



# NEW MISSIONS

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## BEYOND LEOGANE

New Missions is now working in locations beyond the Leogane Plain—pushing out further to touch more lives. We have begun working along the road heading toward Jacmel. At the top of a mountain is a village called Tom Gateau. This new school is one of our “dream projects.” Four of our recent construction teams have worked on the church in Tom Gateau, and Pastor Vernot is excited to see God working in his village. A second building is under construction in Tom Gateau—a school which will include an office, medical clinic, and a school kitchen.

The First Baptist Church of Woodstock funded the construction of this church building. Their senior pastor and his wife, Johnny and Janet Hunt, attended the dedication service. So many people attended this service, there was no room for me to sit down! On two occasions I had to leave the building because I was overcome with emotion. God is doing a wonderful work! This new church will surely be used to further the Gospel in Haiti. We feel now is the time for us to reach out with our dream projects, and be obedient to the call of God. Be faithful to God by stepping out in faith, and He will be faithful to bless your efforts.

~Charlie DeTellis



**Top:** Our 26th church is established in the mountains and opens the opportunity to reach an entire new region in Haiti. **Middle:** This church represents quality construction and several mission teams served strong to help build it. **Bottom left:** Children are the center of our ministry in Haiti and this new church and school will impact many families. **Bottom right:** The dedication service welcomed standing room only capacity, and people walked from over one hour away to attend.





# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HEALTH CENTER UPDATE

Our Health Center is not just there to provide a band-aid or an impersonal visit. We are there to recognize each person with a greeting, a prayer, a hug, an invitation to share life, and maybe even a cup of coffee. Currently, we offer free primary care to the community five days a week. In addition to health exams, we offer ultrasounds, physical therapy and eye exams.

Recently, I met with Dr. Angelica Castillo Cordero, director of our Community Health Center, to discuss the needs, goals and vision of the community. While we were meeting, a grandmother of one of our 5-year-old school children, Gregorio Jose, rushed him into the Health Center to see the doctor. Her grandson had a fever and stomach cramps with a general infection. Angelica knew her by name. We stopped our meeting to meet eye to eye and heart to heart to feel what she felt and to speak words to encourage her faith in God. This is a Health Center—a place to touch God’s people as they come and go. We love to recognize each person as sent by God, and to see each person receive from God. Our standard is to use both hands with people—preaching and healing.

We have a monthly budget, and we are confident that God will put in our hand what He wants us to give to those in need. Our present constraint is to receive our recognition (licensing) from the Department of Health. We only need one more piece of legal paper, called a dislenda, but at a cost of \$2,000. We have a good supply of meds on hand and have in-country contacts for these purchases.



**Above:** Dr. Steve Corbett examines each of our children in the village of Redemption.



In November, the Community Health Center cared for more than 2,000 people, including 1,400 who were seen by a medical team from First Baptist Church in Orlando. Your compassion for those who are physically hurting, and your desire to help provide care, medicine and healing are appreciated.~ Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor



**Middle of page:** Dr. Stan Hand carefully checks out the eyesight of a school student. **Above left:** Dr. Hand examines students’ eyes at our Health Center. **Above middle:** Children happily wait their turn for their medical examination. **Above right:** Sometimes a little infection becomes a big hurt for poor children without first aid remedies in their homes.





## ENGLISH EMPOWERS

Let's change lives together. What could be the one thing, outside of the Gospel, that could bring a new opportunity to the life of someone in Haiti? The game changer is learning English—which opens wide the door to their future and provides opportunity for advancement.

When the U.S. military arrived at New Missions after the earthquake, they were greeted by Martha Joseph who spoke to them in English. She learned how to speak English at New Missions, and now serves as our office manager in Haiti and oversees the letter writing for our students and their sponsors. What's amazing is that English has empowered her to equip others.

Michelin is the translator at our Lassale Elementary School. I recently spoke with him and asked him what has changed his life the most—outside of knowing Jesus. He replied, "Learning to speak English at New Missions." He told me that he is now helping others at our school in Lassale learn English.

Since we opened our High School in 1987, we have taught English and now have graduates who teach English at our elementary schools. Our prayer is that teaching today's students English will bless their families and future generations for years to come. ~Tim DeTellis

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### HONORING OUR FOUNDER

Remember the legacy of Pastor George DeTellis (1935-2008) and watch his memorial video.



### SUPER HERO SUNDAY

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### HAITI WALK

Help children without a sponsor receive a free education, medical care, and food. Become involved at [Haitiwalk.com](http://Haitiwalk.com).



### SHOEBOX DRIVE

Congratulations to the students from The First Academy in Orlando, FL for setting a new record of 2,016 shoeboxes for Haiti.



**Top:** Our school directors are at the center of our English training efforts in Haiti, and they welcome the idea for their students to learn English. **Above left:** Michelin serves as the English translator for our Lassale Elementary School in Haiti—where he attended as a child. **Above middle:** Martha Joseph, our office manager in Haiti, is a beacon of hope to other leaders at New Missions. **Above right:** Audio CD/MP3 players were distributed to our school directors, translators, and teachers for continued English training.

# HONOR THE HISTORY

Where we are today is because of something done yesterday. Jesus knew it was He who sent Him that merited the glory. In John 8:54 Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the One who glorifies me.” Jesus came because of who sent Him.

This month, New Missions celebrates 29 years of serving in Haiti. However, as I reflect back, the ministry began long before 1983. When I was five years old, I remember moving into the church that my father was pastoring. Down the side hallway of the church apartment my mother would slip into her prayer closet. She was praying for a country far away—India. Specifically, it was in the town of Vandalur, outside of Madras, where we funded the building of a church. That was our first overseas missions effort, and I am thankful for this history that changed our lives. This was the spark of missions in our family. I honor this history.

Not long after the India mission project, my father took sailing lessons and began reading about the Caribbean.

He soon learned about the island of Hispaniola and how the western third of the island was Haiti. Haiti was the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere—and that broke his heart. He began to take mission trips to Haiti in the late 70’s. On one of those trips he was inspecting a project he was supporting and realized the only way to do something that will make a lasting impact is to have a physical presence.

For three years, we looked at oceanfront land in Leogane. My father asked God what he should do, and as he was walking along the waterfront, he felt God say, “George...go with it!” So, on those simple words, we made the decision to begin our mission to Haiti. On January 6, 1983, my father and mother moved our family to Haiti, where we lived in a tent for three months on the very land where we built our first church and school. I honor that history.

The history of any organization is much deeper than the eye can see. The countless hours people gave—plus the tireless years of labor—make up a history that is truly significant. I remember serving in Haiti with missionary Tony Dorval. I recall us driving into rural villages across the Leogane Plain to deliver food for the schools. Tony was assigned to the village of Ti-Riviere. Today in that village, there are two full-time staff who prepare a hot lunch each day for the school children. Haitian leadership has been equipped and developed over the years. During the early years of our ministry, we had numerous missionaries who sacrificed their time. I honor their history.

In your life, who can you honor? Our steps are ordained by God, and daily we are on a mission. Your mission field is right where you are, and wherever you go is a new mission field. Our mission is not just about us—but what (or who) preceded us that makes it possible for us to serve today. Take a moment and look behind you...see who has been a part of your history.

~Tim DeTellis



*Jeanne DeTellis, 1983, pioneering New Missions*

Thank you! The past 29 years have been a journey of significance and it has been possible because of your prayers and gifts. We truly love what we do! Serving others is a joy and privilege—especially when we see God changing lives forever.

Serving together,

Timothy DeTellis

*P. S. This year, may we ask God to give us moments to make history by serving others.*



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





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## SHOEBOX DELIVERY

I witnessed a great, life-changing love with the Christmas Shoebox Drive. Having just returned from Haiti, my time at the shoebox center was all the more meaningful. I would meet people coming to drop off their boxes, and was amazed by the generosity and love poured out to children whom most donors may never know.

People brought boxes for unsponsored children by the hundreds. On the cover of the box was written Attention: Unsponsored Child. Inside the boxes I would find little notes of prayers and blessings from children and adults. They expressed hope and love that would stretch from one heart to another. For certain, our children will be blessed as the shoeboxes touch the lives of those living in extreme poverty.

Each gift when given to a child gives us the opportunity to tell the child about the love of Jesus. It encourages them in their faith and walk with God, and also invites them to accept Jesus into their lives. The Christmas Shoebox Drive is about extending the great gift of the love of Jesus to a child. May the joy of blessing these children touch your heart. Thank you for creating loving smiles on the faces of these precious children.

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



**Top:** Kate DeTellis (11), Nathan DeTellis (19) and their grandmother (Nonna) enjoyed quality time serving at the volunteer center for the Shoebox Drive in Orlando. **Middle:** The arrival of the shoeboxes in Haiti came the very week of Christmas. **Bottom left:** From sunglasses to extra school supplies, the surprises inside each shoebox are a blessing to an entire family. **Bottom right:** When the children of New Missions come to the school office and receive the shoebox sent by their sponsor, it's a day they will never forget.





# STRONG PASTORS

Pastor Jean Rigal Alcidas from our Lassale church came up to me and shared some shocking news. People from his village were telling him they are still a Voodoo village and that the church will stop growing. Seldom do our churches have direct opposition from those practicing Voodoo. Pastor Jean Rigal was hosting evangelism meetings deeper within the village, and the voice of the opposition was rising.

I remember the very beginnings of our Lassale church. I was a missionary kid and would travel to this village and host outdoor church services. We used music as a means of attracting villagers, and then they could hear the Gospel message. Pastor Jean Rigal remembers these days as well. He was a child at the time and soon accepted Jesus as his personal Savior at our Lassale church, where he now serves as their pastor and school director.

No matter the threat or discouraging words, Pastor Jean Rigal still preaches the Good News that only God can bring hope for Haiti. The “never give up” attitude of Pastor Jean Rigal is reflected in our other pastors, too. Recently, nine people were baptized from Lassale, and Pastor Jean Rigal told me that we need to fervently and continually ask people to follow Jesus. Only Bon-Dieu (God) will help them.

A pastor is one who diligently cares for and serves his congregation. He also cannot be affected or influenced by naysayers, but must hold true to what God’s Word says. Jesus is the only way. In John 14:6, Jesus said, *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”* ~Tim DeTellis



**Above:** The joy of the Lord is the strength that pierces the darkness in Haiti, and water baptism is the defining line of proclamation that you will no longer practice Voodoo.

**Below:** Welcome to Lassale, Haiti. This rural farming and fishing community is a mission field still in need of the Gospel—like all of the villages across the Leogane Plain where we serve.



**Above left:** Pastor Jean Rigal Alcidas from our Lassale church serves strong and will not give up on spreading the Good News of Jesus to his village. **Above middle:** Life in the village of Lassale is primitive and remote. A dirt road is the only access to this village, and the well drilled in 1986 is the only safe drinking water. **Above right:** When a child enters church at New Missions, they learn about the real hope that changes lives.





## BUILDINGS OF HOPE

We don't need one more building for the sake of having just another building. But, we do need it for the sake of a soul. Since our first week in Haiti, we have been in construction. Today, we continue to build buildings because of the ministry of hope that happens.

I remember standing at our first construction site back in 1983. It was a u-shaped building that was going to be home to all our operations. We outgrew that building within one year.

Our 2012 construction list includes the following:

- ◆ Clinic of Hope in the mountains
- ◆ Chapel facility at our High School campus
- ◆ Food warehouse at our Bord-Mer campus
- ◆ Church at both our Ti-Boukan and Concrab locations
- ◆ Trade School buildings

Recently, we have sourced more construction materials in Haiti, and continue to ship in specialty items such as metal reinforcement mesh and roofing caps.

We did not start a mission to build buildings, and yet we are building year-round. This is exciting because it employs hundreds of Haitians, and continues to provide stability within the villages. In a country stricken by poverty, the lives impacted by the Gospel are changed forever. It's truly transformational what God is doing. We are thankful to see the hope in God that changes lives. ~Tim DeTellis



**Top:** New school buildings become a symbol of progress and stability for communities and families. **Above left:** The mind of a child born into poverty discovers their fears are replaced with the power of "I am someone in Christ." **Above middle:** What will we learn at school today? We'll learn from the Bible and subjects such as math, language, literature, history, geography and vocabulary. **Above right:** The children of New Missions are welcomed to a new life of hope, growth, and joy in knowing Jesus.

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The construction continues for the elementary school in the Dominican Republic. Our balance needed is \$35,420.



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# MY BEGGAR AT THE BANK OF AMERICA

In my neighborhood there was a Bank of America on the corner near our local shopping plaza. When the recession started in 2009 they closed the bank and the building was left empty. One night I noticed a homeless man sleeping under the entrance of the bank building. He had a nice place to sleep with outdoor lights and a covered roof. Every night he would park his bicycle, unpack his sleeping bag, and sleep in front of the glass doors. At night when I would do my grocery shopping I would drive by to see if he was sleeping by the front door. At one point I wanted to call the police. I thought to myself, “Why don’t the police chase him out of there? I don’t want people like him loitering in my neighborhood.” Every night for months this fellow would sleep in front of the bank doors. The week before Christmas 2010 was bitterly cold. As I was leaving the grocery store I looked over at the bank building and there he was...sleeping at the doors of Bank of America.

I felt sorry for him and I shouted out, “Jesus help him... it’s freezing outside!” And God shouted back at me, “You help him!” My heart was struck with conviction. So I turned my car around and I drove into the parking lot and pulled up to the bank entrance. When I looked toward the bank doors, there he was—lying on the concrete sidewalk in his sleeping bag with the sleeping bag zipped all the way shut, leaving just enough room for him to breathe. I shouted out, “Get up! Wake up! I have something for you.” I held out a \$20 bill and for the first time I saw this person. He was just a little old man. I gave him the \$20 bill and I said, “God bless

you and Jesus loves you.” I left quickly so he could run back and climb into his sleeping bag. I never told my wife or anybody about my little beggar at the bank.

But every night when I would do my grocery shopping I would drive through the bank parking lot on my way home and give him a \$20 bill. My wife is a good bookkeeper and she handles all of our finances. But, she never noticed all those \$20 bills going to Jerry on the way home from the grocery store. This went on for months and Jerry and I started spending more time talking. Jerry told me he was a Christian and told me a little about his life.

That spring I helped Jerry fly back to his home town of Memphis. The first Wednesday in May Jerry and I both left town on the same day. He flew home to Memphis and I left town for a speaking engagement in Massachusetts. Whenever I do my grocery shopping, I always look over

at the Bank of America building to see if anyone is sleeping in front of the doors.

We all want to change the world. We may not have the influence to write the laws of our country, but we can have a profound effect in our sphere of influence. We can be the good neighbor; we can be the eyes that are watching. Each of us has a sphere of influence—the ability to radically affect the people we come in contact with every day. Who is your neighbor? Who is your problem to solve?

~George DeTellis, Jr.

## WHO IS YOUR PROBLEM TO SOLVE?

**You may write to George at [george@newmissions.org](mailto:george@newmissions.org)**

In Luke 16:19 Jesus tells the story of a beggar named Lazarus who lived at the gate of a rich man. The story ends in tragedy for the rich man because he neglected the opportunity to help the poor. The selfish man is the shrinking man; his world grows smaller until he is all alone. The giving man is the living man; his world grows larger and everything multiplies.



George DeTellis, Jr.

*P.S. Jesus did not change any laws of government; He changed the laws of the universe!*







MARCH 1, 2012 NEWSLETTER



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## BIBLES FOR STUDENTS

Dennis and I were blessed to be in Haiti. We spent one day traveling to our Mare-Chal school. Our mission was to deliver a Bible to Sandra Pierre from her sponsors, and also to give a Bible to each student in her class.

Seeing the smiling students, I felt inspired to share the great gift of the Bible—to guide and bless them in this life. But, they must say “yes” to Jesus. I asked each one if they had said “yes” to Jesus. One by one they told me they were Christians—except one withdrawn boy, Virwilson. “Oh, Virwilson... today is your day! God sent me here today to ask you to say “yes.” However, Virwilson kept saying no. I tried to persuade him by telling him that he would have a very good Father in saying “yes.”

I gave each student their choice of a red or black Bible. Getting ready to leave, again I turned to Virwilson. “Virwilson, would you like to say yes to Jesus today?” He was ready. Virwilson said “YES!” We all prayed and rejoiced for Virwilson’s decision. The life of one child was changed for eternity.

~Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor



**Top:** Sponsored by Ed and Cheryl Pavuk, Sandra Pierre received her Bible at school and now holds God’s truth closer to her heart. **Bottom left:** It is our goal to give the students at New Missions both in Haiti and the Dominican Republic Bibles this Easter. Thank you for your support in this effort.

**Bottom right:** Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor giving Bibles to our students will help deliver God’s Word into their homes and villages. Please consider a special donation to make this possible.





# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Tae Kwon Do Lessons:** Currently, the South Korean United Nations is providing Tae Kwon Do classes to a select group of 49 New Missions' high school students. Our students are truly a witness to all. Right after the earthquake, Cuban and German medical professionals established temporary hospitals at our High School campus. The U.S. Marines and Navy arrived early on—followed by the Sri Lanka U.N. who were based in Leogane.

**Bombita School Construction:** From day one, the students at our Bombita Elementary School in the Dominican Republic have watched the construction of their new school. They have a time of prayer each day and pray for the individuals (by name) who have donated to help make this construction possible. During this process, there have been periods of time when construction paused—waiting for funds to come in. Each student continues to pray and believe. Seeing the walls go up has strengthened their faith.

**Teacher Shoeboxes:** From preschool through high school, teachers have received shoeboxes filled with special gifts and supplies that are a true blessing in the life of each teacher. We have seen them so thankful for items such as scissors, calculators and basic classroom supplies. The statement “you are appreciated” goes a long way! Our teachers are Christians who are investing in the lives of the next generation of leaders for Haiti.

**Clinic of Hope:** Our expansion beyond Leogane is reaching an entirely new mountain region. At present, 208 students are enrolled in our new Tom Gateau school, and we will have 1,000 students in this region over the next three years. We just finished construction for the medical clinic which will serve in this area of Tom Gateau. The children and families who will benefit from this strategically placed “Clinic of Hope” will find love and care during their times of need.







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## I ATE ALL I WANTED

Asking a graduate of New Missions what it was like when they attended one of our New Missions schools led to a telling response. "I ate all I wanted!" Hunger hits each home in Haiti and too often for most children, the only meal they have each day is the one they receive at a New Missions' school. That was what he remembered and what he wanted me to know. I hung up the phone and was in tears. The caller was Luvins Saint Fort. He originally attended our Bire Elementary School and grew up there until he was a teenager and moved to the United States. He eventually graduated with a Master's Degree in International Business, and now resides in Florida.

The phrase in Haitian Creole is "anpil, anpil" which translates "a lot, a lot." The process of changing the life of a child begins with their nourishment. How can you learn to read or write on an empty stomach? Thanks to a group of Haitians that are on staff at our schools, we remove hunger. Monthly, each location receives their food inventory. The delivery process begins with trucks sent from the schools to our food warehouse in Bord-Mer where each school picks up their monthly supplies.

From the school cooks to the teachers and administrators, each of them knows how important lunch is for the children attending our schools. With prayers offered up and hot meals ready, our school children are comforted to know that they can eat all they want. ~Tim DeTellis



**Top:** Deliveries arrive at New Missions multiple times during the month with food supplies such as oil, beans, and rice. **Above left:** Each sack of rice represents a bag of hope. **Above middle:** Thanks to you, we collected 51,516 spoons for our school children in Haiti. **Above right:** I'm not going home hungry!



# ARE YOU PREACHING?

The cofounder of New Missions, Pastor George, repeatedly told us our mission was to preach—preach the Gospel. No matter what you are doing in the whole context of missions: feeding, educating or healing... “Preach the Gospel!” Every gift that New Missions offers—whether it’s a Christmas shoebox, a Bible or medication—these gifts give us an opportunity to share the Gospel.

Are you in need? Do you know someone who is hurting, people in broken relationships, or children confused by their parents divorcing? Do you know of just one person suffering from illness, maybe cancer? Preach the Comforter, the Healer, the Provider.

Often I hear Christians say that their method of preaching is to live a good life and do good works. Others who do not call themselves Christians live a good life and do good works. The Bible says that it is by hearing the Word of God that people come to faith. I led a women’s ministry in Haiti where the women were illiterate. How would they read the Word? I had to preach!

Some Christians are timid to share their faith due to pressure or fear of rejection. But Paul said, “I am not ashamed of the Gospel. It is the power of God unto salvation.” We must preach. If we are ashamed of Christ, He will be ashamed of us before His Father. Whom do we fear? Do we fear men, or do we live in awesome reverence of God? I hope that we would be persuaded to preach in a unique and individual form—because of the great love that God has for us. Preaching does not mean you need a seminary education or an ordination. Nor does it mean you need to be in a pulpit. Through soft, sensitive, and loving

words we can talk about our Friend—our Savior, Healer, and our coming King. Tell your story of coming to faith. Preaching is not you trying to imitate or impersonate a famous preacher. It is God by His Holy Spirit in you talking to people (preaching).

Sometimes preaching just happens. A student on the campus will come to hug and greet me, and a word is given. Or desperate faces of people waiting to see the doctor at our Health Center receive an encouraging word. It may be my arms around two ‘Rahab’ girls on the town streets reminding them of God’s love. The God in you is always ready to speak.

My maternal grandmother always had the Italian Bible open on her kitchen table. You had to eat, and

Nonna always had a word from the Lord. My paternal grandmother woke before dawn to do her farm chores and walked quite a distance, then took a bus, and began knocking on doors of apartment homes in Worcester, Massachusetts—all to preach to new

Italian immigrants in the area.

Preaching can be laborious. The Sunday morning preaching demands intense waiting upon God, writing volumes, shredding volumes, and seeking a simple truth that people can hear and live by to overcome life’s challenges.

Preach! Feel the compulsion to preach and the woe not to. Yes...walk the walk, go to church, give finances to missions, but remember to preach. Read again the last few chapters of Acts, and you will find Paul, in chains, preaching to leaders, kings, fellow prisoners, and all who would listen. Preach!

~Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor

**“PREACH THE WORD OF GOD;  
BE PERSISTENT, WHETHER THE  
TIME IS FAVORABLE OR NOT;”  
II TIMOTHY 4:2**

Preaching is a clear sound. God is not willing that any should perish. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. We all have our own audience of people to preach to—those in our family, our network of friends, the workplace, or in a student setting. People are everywhere: stores, subways, trains, airports, banks, supermarkets, gyms—and God is always working and waiting for us to speak for Him. Preach!

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor

*P. S. We are launching a Bible campaign to give each student a Bible. Our goal is to give a Bible to each student of New Missions in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.*



Dennis and Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor





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## CHILDREN UNDER FIVE

She broke my heart, and made me see the needs that still exist. I met her in the village of Callitor on the Leogane Plain, and asked her if she was in school. She said, "No." I asked her if she was hungry, and she replied, "Yes." As she stood in front of me I could see signs of malnutrition—her hair was bleached due to nutritional deficiencies. I have a photo of us together, but out of respect, I won't publish it. However, it's my daily reminder of how mad I am at poverty. Within Haitian communities, children suffer the most. Our locations across the Leogane Plain are ready to serve and care for these children and help change their lives.

The children under five years old have captivated my heart. I am taking a personal stand to help and prayerfully see them grow strong. With the help of New Missions, they will become healthy and well educated. Most of all, the love of Jesus will surround them as our Christian teachers and pastors serve them and their communities.

The children of Leogane, Haiti have an advocate in New Missions. We have 25 elementary schools and churches across Leogane. Plus, we have a new church and school serving in the mountains. This makes 26 destinations of hope for the children of Haiti.

Without New Missions ministering to these children, half of them will die before they reach the age of five! I took the above photo while walking through the village of Bord-Mer, and my heart was



immediately struck by their potential. The threat to their future lies within the hope of receiving food, vital medical care, and an education.

Please join me in helping children under the age of five. We have hundreds right now without a sponsor and many more coming to our schools. You can help with a donation to "Children Under Five." Together, we can change these children's lives.

~Timothy DeTellis

**Get involved: [www.ChildrenUnderFive.com](http://www.ChildrenUnderFive.com)**

**Top:** Each child matters to God, and our eyes should not overlook their potential. **Bottom left:** Jesus loves the little children and as we welcome them into our schools and churches, lives are changed forever. **Bottom middle and right:** Jocelin Pierre, age 4, attends our Bire pre-school and Stephanie Letan, age 4, attends our Bord-Mer pre-school. 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





# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**High School Seniors:** The students at our High School represent the new leaders for Haiti. These fine young men and women are proud to be educated and are ready to help Haiti move forward in becoming an improved nation. Their school uniforms signify their final step in completing their education. Last year students received a white shirt to identify their status as seniors. We celebrate their accomplishment and rejoice in their faith that will help change their country.



**Fishing Fair:** Fishermen are the backbone to the local village economy across the Leogane Plain. Within several of the coastal villages where we have churches and schools, we see these men as an ongoing opportunity for outreach. Plans are in place for us to host a fishing fair this October to distribute coolers, fishing nets, hats, sunglasses, gloves and other helpful resources. This event will be hosted by the pastors of our churches who serve these coastal villages.



**Supplies to Haiti:** The 40-foot cargo container is still our primary channel for shipping large quantities of supplies to Haiti. We have one shipment that just arrived mid-March and another delivery scheduled for loading this month. The contents included shoebox gifts and construction materials. We have already sent four cargo containers into Haiti since October 2011. In addition, we are sending in more musical instruments for our churches.



**Music Lessons:** On Tuesdays and Thursdays at New Missions in the Dominican Republic, music lessons enrich the lives of our students. We have three music teachers providing free lessons in guitar, drums and keyboard. Music is a wonderful gift for a child, and we're delighted that our Dominican music teachers are fine Christian people. The music lessons center around songs of worship that they know from church. As we invest in lives, communities and families become stronger.







## BOMBITA'S NEW SCHOOL

Within the past six months, our school director, Xiomara, wears the biggest smile of joy as she continues to receive the names of people and churches sending financial support to build the first school for the children of Bombita. The students join the teachers in daily prayer as they raise up their hands to heaven. Together, the students pray out loud with energy thanking God. At my last prayer time with the students I told them that the ceramic floor tiles would come in one week. There was the biggest “Wow!” They had no idea that their school would not only have concrete floors, but a good quality ceramic tile over the concrete.

What great joy it is to witness the excitement on their faces—rejoicing in God’s continued blessings. Sure enough, the tiles came and every classroom has completed floors. In addition, the windows are now in place. The children take great pleasure in trying out how it feels to be in their new school—pondering which classroom will be theirs. They love the many windows that will let in the sunlight and fresh air. I hope the dream of building the school for the children of Bombita will inspire your life. When God speaks, He already has what you need in His Hand to give you to make your dream come true. The Bombita school is 85% complete, and we’re trusting to have the necessary funds to buy school furniture and fencing around the school campus. ~Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor



**Top:** From each student came faithful prayers, and now these children of Bombita rejoice to see God’s provision of their new school.

**Above left:** With the expansion of this new school building our enrollment will increase by an additional 150 students this fall.

**Above right:** The reputation of New Missions is to build quality construction and to always give our best. This new school represents a testimony to the community that we are there to stay and serve them long-term.

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You can bless the children of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Help purchase Easter Bibles for our students.



# BECAUSE HE IS STRONG

When I think of someone who is strong, I think of my grandfather Charlie DiPietro. At the powerful age of 94 he continues to enjoy life and is a strong man because of his faith in God. My earliest memories of my grandfather are of him praying and reading his Bible early in the morning.

This past year, my grandfather was carrying some items down the stairs to the basement and he took a very bad fall. Unfortunately, he broke three ribs. To God be the glory, he recovered and when I called him to say hello, my grandmother had to go find him as he was outside working! The moment I heard his voice I said, “Grandpa, what are you doing working?” He responded, “If you are not working you are dying.” That’s my grandfather. He was not afraid of a hard day’s work. Even though he is physically strong, he knew his greater strength was found in God.

Today, do you feel strong? What are your strengths—the things people regularly compliment you on, or areas in which you are accomplished or talented? We are affirmed in our successes, not our failures. But personally, I’ve learned more from my struggles than from the things that come easily to me. My self-confidence is strengthened when I reach a goal, but I’ve learned more and depend more upon God when I am seeking wisdom during my struggles. Like my grandfather, I find myself driven to give my best—always. I don’t want to give up!

Failure is not an option in life—it’s a guarantee. Daily, we could learn dozens or even hundreds of lessons from our errors. The race to perfection leads

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to a dead-end of missed fulfillment. There’s never been a trophy big enough to fill the heart of any person. The only real void-filler comes through a personal relationship with Jesus.

It’s not our strengths, smarts or strategies that can make the life-changing difference. The power of God’s orchestrations is what brings real hope in life. We are His vessels, and it’s ultimately through His grace that we discover He is sufficient for all of our needs. In our admission that we are not the source of strength, we find a greater power in God’s might.

Today, yield to the power of God to make a way. Put your hope in God to lead you to a divine appointment. Rejoice in your weakness—because you have refuge in your Lord and Savior. Rest in the blessed assurance that Jesus is your source of strength. When in doubt, ask God for wisdom.

When you face fear, call upon the name of the Lord. When you fail, thank Him for His grace, and then reach for a new lesson or opportunity to grow in your love for our Savior.

My prayer is, “Dear God, keep me focused on You as the source of strength. May my self-confidence not be the driving force for getting things accomplished. I want to yield to Your will and Your power. Your strategies are the only way, and I want to step forward in Your will. When I fail, help me embrace Your grace and remain thankful for Your endless love. You alone are my strength. Amen.”

~Timothy DeTellis  
timothy@newmissions.org

*“But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”*  
~ 2 Corinthians 12:9 Because He lives, I can face today, tomorrow, and eternity. What about you?

Serving together,



Timothy DeTellis

*P. S. Join us in giving our students a Bible for Easter. You can help spread God’s life-changing Word into the hearts and villages of Haiti and the Dominican Republic.*



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





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## WHY CHILDREN NEED US

Thirty years ago, as we were still living in tents, mothers came to us with their little ones. Most of these babies ages five and under were suffering with dysentery and dehydration. Our nurses would then explain why they needed to boil water. With firewood scarce, a poor overburdened mother—barely coping with daily survival—did not comprehend the seriousness of the lack of clean water for her babies.

New Missions addressed the need for safe water by providing wells of clean water in our villages. Without these wells, the babies would join the tragic statistic of 80% of Haitian babies who do not survive to see their fifth birthday. In Haiti, most babies have a rough start from the moment of conception due to malnourishment of the mother. Our prenatal clinic began giving expectant mothers supplements necessary to deliver a healthy baby.

Besides clean water, our babies need food. With our school children being fed year-round, there is a greater provision of food for the entire family to survive.

Yes...our babies need water, food, medical care and a lot of love. The love of our Haitian ministry team and our sponsors touches their lives from the very beginning—to give them a future, hope for their country, and a love for Jesus.

~ Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



**Top:** Do you see the hope in her eyes? Each child has potential and we need to be faithful to see it.

**Bottom left:** Children under five enjoy a hot meal at school each day and together they learn and become healthy.

**Bottom middle:** Attending our preschool in Brache-Guilles, Baptiste Ednelson at the age of 4, does not yet have a sponsor.

**Bottom right:** Loviliere Fredmichelle attends our preschool in Calitor. She is a precious gift and is sponsored by Becky Legatt from New Hope Church in Abilene, Texas.





# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Trade School Building:** The first Trade School building is up and the roof is on. The entire campus, when completed, will include seven buildings. Six structures will be just like the one shown here, and then one other building will serve as a gathering place. The construction of the second building—which will be built by our first-year students—will begin this fall. The Trade School will provide training in construction skills.

**Bombita School Construction:** The elementary school in Bombita (Dominican Republic) is near completion, and glory to God it is 100% paid for! The only items needed to finalize the project are: doors, railings, and the interior school furnishings. The faithful prayers of each student at the Bombita school are a true testimony of when we agree in prayer. . .God can do the impossible. We are most thankful that due to the additional space, we will be able to enroll 150 more students in the fall.

**Musical Instruments for Churches:** We have 26 churches in Haiti and are planning to plant our 27th church this fall. We have met with our church worship leaders in Haiti, and their top requests are drum sets and electric guitars. For \$1,300 you can provide a church with a complete set of brand new instruments: drums, electric guitar and bass.

**Cooking Supplies:** Our school kitchens across the Leogane Plain are now stocked with brand new stainless steel cooking pots and bowls. We are making conversions at several of our schools to exclusively use propane gas for cooking—as it is a much cleaner cooking fuel. It is our goal to have all of our schools cooking with propane within the next year.







## MORE SPOONS FOR HAITI

Kids can help kids in Haiti. How? By collecting spoons. It sounds like a simple project, but the impact is enormous. From schools...to VBS programs...to Sunday School and Youth Groups...it's easy and fun! This will enable children to have their own spoon to enjoy their hot lunch at school.

Since the cholera outbreak, we were very concerned with the hygiene of our students. Immediately, we implemented mandatory hand washing at our schools prior to lunch. We also launched the Spoons for Haiti campaign—which was for the purpose of eliminating children using their hands to eat.

In March, I was at the Mare-Chal school and witnessed the children at lunch time—washing their hands and eating with their own spoon. What really surprised me was seeing some food left in the bowls when they were finished. They ate until they were full! What a wonderful gift to know that for the children of New Missions hunger is gone!

Last year we had an amazing response to our first annual Spoons for Haiti collection. We want to make history again between now and September. Join us in making an ongoing difference to these children, and participate in collecting spoons for Haiti. ~Timothy DeTellis

**Get involved at [www.SpoonsforHaiti.com](http://www.SpoonsforHaiti.com)**



**Top:** Thumbs up for helping to collect spoons for Haiti. **Above left:** Hand washing prior to lunch time is a faithful discipline for students at New Missions. **Above middle:** Knowing lunch is ready and that they can eat as much as they want makes smiles happen. **Above right:** Help us collect metal teaspoons or tablespoons—which are the utensils of choice for students in Haiti.

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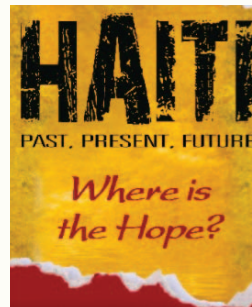
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# A FAITHFUL WATCHMAN

Ezekiel was called to be a watchman over the people of Judah as they were sent into captivity. *“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me.”* Ezekiel 3:17 Ezekiel was told not to be afraid, but to warn the people of their sins whether they listen to him or not. We are not responsible to change people’s hearts, but we are responsible to speak God’s Word and to warn people of the future judgment. *“And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks.”* Ezekiel 2:6

Good and evil will always coexist on this earth. I often say, “If I did not know God, I would also not be as mindful of my actions.”

In Ezekiel 3:16-21, Ezekiel was told he would be held accountable if he did not warn these people. The whole world is a mission field—be a person of influence.

God wants you to be a watchman in your community.

The people of Judah will have a future glory. It doesn’t matter what our past is like, nor does it matter what current situation we are in. God wants us to change our ways and to live a righteous life. Also, God wants the righteous to remain faithful. It is all about finishing the race! Yes, we are completely saved by God’s grace. However, He also calls us to be obedient. It is about trusting and obeying at the same time. In the book of Ezekiel,

**GOD IS CALLING YOU TO BE A WATCHMAN IN YOUR COMMUNITY. HE IS CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES AROUND YOU.**

God tells how one day He will write His laws upon our hearts and minds and that we will be His people. He has given us the Holy Spirit who instructs and guides us. *“For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”* Romans 14:17 There is a great reward waiting for believers. However, be a doer of the Word and not only a hearer.

I thank the Lord I am saved and have been called to serve Him. I believe God has a work for each of us to do. Our lives seem to be a testing field for our emotions and faith. What will we choose to do each day? How will we live our lives? Will we live for the momentary pleasures of life, or will we be faithful

to God? I thank God for strong believers in my family. My father and grandfather were examples of great men of faith. People have different personalities and serve God in different ways. I serve God with my unique gifts and talents, and don’t like being center stage.

I prefer being on the field—

watching the movement of construction and ordering supplies necessary to keep the missions running. We each need to celebrate our unique gifts and use them for the kingdom of God. We’re rebuilding most of our buildings which were severely damaged in the earthquake, growing in new locations and believing God to increase our impact by 100%. This year we will be adding new schools and churches to the ministry in Haiti. Praise be to God!

~Charlie DeTellis

The name Ezekiel means: God will strengthen. God will strengthen you, and He delights in using vessels which are weak. *“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”* Isaiah 40:31 Wait upon the Lord; keep your faith and attention upon Him.

Sincerely,

*Charlie DeTellis*

Charlie DeTellis

*P. S. - In the book of Ezekiel, God tells about providing a gift of atonement for our sins. It is all about salvation and our eternity with Him. Are you in the family?*







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## MARTHA JOSEPH: A CHANGED LIFE

She came to New Missions from the village of Neply, and she attended our very first school and church. Martha learned how to read and write as a young child at our mission school. Her village life was primitive, but her future became very bright.

She accepted Jesus as her personal Savior while attending our Bord-Mer church—which changed her life forever. She immediately became a witness to her family and village. She has led many to a personal relationship with Christ, and continues to host weekly women’s meetings in her home.

During her school years, Martha was watchful of her classmates and very focused on her studies. Year by year, she made good grades and eventually graduated from New Missions high school.

Learning English was something that gave her a skill to help others. Her first job at New Missions was translating letters. She continued to show a strong work ethic, and is respected among fellow Haitians. Martha currently serves as our office manager (in Haiti) and oversees the child correspondence and letter writing at our schools.



On March 24, 2012, Martha was married and looks forward to life with her husband, a pastor from Darbonne. While they hope to have a family, Martha is already a mother to many Haitians who fondly refer to her as “Tout Mamma” (mother of all). We thank God for Martha’s changed life and how she serves as a role model to others in Haiti.

~Timothy DeTellis



**Top:** On Saturday, March 24, 2012, Martha was married to Pastor Jackson Colas, and they will reside in Neply, Haiti.

**Far Left:** Martha as a student at New Missions wearing her school uniform.

**Left:** From the desk of Martha Joseph, lives are impacted through letters of encouragement, prayers, and love sent by child sponsors.



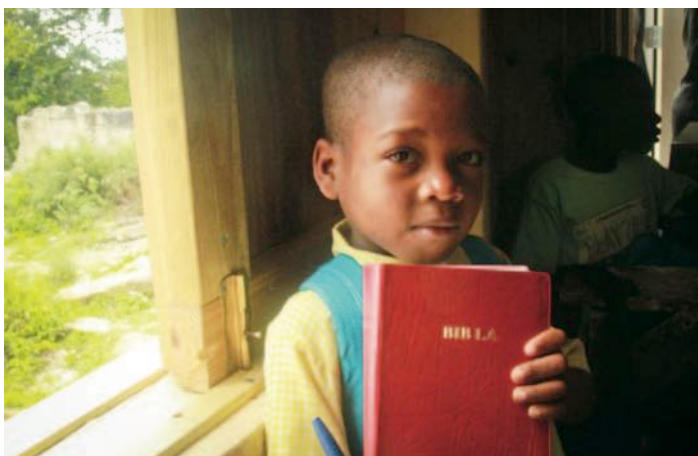
# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Vaccinations and Vitamins:** When it comes to providing medical care to our students, preventative efforts through vaccinations and vitamins are the key strategy for protecting against future illness. Our schools, churches and medical clinics are under Haitian leadership. A nurse is on staff at each of our schools to monitor any health concerns.

**Food Year-Round:** The schools at New Missions in Haiti provide food to our students throughout the summer. This continual provision of food is a life-saving measure for each child—especially for our younger children. During the summer, Bible study, music, games and sports are all part of the program.

**Concrete and Construction:** We have returned to building with concrete block. The key reason is the availability of metal reinforcements to ensure strength. Block and concrete are readily accessible in Haiti, and we are using these materials to build two additional food warehouses. The buildings will be strong and built up on a higher foundation to protect against flooding.

**Bibles for Students:** Distribution of Bibles is taking place, and we are still welcoming donations to allow us to give each student a Bible. We have distributed Bibles to all of our students in the Dominican Republic, our high school in Haiti, and three of our elementary schools in Haiti. Twenty-three more elementary schools are awaiting their Bibles. The gift of God's Word will bring a powerful impact to the students and their families.







## HUNGER GO AWAY

The Bible teaches us to pray asking God to give us our daily bread. For most of us, we are not literally asking God for bread. But for most of the world, their bodies scream for food. For many in Haiti, they may go a day or even several days without food.

At a prayer meeting at New Life Church in the D.R., our leader Franz Scheichl was describing his visit to the Dominican capital city of Santo Domingo. He saw excessive wealth next to extreme poverty. He was heartbroken.

A nine-year old girl, Rossio, came to our Health Center asking the director if she had any milk for her little brother. I remember the same scene in Haiti 30 years ago when Manita came to the mission asking for milk for her baby sister, Rosette. Imagine children whose main thought is about hunger.

When we give food, we are comforting and encouraging people to live. We are telling hunger to go away. Children do not need to worry about hunger at New Missions' schools. They can laugh, play and have the health and energy to study and achieve. Hunger... go away! God hears the prayers of the hungry and He speaks to His people to make hunger go away.

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



**Top:** Children find nourishment and care at New Missions' schools. **Above left:** This summer, remember the children of New Missions in your prayers—that God's love would flood their hearts. **Above middle:** Providing food for our children year-round is an important part of changing the life of a child. Vegetables grown locally across the Leogane Plain are added to the sauce that is enjoyed over the rice and beans. **Above right:** Do you see the hope in her eyes? Her bowl of food represents a better life.

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# ARE YOU LIVING A LIFE OF "IF ONLY?"

“Jesus, if only You had been here, my brother would not have died!” In John chapter 11, Martha and Mary both complained to Jesus with those words regarding the death of their brother Lazarus.

“If only You had been here, my brother would not have died!” We can imagine these two sisters talking to themselves at their brother’s funeral, “We kept sending messages to Jesus to come right away because Lazarus was sick. If only He had listened to us and had come right away.”

In each of our lives is a haunting “if only.” If only my father had surgery before the cancer spread, he would still be alive today. If only he didn’t skip his annual physical examination. How often do we scold our friends and family with the words, “if only you had listened to me.” Whenever we say the words “if only,” we are expressing regret, remorse, and resentment. The words “if only” make us or others feel guilty for what might have been. My grandmother is famous for scolding my grandfather over family dinners—for selling a four-family house in Cambridge over 70 years ago. My grandmother always says, “Charlie, if only you stayed in real estate and kept the four-family house on Lee Street in Cambridge...” My grandfather was a real estate broker when he was in his early 20s and my grandmother wishes he had stayed in that profession. If only I had bought stock in Apple Computer when Steve Jobs came back to run the company. If only I had sold my house before the financial crisis of 2008. If only I didn’t talk too much in front of the boss, I never would have been fired. Our lives can

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become filled with “if only’s.” “If only” thinking induces guilt. “If only” condemns us to feeling guilty, and making others feel guilty for their actions or for their failure to act.

“If only” keeps us trapped in a past that we cannot change. “If only” keeps us from moving on to a productive future. “If only” keeps us blaming life for things we have no control over. “If only” keeps us trapped living a life of a victim, instead of living a life of a victor. We must get rid of the “if only’s” in our lives. We must live our lives unconditionally, without the if’s. All of us, like Mary, have an “if only.” Living in a world of “if only” is to live a life of regret—constantly looking at the past and questioning our previous decisions, actions, and circumstances of life. But God does not live in a world of “if only.” God lives in a world of “only believe.” God does not look over His shoulder at the past and say “if only.” God lives in the future!

The story does not end with Mary’s “if only.” Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” With those words, Jesus called Lazarus back to life from the tomb—commanding the men to remove the stone to the tomb where he was laid. Like Martha and Mary let’s believe God for miracles in our lives.

~George DeTellis, Jr.

**You may write to George at [george@newmissions.org](mailto:george@newmissions.org)**

Just like you, I have those “if only’s” from my past that I need to bury at the cross—so I can live a life of victory believing God for a new tomorrow.



George DeTellis, Jr.

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## HAITIAN HEROES

From the first day of establishing New Missions, it was our goal to raise a generation of Christian leaders who would ultimately change the nation of Haiti. Needless to say, it was a journey that was going to take time. With the power of the Gospel, we established churches and schools.

Nearly 30 years later, we have strong leaders serving as role models—Haitian heroes is what I call them. For example, the Haitian construction team that will serve at our Trade School this fall will be mentoring newly skilled laborers. The joy is knowing that it's being accomplished by the Haitians themselves!

I had a conversation with Amiro, one of our first construction workers, who now oversees the management of our food and construction warehouses. Listening to him reminisce about being there when New Missions began was encouraging. "It was a Thursday when your parents came in 1983 and you placed your tents by the stream. Your father told me if I am faithful I will always have a job. I'm never late



and show up early." Literally, Amiro is that kind of man—steadfast with an amazing smile. He has seen decades of lives changed, including his own!

Join me in praying for the heroes of Haiti. *"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:16  
 ~Timothy DeTellis



**Top:** Amiro, pictured on the far left, stands proudly with the team he serves in Haiti.

**Bottom left:** Carpenters from our Haitian construction team assembled the trusses and placed the roofing on this building in a matter of ten days.

**Bottom right:** Construction at New Missions is accomplished by Haitians who are leading the efforts to build a new Haiti.



# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Generators for Haiti:** Thank you Fortress Bible Church in Mount Vernon, NY for donating a 16.5 kilowatt Lister diesel generator. Also, thank you to our friends at Yellow Freight for reducing the shipping costs to deliver the generator to Florida—which was then loaded onto a container that left for Haiti on May 31. If you or your church has a generator you would like to donate, please contact us.



**Teachers Change Lives:** We are celebrating “Teacher Appreciation Month” this September for our teachers in Haiti. Inside the classrooms at New Missions our teachers are leading a change in Haiti by mentoring and believing in each student. These Christian teachers are role models, and we greatly appreciate them! Don’t forget...you can bless a teacher with a special shoebox gift this Christmas.



**Land for Churches:** As we continue to expand and plant more churches, we are focused on utilizing community land as a way to have the local village partner in the effort to bring change. When the community provides the land, it becomes a shared responsibility to serve the area. Please pray for continued favor in this effort, as we are currently securing a location for our next church and school in Haiti.



**Bible College Graduation:** Spreading the Gospel message is the purpose of New Missions. We begin by establishing churches, and then launch a Christian school at the same location. Our Bible College is the training ground for strong Christian leaders. Graduation took place on Sunday, June 3, 2012. We honor these students and thank God for their dedication to learning and serving, as they teach and pastor at our churches. They also serve as administrators for our schools.







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## BUILDING NEW WAREHOUSES

New Missions has always fed our Haitian school children. My parents knew how necessary it was for the school students to be well nourished. They told me, “If the children are not fed, they will not be able to learn in school.” We are currently constructing two new concrete warehouses. Each building is 30 ft x 90 ft and has a 12 ft loading dock. One of the buildings will only be used for school food storage; the other will be used for construction materials. We also hope to build a third warehouse in the future.

Our original food warehouse sustained significant damage in the January 2010 earthquake, and the ground around the warehouse sunk—making it prone to flooding. We have been using the damaged building “as is” until we were able to construct these new warehouses. We’ve primarily worked to rebuild our schools and churches, but the warehouses are a vital support to our ministry. These new buildings are the best we’ve ever built. It is our desire to continually improve our ministry and to keep reaching out to new locations. ~Charlie DeTellis



**Top:** The location of the two warehouses provides easier road access for receiving and shipping food and materials to our school campuses.

**Above left:** The food warehouse land was dug out and packed with gravel. Each site will be raised 4 ft above ground level.

**Above middle:** Five dump trucks line up ready for delivery of site materials for the two warehouses at New Missions in Haiti.

**Above right:** Block delivery for the two warehouses at our New Missions campus in Bord-Mer.



# SUFFERING BUT SMILING

Who wants to suffer? Step right up here and enjoy some pain and suffering. Men, women, boys and girls everywhere in the world...is there anyone who wants to feel pain, sickness and hopelessness?

Suffering is everywhere. This week my husband walked into his lawyer's office and his lawyer told Dennis that her husband had stage four cancer. In the prime of life, home on the lake, loves fishing, tapping for maple syrup, owns a winter home in the Caribbean, is a substantial supporter of Christian camping—and he is suffering.

How do you smile when you are suffering? For me, when I am suffering, I make an effort to help someone, or try to encourage someone else, as it lifts me up every time. In April, when I was in the Dominican Republic, I was suffering from a stomach infection caused by H. Pylori bacteria. I saw a doctor and had some lab work done. Then, I was told about one of our students—a nine year old girl, Rossio, born with one kidney, who was now having problems. Wow! My suffering paled. I wanted to fight for Rossio. Her suffering became my mission, and I found my spirits uplifted as I began to pray and commit to help her.

When I am suffering, I begin expressing love for my Savior and Healer—calling out to Jesus. As soon as we call on His name, our Lord Jesus Christ is looking down and reaching out to us—just as the father of the prodigal son was looking down the road and saw his son coming. He immediately ran to meet him—to lift him up and give him a smile in the midst of his suffering.

**ARE YOU SUFFERING?  
WHATEVER YOUR PAIN, IT'S  
OKAY...GOD IS HERE. IMAGINE  
GOD SMILING AT YOU—AND  
SMILE BACK AT HIM.**

Yes, suffering and brokenness and a spirit of hopelessness comes to us all, but we can smile—we've got God!

In Acts, Paul had a dear brother who took Paul's belt and played a one-man act and tied himself up—warning Paul that the man who was the owner of this belt was going to suffer if he continued on to Rome. Paul could see the future and see the suffering, but he faced it with a smile of victory—because of his confidence that God would use him to further the Gospel in prison or out of prison—suffering or not.

Jesus saw the agony of suffering on the cross. But, He looked beyond the cross and smiled with joy because He could also see you and me saying 'yes' to accept Him as our Savior, Healer, and coming King.

Suffering is agony and time passes slowly with relentless pain day after day. But, with God we rise up in His presence, and we lift ourselves up with thoughts of our coming citizenship in heaven. There is a supernatural peace that surpasses the limitations of our understanding.

What do we do with the news of another friend or loved one suffering? We tell them about the Greatest Friend—a man of sorrows who understands our grief. We can hug, smile, prepare a meal, send a card, make a phone call, or send a text to encourage people. We are God's heart—His smile, His hand, His comfort.

God did not promise that we would not suffer. God did promise us He would be with us. We've got God. Breathe in the peace of God. Carry your cross quietly and help someone else. You, too, can smile.

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

No one wants to see suffering. Recently I saw a young woman at a store—yellowish skin, hairless, frail—I turned, as I could not bear to feel her pain. Feeling guilty, I went back to ask about the woman. Her name is Nancy, and we are praying for her at church. I hope to see Nancy again—to hold her, love her, and to see her smile in her battle to win.

Sincerely,



Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

*P. S. Summer is a great time for ministry events. In Haiti, ministries continue and students are fed all summer. In the DR, mission teams spread the Gospel through VBS, music and sport camps.*



Dennis and Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor





# NEW MISSIONS

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## TEACHER APPRECIATION

New Missions appreciates each teacher who is the heart, mind, and voice of God—bringing change into the lives of innocent and voiceless children. We have known the majority of the teachers at New Missions since they were toddlers. For some of them we know their history of pain and miracles of survival. God gave New Missions the resources to educate, feed, and care for them, and they grew strong and stable with a heart to follow God's plan for their lives.

As I reflect on our teachers, I remember Marie Carmel Petit-Homme as an extremely shy young girl who attended our school in Bord-Mer. Her father left the country when she was very young and her mother became a strong Christian. Her grandmother, who was previously an assistant in Voodoo, came to know Christ through my weekly women's ministry meetings. Marie Carmel married a leader in our church, and together they not only serve in the church, but also in the community. Her life was touched by the mission—and in turn, she is touching young lives through teaching at the Bord-Mer school.

It is exceeding joy to see God change lives. For us, education is essential to raise up the next generation



of leaders: teachers, doctors, lawyers, politicians, etc. However, to see a child express their faith by sharing it with others is the greatest gift of all. Matthew 16:26 says, *"For what shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but loses his soul?"*

We appreciate our teachers!

~ Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



**Top:** As a graduate of New Missions, representing a new generation of Christian leaders, Innocent Renel now teaches the next generation of leaders at our Tom Gateau school. **Bottom left:** Garry Joseph, a graduate of New Missions, teaches math at our Bord-Mer school, and is a cousin to Marie Carmel. **Bottom right:** From her preschool class, Marie Carmel Petit-Homme, a graduate of New Missions herself, can see the potential of each student.



# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Construction Progress:** What is this? It's the foundation for the loading dock at one of the two warehouses currently under construction in Haiti. The location is in Bord-Mer, and the building size is 30 x 90 ft—with a 12 ft loading dock. One building will exclusively be used for school food storage; the other will be used to store construction materials. The walls will soon be up, and each warehouse will be 16 ft tall.



**Innovation in Haiti:** The words innovation and Haiti are not often used in the same sentence. However, at New Missions, we continue to make advancements by using innovation to help our schools serve the children better. Currently, our Haitian photographers utilize the web to transfer photos to the Orlando office. You can help us move forward in our efforts. We are in need of iPads and iPods to better equip each school.



**Preschool Graduation:** What does it mean to be a child under the age of five in a Haitian village who knows how to write their name, count and spell? It's the bridge from illiteracy and poverty to HOPE. We celebrate the changed lives of our students as they progress from preschool into primary school. Thank you for believing in their future by investing in them today.



**Mission Training Center News:** Continued improvements are taking place at New Missions in Haiti. This summer at our Mission Training Center roofs are being replaced. The dining hall has a new roof and other structural improvements. We will continue to replace the roofs for each of the buildings at our lodging facility. These projects are 100% Haitian led. We are honored to see how with your help, the Haitians are building a new Haiti.







## I AM HOPE CLUB

What happens to children in Haiti under the age of five? Without the help of New Missions, half of them will not live to see their fifth birthday. Since 1983 we have addressed the core issues that cause these deaths and delivered hope to our students and their families. Where there was unsafe drinking water, we drilled wells. The number one killer of infants globally is dysentery—caused by polluted water. In addition to providing safe drinking water, we give children under five food, education, and medical care.

The preschool classes at New Missions are where these children begin to grow strong and discover the love of Jesus. These kids are near and dear to my heart. When I see them, I see greatness. I know God’s potential for their lives is bigger than the poverty they were born into.

Right now, 1,067 students under the age of five are attending our schools...and more preschool children will be coming to school this fall. I invite you to join the *I Am Hope Club*. For \$120 a year, or just \$10 a month, you can help these children grow strong. ~Timothy DeTellis



**Top:** Hope changes everything. Classmates Guerlande and Carita will make memories together as they grow up learning in school.

**Above left:** From the village of Nepley, Guyson Decayette is learning his numbers while attending preschool at New Missions.

**Above middle:** Inside the preschool classroom you can see children grow day by day, learning numbers, letters, and how to spell their name.

**Above right:** Changing the life of a child happens in preschool. Tania Pierre, now graduating to kindergarten represents hope.

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# GOD IS GOOD!

God is good! This is a simple truth regarding God. Yet believing this truth of God's goodness produces our view of God. Recently, a friend in church shared these exact words with me. His name is David, and he seemed to really look me in the eyes when he spoke these words to me. A week later a minister said the exact same words to me. I really needed to hear these words, as we often need to be reminded of the goodness of God. Sometimes in life we can expect the worst of things, and sometimes it appears the world is only headed for doom. I can easily focus on the negative aspects of life, but God wants us to be encouraged. He wants us to shift our thoughts from what we can lose to what we can gain. God is a giver—the devil a stealer.

God wants to give us heaven. We need to be reminded again and again of our future life with Him in heaven. John 14:1-3 says, *“Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, you may be also.”*

In Galatians 6:7-8 Paul reminds us how God will judge our works—both good and bad; *“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.”*

**WE NEED TO SHIFT OUR  
THOUGHTS FROM WHAT WE  
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GOD IS GOOD!**

It's easy to get caught up with the details and struggles of life, and to feel as if our lives are not lives of significance. Our lives here upon this earth will be over before very long. What will last for eternity? We cannot take our belongings with us. What will last is our faith in God! It is our faith that will bring us face to face with Jesus. We will be changed at the coming of the Lord, and we will receive new bodies. I want to cling to my loving Savior.

God's goodness enabled the mission to purchase two pieces of land last month. We purchased a piece of land in a back field where we are building two warehouses. The other piece of land is in the middle of our Mission Training Center. We have wanted to purchase this property for 25 years. I cannot begin to express what this land means to us. My brother Tim and I, along with several Haitian workers, formed a circle and held hands—dedicating this land to God. We began clearing the land—choosing which trees we wanted to remove and which trees we would keep. It's amazing how this piece of property is quickly being transformed into a beautiful addition to our compound. It was quite a struggle negotiating on both properties. In the future we'd like to purchase two more vital pieces of land—to have a continued Christian impact upon Haiti. We're thankful to recognize God at work through us, and to feel His goodness and favor upon us.

~Charlie DeTellis

Many of us may need to spend more time in God's Word; this always lifts my spirit. We need to be faithful in the small and God will bring greater opportunities into our lives. He is a God of restoration, reconciliation, and redemption—and wants us to be at peace with Him and with fellow man.

Sincerely,

*Charlie DeTellis*

Charlie DeTellis

*P. S. Please remember our construction workers in your prayers as we are currently building churches in Signeau, Concrab and Ti-Boucan.*







## GROWING CHURCHES

Building—the word ignites fire in my heart and mind. I love the sound of workers building. In Haiti, we began building the day after our arrival on January 6, 1983. I have often said, “When the trumpet sounds for the return of Jesus, the sound will blast over the noise of a cement mixer.” Yes, working while we can...until He comes again.

A Sunday school song I sang more than 60 years ago says, “Building up the temple, building up the temple, building up the temple of the Lord... Brother, won't you help me? Sister, won't you help me? Building up the temple of the Lord.” Over the past 30 years it has been an awesome sight to see buildings erected to house God's people as they worship the Master Builder.

On an ordinary day in 1985, Pastor Bobby from Columbus, Ohio visited us in Haiti to see what God was doing through New Missions. Pastor George and I took him for a quick walk to Concrab as the sun was beginning to set. Thatches made from coconut palm trees housed classrooms for students with a bigger thatch for the church. The visiting pastor's long legs walked fast, and I had to run a few steps to keep up with him. What excitement to hear



Pastor Bobby, from Christ the King Lutheran Church say, “I want to build a church here—a big one!” And so it was.

The earthquake in 2010 took that Concrab building. However, Pastor Jerry Rueb from California took on the call, the dream, and the vision to build a replacement church in Concrab. God is the Master Builder. We take on His character in our desire to build. Thank you, my brother. Thank you, my sister. Thank you, for building up the mission of the Lord.

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



**Top:** Thank you to Cornerstone Church in Long Beach, California for providing the funding for the construction of a new church in Concrab, Haiti. **Bottom left:** All the way from Italy, generosity is helping to build a new high school chapel and church for the people of Signeau, Haiti on behalf of Assemblée di Dio in Italia (Assembly of God, Italy). **Bottom right:** Construction is currently taking place at three different sites for new church buildings in Signeau, Concrab, and Ti-Boucan.



# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

## **Trade School:** Who will build a new Haiti?

The Haitians will. Why? It's their country and we want to equip them to be the leaders who change a nation. Hosted on our Signeau Elementary School campus, the Trade School will open with 25 students. Training will focus on five areas:

1. Masonry
2. Carpentry
3. Construction Finance & Budgeting
4. Site Development
5. Hand Crafts & Small Manufacturing



**Children Under Five:** Do you believe in the potential of children under five? When we see them, we see greatness. God's potential for their lives is bigger than the poverty they were born into. Without New Missions ministering to these children, half of them would not live to see their fifth birthday. You can make a real difference. Join the "I Am Hope Club" and let's see more children celebrate their fifth birthday.



**Students Help Paint:** This is your school—this is your mission. That's the message our pastors and school directors share with their students. Involvement from the students to help make their school better is a joy to witness. This summer, a project of painting the school benches gave them an opportunity for greater ownership. Shared experiences unite students with the common goal to make their school better.



**Container Delivery:** The journey from Orlando to Port-au-Prince for a 40 ft cargo container is not an automatic success. Our most recent container arrived at New Missions thanks to the tireless efforts on the ground in Haiti—with numerous meetings at the customs office. Contents included construction supplies, a new generator, ladders, fishing gear and medical supplies. We still source as many supplies as possible in Haiti.







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## WHAT'S INSIDE A SHOEBOX?

...more than you think. I opened my backpack that I travel with and was shocked by how many pens I had. In the U.S., where school supplies are plentiful, it's hard to fathom that something so small could be such a blessing to children in Haiti.

In the home of a Haitian child, to have their own flashlight is a dream. To play with their own deck of cards is something they imagine. Jumping rope, playing jacks and dominoes is what brings a smile to children in villages across Haiti. It's the simple things that matter, as they don't have much to begin with.

You can share a little Christmas, and bless the life of a child and their family more than you will ever know. Don't forget the essentials such as: soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and combs. If you want to be a little extra generous include sunglasses, a watch, water bottle, and a doll or teddy bear to cuddle.

Packing your gifts inside a clear plastic shoebox is an extra gift—as the family uses this sturdy storage box for additional use at home. Our 2012 Shoebox Drive campaign begins Oct. 1 and runs through Dec. 15. For more ideas, videos and posters visit [www.ShoeboxDrive.com](http://www.ShoeboxDrive.com). ~Timothy DeTellis



**Top:** Host a shoebox drive packing party at your church or school. For packing ideas visit [www.ShoeboxDrive.com](http://www.ShoeboxDrive.com).

**Above left:** Romulus Smith from our Mathieu Elementary School in Haiti could not hold back the smiles after receiving the shoebox from her sponsor. **Above middle:** Including a photo and special message will bring a smile to each child's face. **Above right:** Gamma Gay, first grade teacher from our Masson Elementary School, helps a student write a thank you note for her shoebox gift.



# A MIDLIFE CRISIS

While walking towards customs at the Miami International Airport, I thought how this trip to Haiti was very productive. Construction was underway on several summer projects, and I was hopeful all would go well. The buildings were being constructed and led by a team comprised of all Haitians. It was positive growth to help build a stronger infrastructure for us to better serve the Haitians. Haiti has its own problems, but so did the land I just returned to.

It's bittersweet to travel between both countries (worlds). Then I encountered the immigration agent. He scanned my passport, asked me where I was flying from. I responded, "Haiti." He then shocked me with the question, "Is there any hope?" I was tired from waking up at 3:00 a.m. and did not have the best answer on the tip of my tongue. I said, "Is there any hope HERE?" I was feeling the joy of knowing Haiti was on track—progressing toward a better future. But, coming back to the USA reminded me of other problems.

Sometimes stress can be difficult, but it's natural. It happens when we are stuck between doing two things at once; being pulled in two different directions. For me, it's getting older and staying young. Or leaving Haiti and re-entering the United States. Where have you come from? Where are you going? Change is constant and with that comes stress - pressure - tension.

Turning 40 is not a big deal to most, but I'm driving fast toward that milestone and learning the map is not in my hands. So far this year I have traveled to Haiti each month through June. In July I traveled for some speaking engagements in the U.S. When August arrived, I found myself only one month away from turning 40. The stress seemed to pour out like a thunderstorm. I simply could not shake it.

I wonder what stress Joseph felt when he was in prison? What did Jonah feel being stuck in a whale? Did Moses come down from the mountain and shake his head wondering, "Am I ready for this?" In recent events, I wonder how the police force in Aurora, Colorado felt when the call came in for the theater shooting. Each of these were turning points or what I'm lately calling "transitions." I'm in transition, and the stress can be a pressure I fight or a pressure I choose to embrace. Daily we transition from what we know into what we don't know. Managing that tension is a requirement for continued growth.

One night Joseph went to sleep in a prison. The next night he went to sleep in a palace. Jonah was in the belly of a whale, then was spit up on shore to do God's work. Moses only had a stick in his hand at one moment and the next he was using it to part waters. God can take us and move us from a valley to a mountain. However, we should never neglect the lessons learned when we are down. Often, it's in those moments God is whispering to us—trust Me.

This prayer has become my turning 40 prayer: God, I'm not in control. Well, You knew that already... but I needed to confess it. I want to be free from the stress of holding on to what is not mine. May my tomorrow be better than my yesterday and if it comes with a problem, I'll know You are already there to walk me through the journey. Thank You for already being in my future and preparing for my arrival. I'm trusting You more and more each day.

*"O Sovereign Lord," I said, "I can't speak for you! I'm too young!" "Don't say that," the Lord replied, "for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. And don't be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and take care of you. I, the Lord, have spoken!" Then the Lord touched my mouth and said, "See, I have put My words in your mouth!"*  
Jeremiah 1:6-9 ~Timothy DeTellis

Are you having a crisis? It's not a surprise to God. He is already waiting. Reach out to God—He is with you for life! I'm holding on to God.

Serving together,



Timothy DeTellis  
timothy@newmissions.org

*P. S. Do not regret growing older.  
It is a privilege denied to many.*



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





# NEW MISSIONS

Change the life of a child

## ENCOURAGE A CHILD

It's a joy to give, and our giving returns to us as a blessing. A gift is something you receive that you have neither worked for nor earned. New Missions loves the Christmas Shoebox project because it provides a gift to a Haitian or Dominican student—children who have little, and most certainly are in need of a gift.

What gift would a child living in poverty desire from you? First, they desire your love—expressed with a few words of encouragement from you and God's Word. They also love seeing a photo of you to visualize who sent this lovely gift to them. Inspiration is needed for them to continue growing strong in mind, body and spirit.

Along with expressing your love, there are many practical items that would surprise and bless them: their own flashlight (with batteries), jump ropes, a small ball, a new pair of flip-flops, comb, brush, hair accessories or perhaps a special bar of facial soap. They also love pens, French/English or Spanish/English dictionaries, calculators, a new



toothbrush, toothpaste, baseball caps, and even umbrellas and rain ponchos.

All of the above items are luxuries for people who live a life of survival. Your love and a few of the suggested gifts inside of a shoebox, will bless these children more than you will ever know. We give because Christmas is about the Greatest Giver, and we desire to be like our Heavenly Father. ~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



**Top:** Your Christmas shoebox gift will be a blessing to the children of New Missions, and will also help us reach more children in areas we are not yet serving. **Bottom left:** Will you help us reach our goal of collecting 20,000 shoebox gifts? Submit your goal at [www.ShoeboxDrive.com](http://www.ShoeboxDrive.com) and let's impact children and families in both Haiti and the Dominican Republic. **Bottom right:** When you send your shoebox, your gift blesses the child and has a ripple effect to the entire family—such as Wilbelis, her mom and younger sister.



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Pray for Nurses:** Marie Chantal, the director of our medical clinic, cares for Richardson during a visit he made to our clinic in Bire. Marie Chantal oversees a team of 31 nurses who serve at each of our schools in Haiti. Please remember our nurses in your prayers as they share God's healing touch during urgent times of need. They care for our school students and the village community on a daily basis—loving and nurturing each and every one of them.



**School Uniforms:** Our school children have security in knowing their school uniform represents hope and the opportunity for an education. Each student receives enough material to make a brand new uniform each year. In their village, a seamstress finds employment through sewing new uniforms. The school uniform clothes our kids for success—with a knowledge that a better life is their tomorrow.



**Teacher Shoeboxes:** Teachers of New Missions are on the front row of changing lives—giving hope a face. Our teachers are role models, and their Christian values represent God's love to their students. There's still time to bless a teacher with a special shoebox gift. Visit [BlessATeacher.com](http://BlessATeacher.com) and learn how you can participate. Please include a special note of encouragement when you pack your box.



**Bombita Students Say Thank You:** Just a year ago, children of all ages prayed and asked God to provide the funds for their new school in Bombita, Dominican Republic. For the past seven years these children had attended school in a tent. With the love and generosity of our donors we were able to build the Christian School of Bombita—completely funded! *“For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:12*







## ENTERPRISE LEADERS

Knowing where our alumni (Enterprise Leaders) are today is very motivating to our current students. Surveys are taking place to learn more about their active employment. In addition, we are learning who can be mentors to present students seeking to enter specific fields of practice.

Enterprise leaders...what's their potential? Only God knows. We just do our best to encourage passion and ignite their potential through education. The stories I'm hearing from our graduates are inspiring. Below are a few highlights from some graduates of New Missions in Haiti. They are so encouraging to me, and I hope they bless you as well.

Theot Micholet from TiBrache has a small store in his community. Ernsó Calixte from Bire became a plumber—and now he's helping build a new Haiti. Daniel Bertrand, also from Bire, is a technician of ironworks and owns his own shop. He actually made the iron gate at New Missions. Matude Jacques from Concrab has her own restaurant in Leogane, where she gladly shares her favorite recipes.

Thank you for your endless prayers and support for the students of New Missions. We must never give up on preparing this next generation to reach their God-given potential.

~Timothy DeTellis



**Top:** Thank you Richard & Jayne Plotner for sponsoring Daniel Bertrand when he attended school at New Missions. He is part of your legacy.  
**Above left:** Thank you John Piazza! You and your wife Sylvia have helped change the life of Ernsó Calixte in Haiti.  
**Above middle:** Your support has given hope that leads to change. Thank you Bill Bickford for investing in the life of Matude Jacques.  
**Above right:** Without your sponsorship this life change would not be possible. Thank you John Murray for believing in Theot Micholet.

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# CALLING, FOLLOWING, MOVEMENT

Nehemiah was a man with a calling to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. But soon his calling spread and he had followers who joined his cause and there was a movement of people called to fulfill God's mission.

**Calling** — On January 6, 2013 we will celebrate thirty years of ministry in Haiti. My first trip to Haiti was December 26, 1979—I was just eighteen years old. As a teenager it was a life changing experience. For the first time I was out of America visiting a third world country. When I returned I saw who we were as Americans from the outside coming in. In many ways the bubble of pop culture was popped. America is a land of opportunity for those with the passion to pursue a goal. At the time, my father was the pastor of a small inner city church at 135 Belmont Street in Worcester, Massachusetts. My family was living inside this church in a makeshift apartment on the second floor. We lived in our church for five years. We were poor but didn't know it. However, we were rich in other ways. We were living a life of purpose. Everything we did was focused on church and ministry. Do you have a calling? Are you called to a people, a place, or a purpose? My father had a calling on his life. When a man has a true calling, soon he will have followers.

**Following** — In March of 1982 I went back to Haiti with my father to purchase five acres of land on the ocean where we would start a mission. I was just twenty years old. Our following was growing. Traveling with us was a young couple who would be some of our first missionaries in Haiti. We were all volunteers. Not only were we volunteers, but we contributed whatever we had for the work of the mission. The summer of 1982 back at our church

in Worcester, we were busy storing up supplies and preparing for the day that we would start a mission in Haiti. In August of 1982, I moved to Miami, Florida to attend Florida International University. I chose Miami so I could help facilitate shipping and teams going to Haiti. My brother Charlie was just eighteen years old and he asked Dad if he could go to Haiti to be one of the missionaries. I remember when Charlie and John Vrooman used our first truck to tow a boat from Worcester to Miami, before shipping both to Haiti. It was a 1972 Dodge pick-up truck we purchased for five hundred dollars. We were on a mission for God. We were doing a great work. We had a calling, and a purpose; we were part of something greater than ourselves.

**Movement** — On January 6, 1983 we started our mission in Haiti with five tents and a team of pioneer missionaries. As our following grew, people from around the world began to join us. Missionaries and teams of Christians came from churches everywhere. Today in Haiti we have a movement of Christians who were born and raised in New Missions' churches and schools. There is a movement of churches and schools all across the Leogane Plain of Haiti. What started as a calling by one man has grown to become a movement of 30 churches and schools. There are missionaries working in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, and Haitian and Dominican Christians around the world who had their start at New Missions. It's a joy to be a part of God's mission. We are all called, we are all followers of Christ, and we are all part of God's great movement to go into all the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

~George DeTellis, Jr.

**I AM DOING A GREAT WORK  
AND I CANNOT COME DOWN.  
— NEHEMIAH 6:3**

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. Colossians 3:23*



George DeTellis, Jr.

*P.S. There is nothing in the world which helps us surmount our difficulties, survive our disasters, keep us healthy and happy, as the knowledge that we've made a difference for eternity.*







## STILL BUILDING A NEW HAITI

It takes time and it takes commitment, but without a long-term vision there is no long-term solution. Haiti has been home for New Missions since 1983. The historic earthquake was devastating; lives lost and communities torn apart. A country that was already the poorest in our hemisphere has been declared the poorest country in the world by the World Bank.

At New Missions, we see a Haiti of hope and great wealth. The wealth is in the spiritual strength—the establishment of churches standing as moral anchors in villages where Voodoo is still practiced. I was talking with a Haitian business owner and he told me the churches of New Missions are like police stations. They keep the crime and activities of violence away. He's correct—Jesus is still the answer for the world. Without Him, there is no hope.

Road improvements are taking place on the three-mile dirt road that leads to



New Missions. This makes it possible for continued progress. Deliveries arrive throughout the week including food, school supplies, and construction materials. The High School chapel is near completion which also serves as the Signeau church. This building was damaged beyond repair in the earthquake. Now, a stronger and better building stands in its place. This is a testimony of God's steadfast anchor of hope for Haiti. Since 1983, we have said: "Haiti: Hope in God." Today, we still stand on His truth to change a nation.

~Timothy DeTellis



**Top:** On Tuesday, October 16, students representing a new generation of Christian leaders in Haiti gathered for the dedication service at the High School chapel. **Bottom left:** Final preparation for the roofing installation on the High School chapel and Signeau church is a sign of progress for building a new Haiti. **Bottom right:** The new High School chapel, which also serves as the Signeau church in Haiti, is complete thanks to the generosity of the Assembly of God in Italy.



# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Food Delivery:** More than just a hot lunch at school, this meal provides nourishment for their bodies to become strong, and enables their minds to grow. Our school children at New Missions in Haiti look forward to their meal each day at school because it represents a bridge to learning. Without healthy bodies, learning is impossible. We go through 60 tons of rice each month to feed our school children. That's 200,000 meals monthly!



**We Love School:** Eager to learn, the children of New Missions are thankful for their classroom and teachers. Subjects from Bible, mathematics, geography, literature, social studies, history, French, English, and science help shape their minds forever. Our teachers are Christians, and Bible class is a favorite of our students. Chapel services are hosted for weekly encouragement and worship time together.



**Enterprise Leaders:** Village by village surrounding New Missions has local seamstresses who custom make school uniforms for our students. This function brings jobs to dozens of local enterprise leaders as this is an ongoing process throughout the year. The pink and grey uniforms are for the high school students; the yellow checked shirts and khaki pants are for our elementary students.



**Concrab Church:** The construction of our new church in Concrab is making great progress. The roof should be going up very soon. The Concrab church serves a farming and fishing community. The youth in this church are very active with evangelism efforts and weekly prayer meetings. This church building is projected to be complete by the end of October 2012.







## CHURCHES SHAPING A NATION

Let's build a church—one, two or maybe three. The next church on our construction list is in Neply. This was our very first church at New Missions, established in 1983. The church was originally located in Bord-Mer. We have a new location of land in Neply where this will be built. The foundation layout will begin early November, and will be completed before our 30th anniversary celebration in January.

Following the construction of the church in Neply will be the Lassale church. It is also the second church that was established by New Missions in 1984. It is now an anchor of hope in the community. This new church has 80% of its construction budget funded.

Then, we will build the church in Bire. We have a pledge of \$10,000, but we need to raise \$55,000 more before work can begin. Completion of each project will be determined once they are fully funded.

Why these church locations? We are rebuilding the original 10 churches that New Missions established during our first decade in Haiti, as they need significant repairs. It's critical to build better and stronger for the next generation of Haitians. Your year-end gift will help us continue building these and other churches. ~Timothy DeTellis

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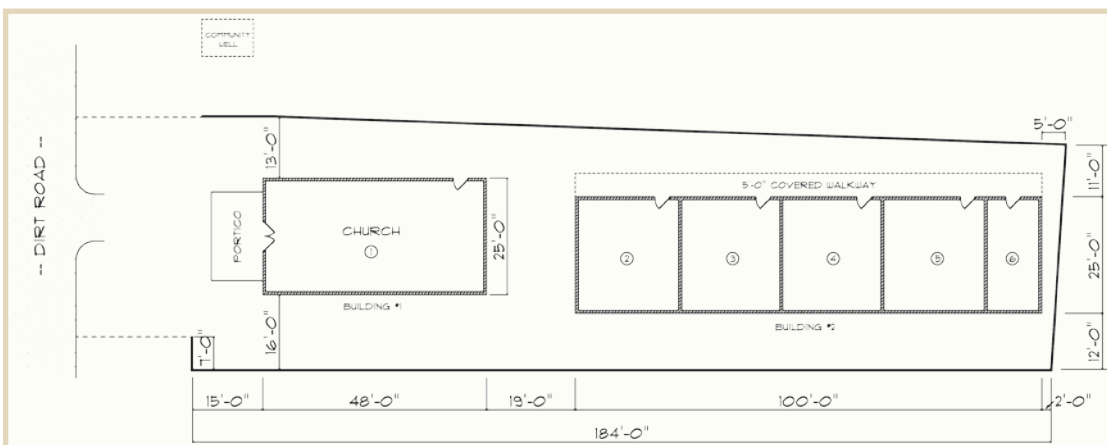
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**Top left:** The local church is the greatest force of good around the globe—the message is loud and clear: Hope in God.

**Bottom:** The Lassale church will be rebuilt in 2013 and your year-end gift to Church and School Construction will help make additional construction possible.



# HOW'S YOUR RACE GOING?

Are you a runner?

I once bought a pair of running shoes at the Track Shack in Orlando, but the running shoes did not make me a runner. I don't like to run and never have. I want to be the turtle in the story of the Tortoise and the Hare. I like the keep on keeping on, calm walking method of being in the race. But I am running the race of life, keeping my eyes on Jesus, focused on finishing the race of life—lifting my arms up high in victory as I cross over the finish line.

I have great respect for runners. I see people sweating and their bodies in agony, but they persevere and endure. The Bible says we are to run with patience and endurance. *“And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.” Hebrews 12:1-2*

Those are good instructions, but I find that in my race of life, as soon as things become uncomfortable, I am not scoring very well on my race in life. My flesh begins a war with my spirit, and I often fail to trust God, to keep my eyes on Him, believe Him, and show my faith by resting in Him.

Life's race has a lot of mountains and potholes. Just as Barnabas was an encourager to the Apostle Paul, there are encouragers along the way. The disciples in Jerusalem did not want to see or accept Paul as one of them. They knew his history, and his threats to Christians. But, with his conversion story, Paul wanted to join forces with the disciples. Are we like Barnabas? The Bible tells us that we have a whole host of witnesses cheering us on. The race is not just about me or you—we are all in this race together.

**“AND LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US...”**

Remember the story of Derek Redmond, an Olympic runner? His story is not one that comes to mind when you think of winning gold medals. But, Derek's story defines the essence of perseverance. Just moments before running the 400 at the '88 Olympics, he had an injury to his Achilles tendon. He was heartbroken—wondering if he'd ever run again. Four years, and numerous surgeries later, Derek had the finish line in site when he fell to the ground after feeling his hamstring pop. His father, who was in the stands, broke through security to be at his son's side. With tears streaming down his face, and the assistance of his father, Derek crossed the finish line. He may not have won the race, but he finished!

We're Christians—we help each other in the race of life. No bragging like the rabbit, but a faithful race of walking step after step. The words of my Italian maternal grandmother are still heard, “Keepa-go. Keepa-go. Keepa-go.” And remember we are following Someone who finished the race. He ran the race in great love for us as He hung on the cross and spoke the words, “It is finished.”

Jesus lived His life on earth helping and encouraging others, healing the sick, teaching and blessing the children. He endured with patience the cross set before Him. That's our focus. Jesus did it, and He will meet us at the finish line.

You don't need a pair of running shoes to run to win the race. It's saying yes to Jesus that puts you in the race, and the Holy Spirit who keeps you enduring with patience—not quitting but exhilarated with eyes lifted to the prize ahead as we run together for our eternal destination—crossing the finish line. Run...run...run! ~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

I am praying you will feel the wind of the Holy Spirit come alongside of you to lift you up, as you continue running your marathon of life. Stay focused on Jesus—with patience and endurance. Be determined to cross the finish line with your arms raised high in victory. Remember, Isaiah 40:31 says, *“But they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”*

Sincerely,



Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

*P. S. Throw off the weights that are keeping you from an excellent run—casting every care upon Him.*



Dennis and Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor





# NEW MISSIONS

Change the life of a child

## SHOEBOXES UP CLOSE

Down the path of a Haitian village, in the middle of the mountains, lives a young girl named Wilnese Sanon. Her home is not close to a New Missions school; Wilnese walks approximately 90 minutes just to reach school. She lives in the village of Lavache, and attends our 27th elementary school—established in the Belloc mountain region above the Leogane Plain.

Half of the children in Haiti have never attended school. For Wilnese, she is very fortunate and she knows it. At the age of nine, this is her first year in school—ever! On this school day, a surprise awaits her. Wilnese will receive her very first Christmas gift! Prior to the shoeboxes being distributed, the story of Jesus being the greatest gift we could ever receive was shared with the students in her class. To accept Him, we simply need to ask Him to be our Savior, and to forgive us for our sins.

Up close, the love of Jesus was beginning to pour out into the hearts and lives of each child in Wilnese's classroom. The shoebox gifts were not the center of attention—it was the joy of the Lord touching lives. Joy to the world, the Lord



has come! How? Through the greatest gift from God the Father—giving us His Son. And also through the gifts, love and prayers of our generous supporters. What a blessing it is to know you're providing these beautiful children with an education, a hot cooked meal, healthcare and now a Christmas gift. For Wilnese, her life will never be the same because the love of Jesus is not just a statement—but an action that will remain steadfast in her life through the ministry of New Missions.

~Timothy DeTellis



**Top:** Wilnese Sanon from Lavache, Haiti is attending school for the first time ever at the age of nine. **Bottom left:** Each shoebox will go to bless an entire family with gifts and essentials like toothpaste, soap, and school supplies. **Bottom right:** Along with the gifts you choose for your shoebox, please pray for the specific child who will receive your gift—as prayers are a true blessing to each child.



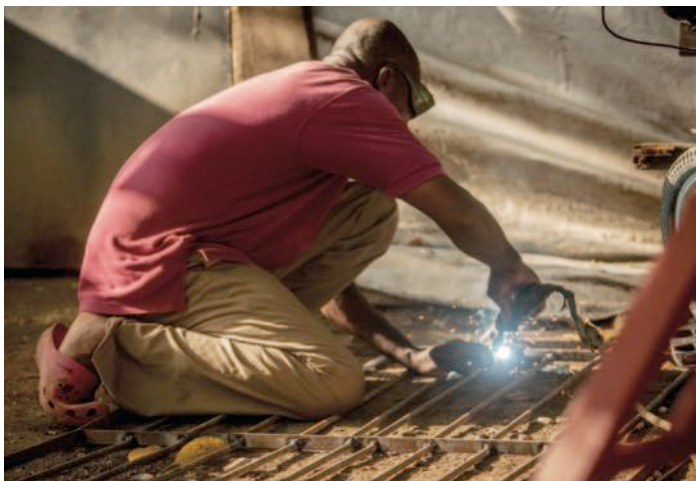
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**Professional Trade School:** Haitians are building a new Haiti. They are the real heroes. One of them is Luc Bertrand, a graduate of New Missions, and now the professor of welding at our professional trade school. He attended our first church and school in Bord-Mer, began a relationship with Jesus, learned a trade upon graduation, and now has his own welding business. Luc made the iron gate for New Missions in Bord-Mer and continues to be a role model to others.

**27th Elementary School:** In Haiti, we have established our 27th elementary school in the Belloc region of the mountains above the Leogane Plain. We are thankful to reach beyond Leogane and serve children who represent remote and removed areas of Haiti. Transforming lives begins with the Gospel, food, medical care and then an environment to grow. The Christian teachers serving in Belloc are the advocates of hope in each classroom.

**Ti-Boucan Church:** From our Ti-Boucan Church you can view a perfect sunset. Here is an opportunity to worship in the mountains and still see the ocean! God made Haiti naturally beautiful, and our churches continue to be the cornerstone of hope in communities where darkness wants to dominate. Thankfully, we know the Light overcomes darkness. This new building replaces a church that was totally destroyed from the earthquake.

**30th Anniversary of New Missions:** January 6, 2013, will mark the 30th anniversary of the day Pastor George and Jeanne DeTellis arrived in Haiti to begin New Missions. They came with nothing but tents, and those humble beginnings welcomed a new day for many generations to come. With 30 churches and schools in Haiti and the Dominican Republic combined, we believe the solid foundation established 30 years ago is stronger than ever. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support to help change lives for eternity.







## A CHURCH CHANGED HISTORY

From the first time I went to Concrab, I knew the spiritual darkness was greater than anything I had experienced before. We were told the Leogane Plain had more Voodoo practice happening than in any other part of Haiti. Concrab was not an exception. There was no church—only a Voodoo temple in the village. History was about to change for Concrab, but it was not going to happen overnight.

The adults in the village had traditions they passed down through the generations. Even though they may think well of God and Jesus, a personal relationship was not on their agenda. One day, as I was visiting Concrab due to the death of a fisherman, a Voodoo priest was doing a ceremony over his deceased body. It was a dark moment that I will never forget. I wanted so badly to see people rejoicing over a life passing to eternity in heaven. Once someone finds God they find life.

Thankfully, the evangelism efforts of New Missions in the village of Concrab were steadfast—and hut by hut the Gospel was introduced. Today, a thriving church is changing history in Concrab. In November they dedicated their new church building welcoming a future of new growth.

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**Top:** The original Concrab church was destroyed in the earthquake. This temporary small church meeting room is now replaced with a lovely new building. **Above left:** The foundation is the most important part of the construction process. **Above middle:** Building a new Haiti is taking place, with construction teams comprised completely of Haitians. Haitian leadership gives a greater hope to new generations. **Above right:** The open air structure provides access to the ocean breeze in Concrab, while keeping people safe if caught in another earthquake.



# THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

God is here in this fallen world. He is everywhere. He is the creator of this world and the Holy Spirit dwells within believers. It was tragic to watch the damage done by Hurricane Sandy. The people of New York and New Jersey have suffered a devastating loss. I wish I could have been able to assist them. The people of Haiti live daily in a similar desperate state. I can relate to the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Our mission in Haiti has suffered and lost much throughout the years from hurricanes and from the earthquake in 2010. Hurricane Georges in 1998 flooded our main compound with two feet of water and mud; it took a long time to recover. It will also be quite some time before the North East recovers from Hurricane Sandy. Naturally, we want to preserve our lives and property. I am writing this article while visiting New England—looking at a mountain and watching storm clouds from Hurricane Sandy as they roll by. God speaks to us through our struggles. We must remember to praise God even while going through the storms of life. Allow God to be the strength of your life—as so eloquently penned in Psalm 121:1-2. *“I will lift up my eyes to the hills; from where shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.”*

We need to constantly surrender our lives to God and trust Him. The older I get I notice how we have different needs throughout life and how we need to continue to trust God. Every stage of life has its challenges, including teenagers. They are full of vigor, and have high expectations and excitement—thinking

what they may achieve during their life. Whatever our needs are, we need to surrender everything to God. God can match your needs with His great love. We see God touching some of the neediest people in the Bible: He touched the demon possessed man by ordering the demons to be cast into the pigs; He touched the prostitute and those with leprosy—whom others would not touch. Our God is a God of power and love; we need to believe He will answer our prayers. *“Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him securely on high, because he has known My name. He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With a long life I will satisfy him, and let him see My salvation.” Psalm 91:14-16*

Last month in Haiti we opened a new elementary school. Seeing the children in school and church means everything.

These children received Christmas shoeboxes sent by our generous donors. Often, it is the very first time the students have ever received a gift of this kind. The shoeboxes exceed the expectation of not only the children, but of their families, as well. I applaud everyone who packs and sends these gifts from the United States, Canada, and all around the world! God has promised to wipe away every tear. Yes, God will exceed all of our expectations! *“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love Him.” 2 Corinthians 2:9*

~Charlie DeTellis

**RECEIVE THE BEST GIFT  
THAT'S EVER BEEN GIVEN TO  
THE WORLD—OUR LORD  
AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.**

We need to surrender our lives to the Lord Jesus. This is true for me. He wants to become the strength in our lives. God wants to reveal His power and love in your life. He will answer your prayers and give you the desires of your heart. There is only one Gospel and one Christ. We need to deny ourselves and follow Christ.

Sincerely,

*Charlie DeTellis*

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*P. S. - Enjoy and share in this Christmas season. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.” Luke 2:14*

