Nancy Reese shared that she uses a plastic shoebox because it is more durable. "I know my boy can use it to keep his stuff in. It also keeps the gifts inside safe from the damp and mold."

Wendy Edwards shared about making sure each of her sponsored children receive a shoebox. "It's especially meaningful since I actually had the opportunity to spend time with Yveline and learn some of the things Yveline needs—such as a pair of tennis shoes for attending school."

"The shoebox drive has been the most pleasurable part of our Christmas shopping," said Robyn Abbott. "Just knowing that each little gift is so needed and appreciated puts a smile on my face. This past year we found him a wind-up radio!"

Ruth Weidley had so much fun trying to think of everything a teenage girl would love. She would pack and repack to squeeze one or two more gifts inside. "It is the greatest thrill, and I hope she will love each gift. I trust my sponsored child gets as much enjoyment from the gifts as I did buying them."

You can share a little Christmas with your sponsored child in Haiti. ~Timothy DeTellis



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SUPER HERO SUNDAY
November 6, you and your church are invited to participate in Super Hero Sunday and send first-year students to school at New Missions.



Top: You can send a Christmas shoebox directly to your sponsored child. Please consider packing an extra shoebox for a child waiting for a sponsor. **Above left:** Don't miss out on blessing the life of your child this Christmas. **Above middle:** Smiles are contagious during the Shoebox Drive—when our school children discover the surprises inside—especially your photograph and letters. **Above right:** Share a little Christmas with your sponsored child this Christmas. Visit shoeboxdrive.com for packing ideas.

WHOSE VOICE ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

Whose voice are you listening to? There is an endless stream of voices shouting about all of the problems in the world—from the news media to talk show hosts. Often, I will meet with a friend and he will begin to complain about all of the problems in the world—sounding so fearful or discouraged about world events, our country, or the economy. I just smile and tell them, “That’s not your problem to solve. Stop listening to all of the junk on television and focus on listening to what God has to say to you about your life.” In I Kings chapter 19 there is a wonderful story about Elijah, “...*there was a strong wind; but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire a still small voice. And the voice spoke to Elijah and said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’*” Are you listening to all of the noise in the world, or are you listening for the still small voice of God?

I tend to be a news junkie and like to read the news on the internet. But, this summer I went on a total news blackout. Since July 1, I have not read any news on the internet, in newspapers, nor watched any television, nor listened to the radio.

Let me share with you the wonderful experience that I have had living in a total news blackout. Every day is another beautiful gift from God. All I see is the beauty of God’s creation. As a choice, I decide to be happy and thankful for each and every day as a new day of God’s grace and blessing. My mind is free and clear from fear, and knowledge of sad and tragic events that are happening around the world.

ARE YOU LISTENING
FOR THE STILL SMALL
VOICE OF GOD?

Recently, a friend on Facebook posted the message, “The Holy Spirit wants to pray through you—but you’re not available.” That message resonated with me. Jesus said He would send the Holy Spirit to live in us. Have you ever prayed and asked the Holy Spirit to come into you? The Holy Spirit doesn’t live in your foot, or your stomach—He lives in your heart and mind. But, is your mind full of junk news, fear and pop culture garbage? The Holy Spirit is a genius—wiser than your intellect or your intuition. Just imagine what the Holy Spirit wants to say to you.

Are you eating faith by listening to the Holy Spirit who wants to bless you, or are you eating fear? I would like to challenge you to listen to the still small voice of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you each day. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you and empower your life. But, to do this, you will have to make room in your heart and mind. Will you consider going on a 30-day news blackout? Just imagine what God wants to say to you—if you would only make yourself available. Proverbs 23:7 tells us, “*As a man thinketh so is he.*” What are you thinking about? What are you feeding your mind and spirit? Are you distracted by the noise of the wind, the earthquake, and the fire...or can you hear the still small voice of God calling YOU by name?

~George DeTellis, Jr.

You may write to George at george@newmissions.org

Proverbs 23:7 tells us, “*As a man thinketh so is he.*” What are you thinking about? What are you feeding your mind and spirit? Are you distracted by the noise of the wind, the earthquake, or the fire? Listen...and you’ll hear the still small voice of God calling you by name.



George DeTellis, Jr.

P.S. Just imagine what God has for you today—if you would just listen to the still small voice of the Holy Spirit.





NEW MISSIONS

Building a new Haiti



SHOEBOX ADVENTURES

Ever wonder what happens to the Christmas shoeboxes sent to Haiti? To show you, we made a video, and narrated it from the shoebox's point of view.

Here is how we did it: I invited Magdala, a student from our Bord-Mer Elementary School, to meet me near my parents' former house at the mission in Haiti. We took a shoebox and placed the video camera underneath the box. One by one, Magdala removed the gifts.

Then, we strapped a camera on her head and said, "It's currently 5:00 p.m. Take your shoebox and begin your walk home. On your way, you can talk with your friends—and when you arrive home, please gather your family and unpack your gifts. In one hour, I will meet you at your house." When I arrived, she was delighted to tell me she had finished her assignment.

The footage surprised me—because after she arrived home, she not only found a photograph of the young girl who packed her shoebox, but she had placed all of the gifts on a wooden table for everyone to view.

This Christmas, don't miss out on the joy and adventure of giving. Please pack some shoeboxes for Haiti and share a little Christmas. ~Tim DeTellis

Watch the Shoebox Adventures videos at:
www.ShoeboxDrive.com



Above: What's inside your shoebox? Each gift you send will bless the life of a child while opening their hearts to be loved.

Below: Your photograph will be cherished and the gifts will help send a message of hope.

Bottom left: Step inside a Haitian home and you will see how your gift makes an impact for the entire family.

Bottom right: Make your shoebox personal by including a special note from you, and know that your prayers will also make a difference.



SHARING YOUR FOOD

When you read Proverbs 19:17, “*When you give to the poor, you lend to the Lord,*” what does it mean to you? I think that when you share what you have, God sees your unselfishness, and when you are in need, He remembers that you shared with others in need.

In Haiti, many visitors have observed the children sharing food with one another. A child in Haiti learns at any early age that sharing is a way of surviving. Their thoughts are, “Today, I share with you...and tomorrow you’ll share with me.” In a country where there is a daily struggle for survival, it is almost impossible for people to have any food to store at home.

I remember our first year living in Haiti and the shock of people dying from malnutrition. After the first year of feeding the school children, we rejoiced when we overheard people saying no one had died from hunger.

How do you feel when you’re hungry? My thoughts and sole attention are focused on what I can find to eat. How can we fulfill our mission to disciple and educate students if their hunger makes it impossible to listen in class or concentrate on their homework? A lack of nutrition at an early age will rob them of their mental and physical development. I can’t imagine a hungry child earnestly listening to a Bible school lesson, but I can imagine a child feeling the love of God and following Jesus because of His hand feeding him faithfully, day after day.

Our Haitian children pray, “Give us this day our daily bread.” And every day, God’s people, just like you, are giving to the poor—sharing your bread with the children in Haiti.



I am praying for you that you will not have need. I ask God to bless you with a big loaf of bread in your home every day, and that you can share a piece of your bread with the children in Haiti. Thank you for helping us feed the children—so they can live, develop, and hear the Word of God. ~Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor



Top: A smile says it all: “Thank you for caring and feeding me.” **Middle:** The hot meal our children receive at school is the only meal many will have all day. **Above left:** Food deliveries arrive at our warehouse in Haiti each month, and are then distributed to each school location. **Above middle:** Every month, 30 tons of rice is consumed by the children at our schools. **Above right:** Imagine the joy to know you helped end hunger for a child! Giving food feeds hope.



DOUBLE HAITI

Recently, I was talking with my brother Charlie about the challenges in Haiti. Over half of the children in Haiti have never been to school. Fifty percent of the population of Haiti is under the age of 18. This places the estimate of uneducated children at approximately 2 million. That number is staggering! However, my brother Charlie shared an idea with me that I would like to in turn share with you: **DOUBLE!**

If all the organizations in Haiti that educate children would double...then all of the children would be educated. Imagine that! What if we doubled? What would that do? How could we impact a generation, a nation, and eternity? It would be life-changing for thousands of children.

This month we are launching “30 Years of Legacy” as New Missions steps closer to our 30th anniversary in 2013. I want to leave a legacy in my lifetime, and I know you do, too. Let’s do this together, and begin by helping one child find a sponsor...just ONE! As part of celebrating our “30 Years of Legacy” I’m asking that each child sponsor of New Missions find one other child a sponsor. Will you help? ~Tim DeTellis

Email: one@newmissions.org to request a photo of a child waiting for a sponsor that you can share with a friend.



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2011 SHOEBOX DRIVE

Share a little Christmas with the children of New Missions in Haiti. You have until Dec. 15 to send your shoebox gift.



BLESS A TEACHER

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BOMBITA CONSTRUCTION

The elementary school walls are starting to go up. Thank you for helping us serve in the Dominican Republic.

Top: Our Leogane Leroy Elementary School welcomed students back to school with new classrooms ready to train and educate new leaders for Haiti. **Above left:** The path to a new life is through knowing Jesus and finding an education at New Missions. **Above middle:** Another school building is going up right now at our Mathieu Elementary School to serve more students across the Leogane Plain. **Above right:** Our children are our family...which is why we love doing what we do. You, too, can change the life of a child.

SAY THANK YOU

Often in the ministry, my first husband, Pastor George and I would be blessed with a ‘thank you.’ A little humor here...Pastor George had a street dog in the Dominican Republic and he was the master of the dog. Only Pastor George fed the dog every day. When he fed Zami (the dog’s name which means friend in Haitian Creole), Pastor George would say to Zami, “Say thank you.” It was humorous to watch, because of course the dog never said ‘thank you.’

You may remember as a child being taught by your mother to say thank you—learning your table manners. There are also Spiritual table manners. The Bible trains us to give thanks.

“O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.” 1 Chronicles 16:34

Only one of the ten healed lepers returned to find Jesus and fell on his face, saying, “Thank you.” Jesus asked, “Were there not ten healed?” *Luke 17:17*

A woman of a bad reputation came into a home where Jesus was sitting with friends. The power of His presence overwhelmed her. She recognized Jesus as her Savior. Her tears flowed—dripping on His feet. With her long hair, tears, and perfume from an alabaster vial, she cleansed Jesus’ feet as an act of love from a thankful heart (*Luke 7:36-50*).

How do we say ‘thank you’ to the Lord?

We are approaching Thanksgiving in America. That first Thanksgiving day, the pilgrims were far from home and separated from family, friends and familiar surroundings. Many of them had suffered sickness and buried family members on their journey to this new land. But their love for God and recognition of His healing presence made them want to say “thank you.”

**“O GIVE THANKS TO
THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD.”
1 CHRONICLES 16:34**

What if you are alone, in the midst of a financial crisis, have poor health, or recently lost a loved one? We still must say ‘thank you’ because we have God...the Rock. He is our comforter, healer, and gives us hope!

First of all, we always want to be thankful that we are heirs to the King of Kings—because of a simple act of saying ‘yes’ to Jesus as our Savior. That moment of salvation has given us the greatest treasures of life... most importantly eternity with Christ. Forever and ever, we can say, “Thank you, Lord.”

Second, as Christians, we go from verbalizing our thanks, to physically showing our thankfulness by giving of ourselves—all that we are, have, and ever hope to be—because of Jesus Christ. Because we love Him, we want to serve Him.

Love demands the sacrifice.

And please know that you are amazing and awesome! *Every time I pray, I can’t stop thanking God for you (Ephesians 1:16)*. New Missions is forever grateful to you—as with God and your help, we continue rebuilding in Haiti after the earthquake. In the Dominican Republic, you are answering the prayers of the children in Bombita by providing them with a new school building.

Say ‘thank you.’ God deserves all of us: our minds, our hearts, our resources, and any sacrifices needed. But, always remember when you are talking to God, say ‘thank you.’ The healing presence of the Comforter will give you the power to say ‘thank you,’ even when there are tears in your eyes, a lump in your throat or a pain in your heart. Say ‘thank you.’

~Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor

This Thanksgiving, I say ‘thank you’ to Jesus, because He came to earth, and I enjoy Him as my personal Savior. When He came to earth, He bound the works of Satan against you and me, and He destroyed the power of death. I am grateful to live for Jesus now and to know I will always be with Him. His goodness and mercy keep chasing me. Thank you, Jesus!

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor

P. S. I wish I could teach you all the chorus to forever sing, “Lord, I thank You, thank You, thank You.”



Dennis and Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor



NEWMISSIONS

Change the life of a child

BAPTISM FESTIVALS

In Matthew 3:15, Jesus insisted that John the Baptist baptize Him. Jesus instituted the sacrament of water baptism.

Last month in Haiti, there were 59 believers who were publicly baptized in water as a witness that they have now begun a new journey in life with their best friend, Jesus.

One of the believers was Rose Varda—born at a time in Haiti when there was much political unrest in the 90's. Her mother died in childbirth, and a neighbor in Concrab took her in. Our mission supplied formula to sustain her life. Rose came to faith as a young teenager, and she now works at our Mission Training Center.

In the Dominican Republic, 10 youth were baptized. For two months they attended classes with Youth Pastor Felix Martinez and Deacon Jorge Espinoza. Among the youth are budding leaders. Jose Manuel has a ministry in sports to the local children; Jose Miguel is part of the youth praise band; and both Cesar Frias and Mason Jacques are in our music teaching ministry.

When Jesus was baptized, God the Father was delighted, and the Holy Spirit descended. We praise God for new believers in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, obeying Jesus through water baptism. We ask God for His Spirit to descend and hover over each one. ~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



Above: Dominican Republic baptismal taking place at the Atlantic Ocean, on the north coast of Hispaniola. **Below:** The joyful sound of singing prior to the baptism service in Haiti was a wonderful testimony of love toward God. **Bottom left:** Pastor Richard Gay from our Masson church baptized several young people representing new hope for Haiti. **Bottom right:** Each life represents a victory in Christ and the blessing to share it together.



BOMBITA SCHOOL

The ministry of New Missions in Bombita began one day when Pastor George was walking around the town of Sosua, looking for someone to share Jesus with, and to invite to church. Pastor George met Nancy, a woman from Charamicos in the Dominican Republic, who married a man from Austria. Nancy's husband, Karl, owned land in Bombita—down a long and winding dirt road. Through our many visits with Nancy, New Missions began to minister to the Dominican community. Karl let us use their land to put up a canopy to begin a church and school.

The name Bombita is the Spanish word for a little Bomba. Bomba is the Spanish word for a water pump. A Jewish community settled in Sosua during the Holocaust, and went to Bombita to start a dairy farm. Their water pump was one of the first water sources, and the community still calls it Bombita today.

For seven years New Missions has been ministering in Bombita—through a church and school (which has been held in a tent). On April 11, 2011, the children gathered with me to say a soft and simple prayer that God would give us a school building.

In August, work on the foundation began—thanks to people with a heart for missions and education. During the month of September, construction stopped for two weeks—as we needed additional funds to continue. In October, construction was scheduled to stop again, because we lacked \$4,000. But, the funds came in the following week, and construction resumed.

The most indescribable and unspeakable joy of this construction project is to see, hear, and feel the faith of the children growing in God.



Above: New Missions in Bombita has 170 children in a tent school. Enrollment is expected to double when school building is completed.

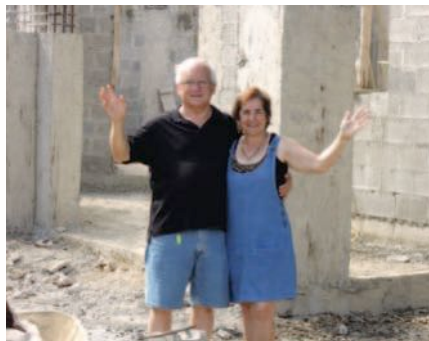
Each day they pray—thanking God for each donor by name. They thank God for the construction—and their faith grows as the walls go higher and higher.

My heart feels the emotion and excitement of the children, teachers, parents and community. I am confident God is pleased that this land in Bombita stands as a Christian witness, and is providing the community with an excellent school to bring forth a harvest for generations to come.

I appreciate your love for the children of Bombita. They have an opportunity to grow in God and to have a future to be blessed and be a blessing.

Thank you for your generous donations that have allowed us to continue building. I am trusting God to provide the additional \$60,000 needed to complete the school.

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



Above left: Construction progress continues through November with the first floor walls completed.

Above middle: Dennis O'Connor with Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor at the Bombita construction site November 1, 2011.

Above right: Thank God that we can still hear the sounds of construction this month.



INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

When a child arrives at New Missions, they are among the fortunate. Just the fact that they wake up, bathe, and dress for school makes their life better than 50% of the children in Haiti who have no school to go to. The simple encouragement of wearing a school uniform shapes the child's perspective for the day. Along the road to school they meet other friends who join them on their journey.

Encouragement is a key ingredient in our schools. Our teachers see the potential in each child—mainly because most of our teachers were once in a New Missions' classroom themselves. Inside the school, our children find hope in Jesus. Our Christian teachers share a Bible lesson each day. This is the foundation of their learning, and we are growing strong new leaders for Haiti.

Favorite subjects of the children include geography, history, mathematics and writing. Recently, I was in a classroom at New Missions and they had a geography trivia competition between the boys and girls. It was an energy packed classroom! They would jump to their feet with the answer...and when the teacher announced which team won, that group of students would erupt with cheers! Learning at New Missions is fun, encouraging, and life changing. ~Tim DeTellis



Top: Magdala Similien attends our Bord-Mer Elementary School in Haiti and wants to be a nurse when she grows up. **Above left:** What is the potential of each child? To grow strong, learn, and become a Christian leader serving Haiti. **Above middle:** Making new friends and memories at school, while learning about Jesus, changes the life of a child. **Above right:** Children from our Ambas-Peres Elementary School are little smiles of hope as this school and church is planted right next to a large Voodoo temple.

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HAITI WALK
Help children without a sponsor receive a free education, medical care, and food. Become involved at Haitiwalk.com.

LOOKING BEYOND THIS WORLD

As we approach the Christmas season, I started thinking of the meaning of the season. My life is full. I love my family, sports and working. I love life! However, we are often reminded how fragile and temporal life can be. We can have a heaviness of heart, especially during the holidays. John 14:1-4 reminds us, *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. In My Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”*

God has made a beautiful world, but He has made another world beyond what we can ever dream or imagine. Heaven is going to be a place better than life on earth. God has promised to wipe away every tear. Looking to the world beyond gives meaning to this life here on earth. We must live and work with this eternal purpose in mind.

God has revealed Himself to man in His written Word and I feel the closeness of God when I read His Word. He loves us and He is able to meet our needs! But, we all need a measure of personal time with our families, and some time alone to refresh ourselves. 1 John 5:4 says, *“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world, and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”* I cannot imagine living my life without the hope and assurance of my salvation.

GOD SENT HIS SON FROM HEAVEN TO REDEEM AND SAVE MANKIND—IN ORDER TO BRING US INTO A LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

Years ago, I was having a health check-up with my doctor. I began talking with him—expressing my concerns about the world. He very calmly declared how these things were necessary in order for prophecy to be fulfilled, and the return of Christ to occur. Worldly things can be taken away from us. However, our faith and life with Christ is eternal.

During the Christmas holidays, enjoy your family and friends. Our home will have the traditional Christmas tree, presents, and stockings. For me, the most important part of any holiday is spending time with family and friends. We are to encourage and love one another. But, always remember the true reason for the season is the gift of our salvation. God sent His Son from heaven to redeem and save mankind—in order to bring us into a loving relationship with Him. It is the greatest love story ever told. *“For God so*

loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

So, this holiday season... look beyond yourself and your problems. What do you do when your heart is heavy? I only know one thing to do—we need to go

to the Lord in prayer. The Lord desires for you to come to Him in prayer. God sent His Son at Christmas. As we journey, in prayer, keep focused on the Kingdom to come.

The entire New Missions staff is praying you will remember Christmas with a heart of joy—as we look forward to the Babe coming again as our King.

~Charlie DeTellis

Give prayer a special place during this Christmas season. Prayer is a blessing which can touch lives for eternity. Our devotion to God will also reward us with hearts of peace.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

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P. S. - Let's focus on giving love this Christmas season. Give of your heart and your heart will be full.

