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CELEBRATING 33 YEARS IN HAITI

In March of 1982, we purchased five acres along the ocean in Haiti for about \$7,000. On Jan. 6, 1983 we arrived in Haiti with five tents, a Coleman stove, a wheelbarrow, and as much luggage as American Airlines would allow us to take on the plane. The first night, we pitched our tents and started a campfire. Hundreds of Haitians from the nearby village of Neply came streaming out to meet these Americans. Many had never met an American, or had seen a tent before. That first week we started a feeding program inviting mothers to bring their children to our property for lunch each day.

Our mission was to change the nation of Haiti by preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ! In the past 33 years, tens of thousands of children have attended our schools. In the mountains, coastal fishing villages, and the sugarcane plains of Leogane, a new generation of believers is being trained to be the future leaders of Haiti. Thirty-three years ago, a young orphan boy began attending our school. Today, Jonas Bertrand is an attorney and the deputy mayor of the city of Leogane. The Gospel gives life; it transforms and empowers the believer to fulfill their destiny. Let's believe God for the work He wants to do through us. ~George DeTellis, Jr.



Jeanne DeTellis camped out in tents during the pioneering days of New Missions while they built their first building.



Middle: On January 9, 1983, our first Sunday in Haiti, Pastor George DeTellis planted a church. A banner was tied between two coconut trees which read, "Haiti, Hope in God." **Bottom left:** Our first church and school was built in Bord-Mer, Haiti, and served a coastal fishing community and village of Neply. **Bottom right:** Jonas Bertrand, a graduate of New Missions, now serves as the deputy mayor of Leogane, Haiti.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Church Dedication: Five years ago we grew beyond Leogane to the mountain region of Tom Gateau. This year, we built our third church up in the mountains. With a “standing room only” chapel service hosted by our school and church, songs of praise were raised to God for His faithful provision for this new church. To God be the glory! Please continue to pray for us as we are trusting God for provision to build four churches in Haiti and one in the Dominican Republic during 2016.

Accepting Jesus: More than anything else, what is the hope and prayer you have for your own child? For us, it is for each child of New Missions to find a personal relationship with Jesus. We are preaching the Gospel through our churches and schools. With her teacher by her side, and Pastor Joseph Elifete praying along with her classmates, Roseline Ulysse, from our Ti-Boucan school, prayed to make Jesus Lord of her life. Please join us in prayer for our students to know and love Jesus.

DR Youth Conference: The youth at our church in Playa Chiquita worked under the direction and vision of the youth director, Jan Carlos Silverio, to organize a one-day retreat titled, *Impact*. The retreat started with a time of prayer, praise and worship, before breaking into groups to focus on the impact Christ has in our lives. The ladies of the church prepared a delicious lunch for everyone. Praise the Lord...four people accepted Christ that day! It was a wonderful time of fellowship, teaching, and worship. Everyone left excited for the next retreat!

Chapel Worship: Singing and music is a wonderful part of the chapel services led by our high school students. Scripture tells us to serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! You can imagine the energy and passion these students bring to this special time of worshipping together. Nagela Rosclair, a student at our high school in Haiti, led worship with all her heart. Psalm 28:7 reads, *“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.”*





THE BLESSING OF CHILD SPONSORSHIP

In the comfort and security of your own neighborhood, church and home, you speak out for children waiting for the important touch of a human being saying, "I care. I know. I want to help you. I will pray for you and believe God for your today and your future." It all happens through child sponsorship.

Meet Esmeralda. She is from one of our poorest villages, and is sponsored by Ruth Ann Williams. Ruth's daughter, Heather, is a missionary in the area, and took her mother's sponsored child (Esmeralda) on a Christmas shopping spree. Although in great need herself, Esmeralda instead bought gifts for her family, including food. She did not have to think about herself, because of the security and love she has from her sponsored family. That is some extravagant, impacting love. The eyes of God are closely watching over Esmeralda. God has a plan to use your eyes, too—to watch over a child.

The blessing is yours when you experience the joy of knowing you are making a difference for a lifetime through sponsoring a child.

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



Top: Because of child sponsorship, Esmeralda is escaping a life of poverty and despair. **Bottom left:** Heather Williams, our field manager in the DR, enjoyed time with Esmeralda, who is sponsored by Heather's mother. **Bottom middle:** Jeanne and Dennis O'Connor attend church events advocating for children in our schools. **Bottom right:** Join our team of volunteer advocates and help find sponsors for the children of New Missions. Email: molly@newmissions.org

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GOD'S HARVEST

When looking for guidance in life, I often turn to The Lord's Prayer...my daily bread...Thy will be done... The Lord knows best, and often I'm asking Him to close or open doors—helping me stay on the right path.

When I'm on the road for the mission, visiting churches and attending events, I can often be caught up in the middle of wondering if I am working hard enough. Is there more I should be doing? Is there something I'm not doing that I should be doing?

Two days before my trip out of town, I received a text from a friend who asked if I would have some free time to meet-up while I was in his area that weekend. My travels had me overnight for Saturday and Sunday, flying back home on Monday. I responded, "Yes. I land Saturday afternoon and I have Saturday evening free." He mentioned I could come over for dinner sometime after 6:00 p.m.

On Friday afternoon before I was leaving for the trip, I sat down with our office manger and she asked me how I thought the next few months would be for funding at New Missions. My response was that my calendar seems solid, but we have to trust God to provide. I often recall my father telling me how the Lord of the Harvest brings the reward for our labor. We do not labor in vain. We may do the physical, but God does the supernatural and we must trust Him for the accomplishment of our work.

When I landed and picked up my rental car, I put the hotel address in my phone and calculated the time it would take me to check into the hotel, freshen up a

little, and take a short 15-minute nap to recharge after commuting that day. Before my alarm woke me up, I popped out of the bed and had this urging thought: Go get a pie. I felt I could not go to dinner without bringing a pie.

Just down the street from the hotel was a Cracker Barrel so I picked up an apple strudel pie and rang the doorbell of my friend's home at 6:15 p.m. for dinner. He and his wife greeted me and she said, "Thanks for bringing the pie, we did not have dessert planned."

We enjoyed homemade lasagna for dinner, a delicious salad, garlic bread, and of course, apple strudel pie for dessert. They found some vanilla ice cream in the freezer and we had a blast together. From 6:15 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. we talked and shared life stories.

Just before I left, I was sitting in their living room and my friend said, "I want to give you a check to help with the mission." He stood up, walked away to get his checkbook. When he came back, he handed me a check and I thanked him and his wife, but I did not open the check. I just held it, folded, on top of my cell phone.

When I finally got in the car, I opened the check and I burst into tears of joy. God provides. I did not make an ask. I did not make a pitch. I was not there thinking the dinner was about meeting with a donor for money. God was at work, and I was just delivering a pie. Where is God taking you today? Look to see Him at work. Welcome the Lord of the Harvest to provide.

~Tim DeTellis

WELCOME THE LORD
OF THE HARVEST
TO PROVIDE.

"Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:38) Today, will you accept the calling to be a laborer of God's mission in your life? Not the mission of your life plan, but of God's plan for your life. Too often we design what we want, when God has a better plan and we must surrender and pray, "Thy will be done."

Serving together,

Tim DeTellis
timothy@newmissions.org

P. S. We are looking for volunteer advocates to host New Missions Sundays at their churches to help find sponsors for children. If you are able to help please contact molly@newmissions.org.

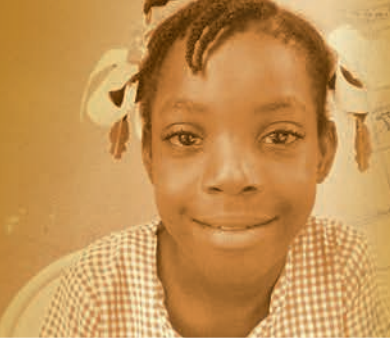


Tim and Sheryl DeTellis in Haiti visiting with their sponsored triplets, Manouchea, Mackendy and Magdala.



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LIFE'S JOURNEY

Each year writes its own story. Though I don't know what your journey was in 2015, mine was full of both joy and sorrow.

At the beginning of 2015, I was in the Dominican Republic with my beloved husband Dennis (1940-2015). We walked on land in Los Castillos with the dream of another church and school in the Dominican Republic. And at the end of 2015, Dennis' body finished the fight against mesothelioma lung cancer, and he started his eternal life in heaven. I still cannot imagine life without this loving and caring man with a servant's heart. Oh, how Dennis lived and loved missions. He was excited about each update: the decision to purchase new land, the surveying, the miracle of financial provision, and then receiving the construction plans.

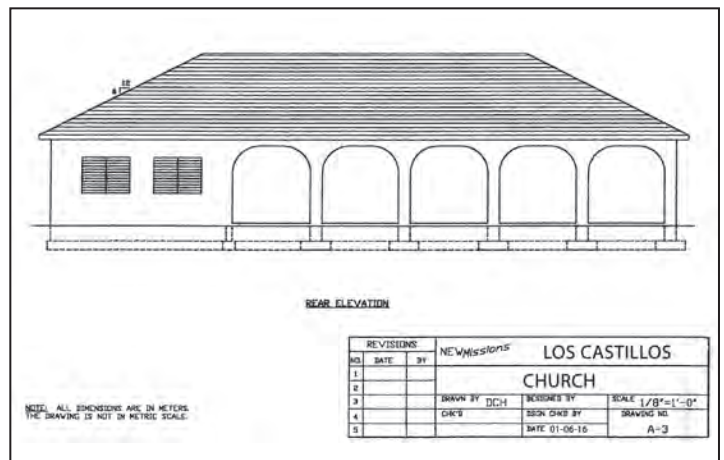
Construction will begin early in 2016. I hope to have a park bench—a resting place—with a colorful garden full of flowers in honor and remembrance of Dennis. You can help us begin construction. As the Lord leads your heart to give, we invite you to partner with us in this new project.

Thank you for standing with us in faith and love on this journey together...until we see Jesus.

Love, Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



Jeanne and Wildania Liriano, from our Bombita school, are thankful for God's life-changing love.



Middle: The land in Los Castillos is ready for a new church and school this year.

Bottom left: The school we are building in Los Castillos will be of the same design as our high school facility in Mulata.

Bottom right: The artist's rendition for the new church in Los Castillos is similar to the church we built last year in Playa Laguna.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Revival Meetings: Proclaiming the good news of Jesus across Haiti takes many forms. We use education as a tool to teach Bible classes at our schools. In our medical clinics, help and hope is delivered with the love of Jesus. Through our churches, evangelism efforts are made from village to village and hut to hut—as believers from our churches visit others in their communities. Recently, our church in Signeau, Haiti, hosted a week-long nightly revival service, and pastors from our churches spoke each evening. The church was overflowing with people.

More Fifth Birthdays: During 2016, we are thankful to report that 711 of our students will celebrate their 5th birthdays! We continue to serve children under five (who are at risk) with proper medical care, food, and an early education, and rejoice as they reach this milestone of development. Together, we are changing lives, because each child matters to God. 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) Today, please remember the children of New Missions in your prayers.

Cargo Containers: Our goal during our 2015 Christmas Shoebox Drive was for each student to receive a shoebox gift, then the additional shoeboxes will be distributed through our Haitian churches for outreach ministry. Thank you to our child sponsors, church partners, and individuals who collected and packed shoebox gifts. They come to us from all across the country and are then cased and packed on cargo containers for shipment to Haiti. Please save the date for our 2016 Christmas Shoebox Drive: Oct. 1 through Dec. 31. We rejoice in this process of blessing the children of New Missions and their families.

Come to New Missions: When it comes to mission trips, it’s our goal to make disciples. As we equip nationals to continue serving in their homeland, we also give those on a mission trip an opportunity to experience the third-world, and gain a new perspective of seeing God at work. We are accomplishing our mission through Haitians and Dominicans serving those in their communities. When our teams come alongside them, passion in the local churches comes alive as people serve together. If you’re interested in visiting New Missions in Haiti or the Dominican Republic, email info@newmissions.org.





CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

On a Saturday morning at about 9:00 a.m., a small group of people from a local church arrived at our office and spent three hours serving together at New Missions in Orlando. These are the people behind the scenes making New Missions better.

From sorting shoebox gifts into cases for shipment to Haiti, to assembling letters from sponsors to their children, our volunteers help the mission run and we are so thankful. One group said their favorite project was sending updated child photos to sponsors. As they looked at each photo, they saw the faces of kids being loved and cared for by their sponsor family.

When we look at the life of Jesus, we see a servant; one who came to give life—to help others by walking alongside them in their times of need. He went to those who were hurting to bring them hope. Our volunteers are living a life of significance, as they turn their love into action.

Together, we are celebrating our volunteers and thank God for their tireless efforts to serve the children and families of New Missions. Thank you!

~Tim DeTellis

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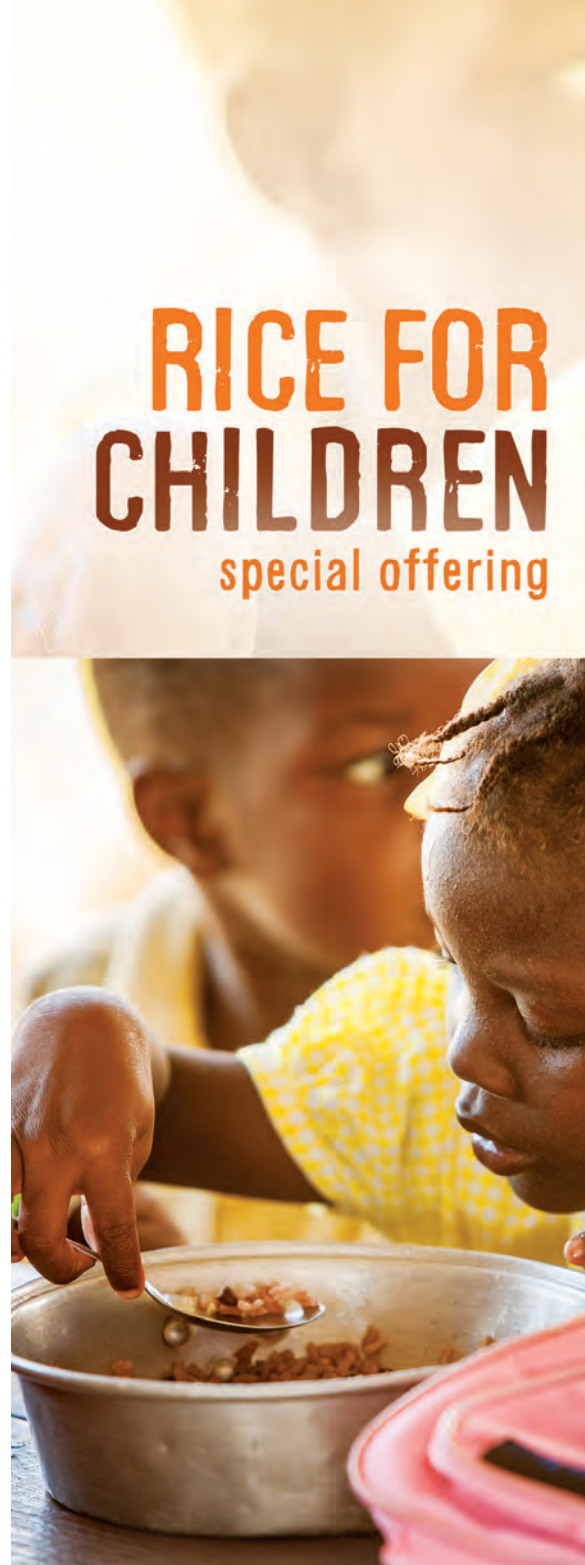
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Top: Volunteers from Summit Church in Orlando participate in monthly "Nice Serve" projects, and include New Missions.

Bottom left: Ms. Marlene serves frequently at our office in Orlando to help process letters being sent to children from their sponsor.

Bottom middle: CrossLife Church in Oviedo, Florida, sent volunteers to serve during our Christmas Shoebox Drive.

Bottom right: The Butler family from Texas was on vacation in Orlando, and spent a day helping process shoeboxes.

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AWAKENED LOVE

Love is essential to our lives. I think of my stepdad, Dennis O'Connor, who recently passed away. He loved life. His life was full of friends and family. Dennis and my mom communicated long distance before he took a trip to the D. R. to meet her. At the end of that week he proposed to my mother. Dennis was a man who knew what he wanted. He was a man of strong Christian faith. Dennis was passionate about photography and taking care of his home and gardens. He loved his dog Buddy (a Border Collie) and his horse named Annie. He found Buddy as a stray dog and rescued him. When Dennis stopped his pickup truck and whistled, the dog jumped into the front seat with him.

Yes, we can lose our loved ones. We see families separated and not speaking to one another. What if all that we loved was threatened or taken away from us? We would quickly have an awakened love for those people. We can easily take our loved ones and our faith in God for granted. Everyone has hopes and dreams. However, we must remain resolute with our devotion to our faith and family.

I am believing and trusting God for a good year in 2016. I want to be like a young 16-year-old kid—full of love and worry-free. I want to slow down my pace this year and have a greater impact in the lives of others—focusing upon what is noble and lovely and true. *“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever*

is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” (Philippians 4:8) I want to be a better steward of my time. A friend of mine once told me, “We all have 24 four hours in each day.” It’s up to us to decide how to use those hours.

Romans 8:39 tell us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. *“Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* God has a marvelous plan to restore mankind to Himself. We need to be faithful to God and seek after Him every day. God sought us; we need to also seek Him. We are to be soldiers of the cross, and should have our bodies and minds disciplined.

Dennis ran his race and he finished well. We each need to run our own race. Because of Christ, our death on this earth is not the end of our lives. We took Dennis home to rural Minnesota and we watched the casket being lowered and buried in the ground. It was a tiny cemetery on a little hill, and there was snow on the ground. But, that was Dennis’ earthly body. We need to keep our eyes upon the reward of heaven. Heaven is eternal, and there will be no more tears. In this life, there is no wholeness without God. We have two choices in this world: we can either choose to live the way the world lives, or follow after Christ. Jesus is the only way to inherit eternal life. ~Charlie DeTellis

**BE REMINDED OF YOUR
PRECIOUS FAITH AND
THE PEOPLE GOD HAS
PLACED IN YOUR LIFE.**

I enjoyed being with my family during the holidays. We had some friends over to the house on New Year’s Eve, and I read the Lord’s Prayer. I emphasized the part of how we are to forgive other people. We need to be like a good shepherd to our friends and family. Show up at their door with gifts in your hand and a smile on your face.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

Charlie DeTellis

P. S. God did not heal Dennis of his cancer, yet I still very much believe in God’s healing power. We need to seek God and put Him first in our lives.





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FEET OF JOY

For those of us who have visited Haiti, our eyes have quickly observed that most of the children are walking, working or playing barefooted. To get to school, many children find it necessary to walk a long distance. They, too, are walking in their bare feet.

Poverty teaches one to survive in many ways. When a child has a pair of shoes, they must last. None of us like to see our Haitian children barefooted. We know the conditions of the dirt roads—full of stones, dangerous trash, thorny pathways, roaming chickens and pigs, and the rains that spread the flow of human waste and bacteria onto the pathways. We do not want their bare feet traveling in these conditions.

Typically, our barefooted students will stop at the last stream of water or well to wash their feet, and then proudly don their footwear to enter school. For their health, we need to safely guard their feet with shoes. It is a blessing to provide something so desperately needed through the small act of giving a pair of sneakers to a child in Haiti.

The day they get to pick out a pair of sneakers—their choice, their color—to bring comfort to their feet, is another day they will sense God is providing for their every need.

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



Give the gift of style and comfort to a child at New Missions by donating a pair of sneakers.



Middle: Dr. Timothy Sloan and his wife, Dr. Sonya Sloan, from The Luke church in Humble, TX, visited our warehouse in Haiti.

Bottom left: Please join us in covering more feet by collecting sneakers for our students. Visit GiveSneakers.com for more information.

Bottom right: Our high school students enjoyed a day of selecting their new sneakers, as many of them walk or ride their bikes to school.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Inside the Classroom: Students at our Leogane-Guillaume Elementary School listen attentively during their math lesson. We thank God for our teachers who serve children each day. Our teachers are Christians and lead our students in Bible class and times of prayer each day. Weekly, each of our schools host chapel services. Education leads to empowerment for local employment. Most importantly, when Jesus is at the center of the life of a child, they are truly becoming a Christian leader—ready to make their country better.

Dominican Independence Day: Independence Day is celebrated on February 27th in the Dominican Republic. After years of being under Spanish, French and Haitian rule, the DR declared its independence from Haiti in 1844. Juan Pablo Duarte led their fight for freedom from oppression. At our schools in the Dominican Republic, our students spend the entire month of February practicing for a special celebration on Independence Day. The Dominican flag carries the words “God, Fatherland and Liberty.” We are teaching our school children to respect their country, culture and most importantly, God.

Cargo Containers: Thanks to your generosity, each and every one of our students in Haiti will receive a shoebox gift. Our third cargo container is on its way to Haiti. We have already shipped 13,909 shoeboxes for distribution to our students through our schools. Any additional shoeboxes we receive, beyond what is needed for our schools, are given to our churches for use during their mission trips around Haiti. Together, we are giving generously, because we steward what’s not ours. Please save the date: October 1 - December 31, 2016, for our shoebox drive this year.

Pastor Training: At New Missions, one of our core values is preaching the Gospel, because only God changes lives forever. Currently, New Missions has 28 churches established in Haiti. We are training, encouraging, and providing resources to an additional 40 New Missions network churches. Recently, Pastor Tim Anderson from Clements Baptist Church in Athens, Alabama, welcomed 115 pastors and their wives for two days of training. Please remember our pastors and their families in your prayers.





TEACHER TRAINING

On a Thursday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 p.m., our Concrab, Bire, Lassale, and Bord-Mer elementary school teachers and school directors came together for an educator seminar. I opened the seminar by teaching the history of New Missions, and shared how changing the life of a child is a spiritual work, not just a physical or intellectual work.

Two educators from the United States shared teaching techniques and resources they brought with them for our teachers to utilize in their classrooms. The engaging activities and hands-on demonstrations empowered our teachers to serve their students better.

Tim Euler, headmaster of Cambridge Christian School in Tampa, Florida, asked the 36 teachers to close their eyes and imagine the person who impacted their life greatly. Then after they opened their eyes, he said, "When your students close their eyes and imagine someone who impacted their life, that person should be you."

Finally, the seminar closed in prayer, as each teacher held hands in a big circle. Tim Euler prayed God's blessing on each of them. Then, we surprised each school with video projectors and DVD players. We love our teachers! Thank you for remembering them in your prayers. ~Tim DeTellis

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Host a table at your church on Sunday, May 22, 2016, and come alongside families in Haiti and the Dominican Republic by sponsoring a child.

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EASTER OFFERING

Your gift helps us build new churches and schools. Together, we can spread the Gospel further and be a blessing to many communities.

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Top: Tim Euler, from Cambridge Christian School in Tampa, Florida, hosted a training conference for 36 of our teachers in Haiti.

Bottom left: The question was asked, "Why do you teach?" The teachers shared their answers with one another.

Bottom middle: Samuel Joseph was thrilled to stand with his class of students. They love their school and their teacher.

Bottom right: Together, through our schools, we are making disciples, as this is the true measurement of success.

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HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT LEAD?

In June of 2014, I started reading the book of Romans every morning. So often as Christians we jump around the Bible looking for something quick to inspire us for the day. I decided that for the next period of time, I was only going to read Romans. What I have discovered is that the book of Romans is the most important book in the Bible for Christian theology, and Romans chapter eight is the key to our relationship with the Holy Spirit. In Romans 8:14 the Scripture tells us, “...the children of God shall be led by the Spirit of God.” This Scripture has become my daily prayer. Like you, my life is filled with work, responsibilities, and dreams of goals I hope to accomplish. We need to be led by the Holy Spirit.

In Romans 8:5 we are told, “...those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.” Every morning I pray, “Holy Spirit, lead me this day.”

In January 2015, we celebrated the construction of our new church in the village of Playa Laguna. My wife Paula and I traveled to the Dominican Republic for the dedication service. Francesco, the contractor who built the new church, attended the dedication service along with his wife. He’s originally from Austria, and has been living in the DR for over 20 years. Francesco said to me, “I have found a piece of land for sale that would work well for the new school and church in Redemption.” Francesco is a Christian, and has a heart for our ministry. We do not own the land where our school is in the village of Redemption, and the building is in need of repair—with no room

for expansion. We have been looking for land to build our own school and church for over five years without any success. The next day, Francesco took us to see the land. It was right off the main highway, on the corner of two streets. It is high land with a beautiful view of the mountains. But, the price was \$127,000—which is quite expensive. As I walked the land and took pictures, I felt in my spirit that we needed to buy this property. In the natural, this was not a good business decision. The total projected cost to build a new church and school (including the property) is \$500,000.

We have 300 children in the Redemption school—most of whom are Haitian. At our board meeting last year, we voted to buy the land. Now begins the hard work of fundraising. I started sharing the vision and showing pictures of the land at my speaking engagements. At each church, I told the congregation

***“IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO
CAN STAND AGAINST US?”
ROMANS 8:31***

that whatever money they gave that day would be designated for the new church and school in Los Castillos—which will replace the school in Redemption. Then, last summer, someone called our office and made a donation for the balance needed to purchase the land. In February 2016, we completed the purchase of the land in Los Castillos. This month, I will be meeting with the builder, Francesco, and we will be staking out the location for the new buildings. Now we need to raise the money for the new church and school. In His timing, I know God will provide, and we will have a great ministry in this village.

~George DeTellis, Jr.

I remember the day in January 1999 when I visited the north coast of the Dominican Republic for the first time. We were asked to come and help start a school for the children of Haitian workers. In the Dominican Republic, these Haitians are not eligible to attend public schools. At the time, the Haitians were living in cardboard and tin shacks. I lined up the children and photographed them with the vision that we would start a school and church in their village.



George DeTellis, Jr

P.S. I want to encourage you to read Romans 8 and let the promises of that chapter resonate in your spirit. I believe the book of Romans will empower you to live a spirit-filled life.





PRAYING KIDS

It was a Wednesday morning when I attended a chapel service at our Bord-Mer Elementary School located in Bord-Mer, Haiti. Near the end of the chapel service, I was invited to greet the students.

This is what I told the students: “I need your help. Right now, in Port-au-Prince, we have a 40-foot cargo container filled with shoebox gifts and it’s being held up in customs. The presidential elections are delayed, and there is concern this cargo container may be stuck in customs even longer—due to potential political unrest. Who would like to come up and lead us in prayer for the release of this cargo container filled with shoebox gifts for our students?”

A young student stood up, made her way to the pulpit, and she said to her fellow students, “*Let’s drop to our knees and pray!*” I’ll never forget that moment. I witnessed students immediately fall to their knees in prayer. Chapel was on Wednesday and the cargo container arrived to the mission on Thursday evening, the very next day. Pray. Believe. Have faith like a child. When you sponsor a child, you become part of a greater spiritual work in the life of a child.

~Tim DeTellis



Tamar Calixte is from the island of La Gonâve and attends school at New Missions in Bord-Mer. She is very thankful for her host family in Neply, where she lives during the school year.



Middle: Edson and his friends sat on the front row of chapel service. Together, they will grow up knowing New Missions and the love of Jesus. **Bottom left:** Dropping to their knees in prayer, the students from our Bord-Mer Elementary School prayed for God to release the cargo container from customs. **Bottom right:** At our elementary schools, chapel service is held weekly to honor God through a time of singing and teaching.

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Thank You: A huge thank you for making our 2015 Christmas Shoebox Drive a huge success. With just under 15,000 shoeboxes collected, each of our students in Haiti received a shoebox. Please know your generosity reaches into their homes, as well. Any extra shoeboxes will be given to our Haitian churches for distribution during their mission trips throughout Haiti. Please save the date, Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, for our 2016 shoebox drive. We aim to collect more shoeboxes than ever to enable us to bless our additional 40 network churches across Haiti.

Feeding Children: Did you know we prepare over 2 million meals each year? Feeding children at school in Haiti takes a tremendous amount of logistics, staffing, and tons of food. You can see more how we accomplish this by visiting newmissions.org/feeding. Thank you for your generosity in giving to our *Rice for Children* fund. Monthly, our budget to purchase food for our school children is \$25,000. One of the first things our students do when they arrive on campus is to peek inside the school kitchen and watch the food being prepared. Together, we are saying goodbye to hunger.

Faithful Prayer Warriors: The prayer group in Playa Chiquita meets every Tuesday morning. It was started by Pastor George DeTellis and has continued under the direction of one of the church founders and leaders, Juanito Polanco. These faithful prayer warriors sing worship songs, share Scripture and testimonies, and pray for the church and people in Sosua and beyond. Many of them have witnessed amazing miracles—which strengthens their faith and prayer life. They are one of the many prayer groups that meet in our churches in the Dominican Republic.

Top of the Class: Standing tall and proud, students representing the top of each class from our Bord-Mer Elementary School received gifts of appreciation in honor of their accomplishments. To be “top of the class” represents the highest grade. As you can imagine, these students are called upon for help from their fellow classmates. Together, we celebrate Anderson Nicolas (first grade), Jocelyn Vil (second grade), Berline Pierre and Leonardo Pierre (tied in third grade), Manise Livert (fourth grade), Nadialine Lene (fifth grade), and Kenley Jouis Jacques (sixth grade).





SCHOOL DESKS AND CHURCH BENCHES

Throughout the year, our churches and schools receive new church benches and classroom desks. The entire construction of the school desks and church benches is accomplished by Haitians—including the welding of the legs onto the church benches—which is accomplished by a graduate of New Missions.

When you make a special gift to our “Where Needed Most” fund, you help us continue projects such as making school desks and church benches. The church benches are sanded smooth and topped off with a clear varnish. The school desks receive a final painting with bright colors such as yellow, blue, green, or red.

Would you like to have a school desk or a church bench built in honor or memory of someone? Your gift of \$100 will build either a school desk or church bench. Contact Cheryl at our office or email info@newmissions.org. Together, we are providing jobs and empowering Haitians to make Haiti better.

~Tim DeTellis



Top: The New Missions church in Signeau is our largest church in Haiti. We rejoice in knowing the Gospel changes lives forever.

Bottom left: Our carpenter, Joseph Elson Clergeau (his nick name is Sonny), is building church benches at our mission.

Bottom middle: Would you like to help fund the building of a school desk or church bench? Contact Cheryl at info@newmissions.org, visit newmissions.org/desk or call 407-240-4058. **Bottom-right:** Together, we are changing lives, because each child matters to God.

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THE GARDEN

A garden is a place of beauty, flowers, rest and sustenance, and most of us enjoy seeing gardens or having our own garden. The Bible tells us of the first garden of life—one where a man and a woman enjoyed life with each other and had sweet fellowship with God. When sin entered the world through this man and woman, the garden experienced change. It changed for the worse.

When I first met Dennis, he was happy to show me his country garden. He had a flowing waterfall surrounded by terraced layers of flowers in his garden. It seemed there was constantly another new flower budding. I didn't know the names of all the flowers, but I knew that the deep purple irises were in full bloom by my birthday in June. Dennis spent hours keeping the flower gardens tended and loved to purchase new flowers every spring. Gardening was a love in his life. When he reached the final stages of mesothelioma lung cancer in our home, a loving hospice nurse, Cindi, sang all three verses of the hymn "In The Garden" to Dennis. In loving memory of this precious man, we are creating a garden as part of our new church construction in Los Castillos, Dominican Republic. This was the land Dennis last walked—having faith to see the next mission.

There was another garden that is so important for every one of us—and that is the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus often went to this garden with His disciples—perhaps to rest, to find seclusion, or to share His teachings. But the very last time Jesus went to the garden, it was to surrender...to do the

will of His Father. In John 18:11, when Jesus was addressing His disciple Peter, He said, "Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?" Jesus was referring to the coming sufferings of the cross of Calvary where as King of the Jews, He gave His life in place of our sins, in order that we can find a new life through Him. In another passage, as Jesus intensely prays in the garden, He talks with His Father and says, "*My Father, if this cannot pass by unless I drink it, Your will be done.*" (Matthew 26:42)

Jesus surrendered. His power as the Son of God could have stopped the torture and process of the

crucifixion. Those who ordered the crucifixion feared the surrender was temporary. They feared they could not hold Jesus in the ground. A massive stone was rolled in front of the tomb, and then it was sealed

with a soft clay-like substance, that was imprinted with the Roman imperial seal. Roman soldiers stood by the sealed tomb to keep watch. The surrender was not a loss, but was the greatest gain for you and for me. His death and suffering brought a resurrection—a new day, a new life, and a new beginning for those who believe in Him.

Do you have a garden? Are you in a place of surrender? Be confident that places of surrender are not places of loss in Christ Jesus, because He lives. Jesus lives! "*He walks with me and talks with me, and He tells me I am His own.*" Our new life in Christ is the beginning of eternity.

~Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

**OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST
IS THE BEGINNING
OF ETERNITY.**

Get out your garden tools! My garden tool is morning prayer—kneeling on my red oriental rug. I love planting. I love being with Jesus. I need Him every hour of every day. When you sow in prayer, you will reap a surrender of peace...a new passion to love and serve Him with your all in all.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor

P.S. I thank God for the comforting peace to mark the memorial garden in Los Castillos for Dennis O'Connor.



Dennis and Jeanne DeTellis O'Connor



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PLANT A CHURCH

On March 21, officially the first day of spring, a group of us stood with our contractor, Francesco Martin, to view the construction site of a church, school, and memorial garden in Los Castillos, Dominican Republic.

The eye is an amazing part of the body. Standing on the land where we want to see this campus built, our eyes imagine this land to be used for the glory of God. But, the mind can question our faith as to where will the finances come from, and whom has God called to be the spiritual leaders. We stand in faith and call upon God to lead us all the way.

We rejoice today, because we can write a check to begin construction—assured that God will speak to His people to participate in building the Kingdom of God in Los Castillos. We rejoice again, because we see young people with lives changed and with a call to preach the Word among the potential leadership for Los Castillos.

Today, we are taking things step by step—trusting and knowing God will lead us and provide. I want to express my grateful heart to each friend of God who has already sent in a financial gift to be part of the first payment.

~Jeanne DeTellis



To the glory of God, the land is paid for and we are now raising funds to build the church in Los Castillos.



Middle: Join us in planting a new church in Los Castillos, Dominican Republic. **Bottom left:** George DeTellis Jr. and Jeanne DeTellis hosted a special team to stake out the land prior to construction. **Bottom right:** Contractor Francesco Martin and George DeTellis, Jr. standing on the property. Join us in prayer for the funding toward the construction of the church in Los Castillos.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Revival Service: The Gospel message is being spread through our churches in Haiti. Our church in Signeau, located on the Leogane Plain, hosted two nights of revival meetings with special guest speakers. In a region of Haiti where Voodoo was most prominent, we are now seeing our local churches have a greater impact—due to our consistent presence over the years. May the light of the Gospel shine brightly in a dark place. *“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:14*

Child Advocates: Your help is greatly needed! When it comes to helping the children of New Missions, you and your advocacy play a vital role. Your voice on behalf of children waiting for a sponsor can make a huge difference. Prayerfully consider hosting a New Missions Sunday at your church by having a table for children waiting to be sponsored. You can also share about sponsorship with your friends and family. Simply contact Molly (pictured far left) at our office, or visit newmissions.org/advocate. Thank you for making a difference.

Dominican Republic Retreat: Our church and school leaders are very important to us. We were extremely blessed to be able to host a one-day retreat for them. The retreat was planned and hosted by Fran Russell, who came to volunteer with the mission for three weeks. The theme of the retreat was *“Come Closer to God,”* and included a time of teaching, singing, and prayer for each person attending. Jeanne DeTellis also shared words of encouragement with the leaders. Everyone left feeling renewed and refreshed to continue God’s work.

Food Delivery: Feeding our school children in Haiti is vital, as we help them grow healthy and strong. The consistency of preparing lunch requires a tremendous amount of logistics. Annually, we prepare over two million meals. Our recent food purchase of 810 sacks of rice (55 pounds each) cost \$11,340. We also bought sacks of pinto beans for \$9,000, cooking oil for \$5,700, tomato paste for \$1,856, dried herring for \$1,798, and 29 sacks of garlic for \$1,050. Thank you so much for your support toward *Rice for Children*.





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On your mark...get set...GO! We are collecting new pairs of sneakers for our students through June 30, 2016. There's plenty of time for you, your school, or church to host a sneaker collection.

What's it like when students receive their sneakers? I asked youth pastor, Keith Yarborough, from First Baptist Church Winter Garden, and his response was, "As the New Missions students came close to where we had the sneakers spread out, the excitement level began to go off the charts! They were pointing and talking while patiently waiting their turn. Upon receiving the gift of a new pair of sneakers, not only was there joy, but gratitude and pride could be seen in the way they walked away. It was so much fun for our team of high school students to be a part of this mission." Keith was in Haiti with a team of students from their church and school, Foundation Academy, and gave sneakers away to students from Bire, Haiti.

To start your collection of sneakers, simply let people know we are looking for sneakers for children from age 4 through 18. Please note, we are focusing on new pairs of sneakers. Let us know you're collecting sneakers by visiting NewMissions.org/sneakers. Together, let's cover more feet.

~Tim DeTellis



Top: To see students helping students is a blessing. A recent team visiting Haiti gave out sneakers to children in Bire.

Bottom left: None of us like to see our Haitian children barefooted. **Bottom middle:** Canvas sneakers in nice, bright colors are a favorite type of sneaker for students. **Bottom right:** Love speaks all languages...and we thank you for collecting new sneakers.

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DISCIPLE MAKING

For more than 33 years I have seen discipleship at work through New Missions. Young children grew up experiencing the love of Jesus, then followed His teachings, and now serve as leaders in their churches and communities. One of our core values is discipleship—and we say it this way: “Together, we are making disciples, because discipleship is the true measurement of success.” Jesus wants us to make disciples, because He knows the results discipleship brings. It brings fruit in the life of each Christ-follower, for the Glory of God.

Discipleship is following Jesus. He is our guide and role model. We then lead a life showing others how to follow Jesus. In Matthew 28:19-20, we have what is known as the Great Commission. *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

To fulfill this *Great Commission*, we need to live by the *Great Commandment*. *“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”* Matthew 22:36-40

We make disciples when we are loving our neighbor, and we are a disciple when we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind. And, if we

truly love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind, that would cause us to love our neighbor. Do you see the cycle? Loving God fuels loving our neighbor, and loving our neighbor points people to Jesus. As they follow Him, they become a disciple.

My wife and I host a couple’s Bible study in our neighborhood. Right now, we are studying the fruit of the Spirit, and what I enjoy about this study is how it points us to Jesus. How can I exemplify love if I do not know the source of it? God is love. It’s because He first loved me that I can love anyone. 1 John 4:19 says, *“We love because He first loved us.”* As I wrap up each Bible study, I ask the question, “How will we yield to the Spirit each day?” Dear Lord, be our guide and give us Your Spirit so our lives may exemplify Your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. As we host this Bible study (which started in our home and is now hosted in other homes throughout our neighborhood), we are seeing disciples

made because people are following Jesus. Then, they are living out Christ-like behavior. Right where you are, be a disciple-maker by loving others, which points people to Jesus.

In 1983, we went to Haiti and began loving people, who then started following Jesus, and now communities have churches full of believers growing together in their relationship with Christ. God has called each of us to be His disciples. Will you say “yes” to come and follow Jesus...and then go and love others?

~Tim DeTellis

**DISCIPLESHIP IS
FOLLOWING JESUS.
HE IS OUR GUIDE
AND ROLE MODEL.**

Our job is to love people not change people. Only a personal relationship with Jesus changes a life. Pointing people to Jesus is our job. How does someone grow as a disciple? Study the teachings of Jesus. Read your Bible and then ask, “God, what are You wanting to teach me? How does this apply to my relationship with You and my relationship with others?”

Serving together,

Tim DeTellis
timothy@newmissions.org

P.S. My prayer today is: "God, may I see my mission field right where I am... even my own neighborhood."



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



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LOVE AND UNITY

Last month, my son Timothy called a meeting of our church pastors in Haiti. As the meeting began, I could sense their passion for worship and a covering of a sweet anointing—as in Psalm 133, *“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head.”*

Not only did I get to greet and hug long-time pastors who have been with us since our beginning in 1983, but I saw an explosion of love and a church overflowing with pastors from areas beyond the Leogane Plain. One pastor told us he started his travels at 8:00 a.m. in order to arrive by 2:00 p.m.

Our pastors enjoyed their leadership training with my sons and visiting guest pastors. They got a vision of how much stronger and blessed their area of Haiti would be if they could extend fellowship to their pastoral friends of other churches and missions. Now, not only 28 church pastors come together, but it extends to all pastors in the surrounding areas.

They are stronger together because a cord of three strands is not quickly broken (Eccl. 4:12). Unity is just as God describes—with an anointing of overflowing oil. Be bathed in His loving anointing and be HIS powerful instrument of love.

~Jeanne DeTellis



Fan Fan Michele, a graduate of New Missions, is now the pastor of the New Missions church in Calitor, Haiti, where his uncle was the Voodoo priest.



Middle: Jeanne DeTellis surprised our pastors with a song on the accordion during the pastors' training seminar in Signeau, Haiti. **Bottom:** Remember our pastors in your prayers as together, we are preaching the Gospel, because only God changes lives forever.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Yes to Jesus: During our shoebox gift distribution through our schools, we welcome our pastor of the church to be present and share the Gospel message with our students. The pastor is bivocational and also serves as the principal of the school. These students from Concrab prayed to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. They were not the only students that day who made this life-changing decision. Jeanne DeTellis, co-founder of New Missions, was able to celebrate with them. Only God changes lives forever.

Baptism Service: The local church is the greatest force of good, globally. Recently, our New Missions church in Neply, Haiti, hosted a baptism service and celebrated 18 lives making a public profession of their personal relationship with Jesus. Culturally, in Haiti, water baptism is a statement of your deep commitment to Jesus. Jean Marc Fontaine, a class of 2005 graduate of New Missions, captured this photograph. He also attends this New Missions church with his wife and family. To God be the glory for these lives changed forever.

Three Generations: Recently, Jeanne returned to Haiti for the first time since the passing of her second husband, Dennis O'Connor. She was joined by three of her ten grandchildren: Nathan, Luc, and Kate. Pre-earthquake, Charlie's family resided in Haiti with him. After the earthquake it was necessary for Rachel and the children to return to the U.S. Beginning in August, Rachel will return to Haiti. God is at work through our lives as we surrender to His calling. Thank you for your faithful prayers.

Spring Health Fair: Our health center in Sosua recently hosted a Spring Health Fair. The purpose of the fair was to raise money for medication, as well as to be a community outreach event. All of the patients who come to our health center are treated for free and given free medications when available. This event not only increased awareness of what our health center provides for people in the community, it also gave people an opportunity to be involved in the great work that New Missions is doing through the health center.





MORE FIFTH BIRTHDAYS

From singing songs and blowing their noisemakers as loudly as they can, to enjoying some birthday cake, these children from Concrab, Haiti, had a day in school they will never forget. Here at New Missions, we are celebrating more fifth birthdays.

During 2016, we will celebrate 701 fifth birthdays! Jezi remmin tout timoun yo (Jesus loves the little children) and we do, too! Why? Because 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

Through our I Am Hope Club we focus on serving children under five by giving them a preschool education, priority attention to medical care, and proper nourishment through lunch each day at school. Most importantly, we have Christian teachers sharing the love of Jesus with them from an early age. They are also learning to memorize Scripture and sing songs of God’s love.

You can play a special part in blessing the life of a child by helping them reach their fifth birthday. Join the “I Am Hope Club” and let’s celebrate more fifth birthdays together.

~Tim DeTellis

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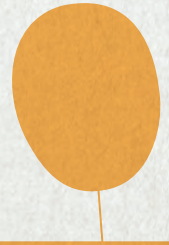
Top: Children from the "I Am Hope Club" are on a path of change because we see their God-given potential.

Bottom left: Through preschool, food and medical care, we are helping children survive to celebrate their fifth birthday.

Bottom middle: You can be part of helping more children celebrate their fifth birthday by joining the "I Am Hope Club."

Bottom right: Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

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FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 2016

My father, Charles DiPietro, is 98 years old. I think he deserves the platform...the microphone to speak what is in his heart for other fathers this Father's Day. I asked him today what he would like to say. He would tell you that as you walk with God, your children will find your footsteps.

I know when I was growing up I would hear mention of being born on the other side of the tracks. What that meant was that you didn't have what the other kids had—materially, socially, or financially. I knew what I had. I had a father. I had a father who had a good name. I had a father who was a calm man of peace; an honest man who lived a life of integrity.

Dad was present in our home. This is the greatest gift. This reminds me of a question we always asked our Haitian children when registering them for school, "Do you have a father?" And the answers were mostly, "Absent."

My father was a spiritual presence in our home. I saw him in the early morning on his knees praying at the high-back blue chair. My father knew the meeting place between God and him. God was there at that blue chair with His ears open to hear my father's heart. I'm not sure what my father prayed, but from his heart of faithful love for his wife and three daughters, I could say the prayer myself, I'm sure.

Life for dad started in 1918 as one of eight children born to immigrant parents from Italy. They lived on a rural farm—farming and raising crops. His father also did masonry jobs to help support

the family. Thank God, Dad, through the influence of his mother and his mother-in-law, came to a personal relationship with Jesus. Dad left the country for his city girl, Anna, and conducted an honest business, *General Plating Company*, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He retired early, at 58 years of age, after lung surgery to check on a mass. Praise God it was not cancer, but was actually related to his line of business. He's an amazing man...still enjoys his coffee and an occasional jelly donut in the morning.

He now lives a life in quality health with no diseases, nor does he take any medication. He has no secret. He would say, "Keep your heart right with God, and God will make a way...where there is no way." Then, Dad would tell you story after story

of how God made a way for him.

As I think about my dad this Father's Day, it reminds me of Psalm 128, "*How blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children like olive plants around your table. Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.*"

Dad wears his Bibles out more than his shoes. His countenance is calm, sure, secure and solid, because His God lives in him and that God is seen by me. My father does not live on the other side of the tracks—because he is on track with God... focused, until God calls him home to be face to face with our Savior. I love you, Dad! ~Jeanne DeTellis

**"HOW BLESSED IS THE MAN
WHO FEARS THE LORD,
WHO WALKS IN HIS WAYS."**

I am blessed to currently be staying with my parents for a while. From a young child to now a mature woman, I have seen the steadfast faith of my father. We all need fatherly examples and we all need to be the example that others may find a firm foundation and walk with our steadfast and faithful God.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis

*P.S. Dad's 98th birthday was May 30th.
His strength has not diminished, nor
has his love for God and his family.*





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LOS CASTILLOS CHURCH

Right now, you have an opportunity to partner with us to plant and build a church in Los Castillos, Dominican Republic. To the glory of God, the land is already paid for. God provided miraculously!

Construction of the church has begun, and we have raised a total of \$123,260 toward our goal of \$150,000 for the church project. We still need \$26,740 to fulfill this vision. Will you be a part of this project? Your giving will have eternal value as God changes lives through this local church.

Two of our core values here at New Missions are:

1. Together, we are preaching the Gospel, because only God changes lives forever. *“He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.’” Mark 16:15*
2. Together, we are making disciples, because discipleship is the true measurement of success. *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19*

Since 1983, New Missions has been debt free. Your entire donation will go toward the Los Castillos church project. We want to finish this construction before the end of summer—so your giving is timely and much appreciated. ~Tim DeTellis



The entire construction of this new church is accomplished through local employment providing jobs to Dominicans.



Middle: Due to our long-term vision to raise a generation of Christian leaders, this church will be a place for children and families to grow spiritually. **Bottom:** Your giving can help us finish this church in Los Castillos and have an eternal impact in this community for the glory of God.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Prayer and Fasting: Before the end of the school year, students from our high school gathered for a special time of prayer, fasting and thanking God—trusting Him for their future. This is an annual tradition for our high school—with the purpose of giving thanks for the year that is finishing and praying His provision for the coming school year. This event is entirely student led, and represents high school students from across the Leogane Plain. We rejoice in how our students lead one another and are making disciples for the glory of God.



Flag Day: Inside our classrooms, Haiti's history is taught and our students are educated on the many challenges their country has faced, and the priority for them to place their hope in God. On Haiti's Flag Day, villages hosted celebrations and the children of New Missions joined in these festivities. Ceremonies were hosted in the villages where our schools are located—celebrating with songs, parades, and dance. Since 1983 our motto has been, "Haiti: Hope in God." Today, our students carry this message to their families and communities.



Mother's and Father's Day: The children and teachers at our schools in the Dominican Republic recently hosted a special event to honor their parents. In a country that generally focuses more on the importance of mothers, our school director, Gloria, saw the need to honor fathers, too. Because Father's Day is during the summer when school is out, fathers often go without any recognition. So, three years ago, we began honoring fathers at the same time as mothers. We are teaching our students the Biblical commandment to honor their father and mother.



Class of 2016: Congratulations to the class of 2016 from "Royal Caribbean Institute" (our Bible college) in Signeau, Haiti—located on the Leogane Plain. Established in 1997 by our founders Pastor George and Jeanne DeTellis, the purpose of our Bible college is to equip and educate future leaders for churches in Haiti. We rejoice in seeing this generation of Christian leaders following their calling—by preaching the Gospel and serving the local church. These graduates are involved in New Missions churches, as well as other churches across Haiti.





SHOEBOXES FOR HAITI

Some of us like shopping, and some of us don't. However, shopping for your Christmas shoebox is not your typical shopping. You just need to envision the smiles, giggles, and excitement of a child in Haiti to motivate you as you shop. Our pastors are learning that having Christmas shoeboxes to share when they do evangelism opens doors for them to share the Gospel with others.

This reminds me of how my husband, Pastor George, first learned of Christ. It took three sorellas (sisters) carrying Italian pastries, songbooks, and their head coverings to knock on his mother's door to bring salvation to his home. Yes, your Christmas shoebox can be a sharp, two-edged sword for sharing the Gospel. I ask God for a floodgate of shoeboxes—enough for each child—and extra boxes for our pastors to use for their mission of evangelism.

The children are grateful for all of your tokens of love—including practical gifts and others they will forever cherish. Most of all, please pray over your items as you pack them—asking God to bless the child and feel the love of God as they receive your gifts. Our Christmas Shoebox Drive begins Oct. 1 and concludes Dec. 31, 2016. ~Jeanne DeTellis



Top: Jeanne DeTellis, co-founder of New Missions, giving shoebox gifts to our elementary school children in Tom Gateau, Haiti.

Bottom left: Volunteers serving in Orlando, Florida, help us pack and ship shoebox gifts to Haiti. **Bottom middle:** You will bring a smile to a child when you enclose a photo of your family with your shoebox gift. **Bottom right:** This year, we have a goal to reach beyond our schools in Haiti, and serve 50 additional churches through the New Missions church network.

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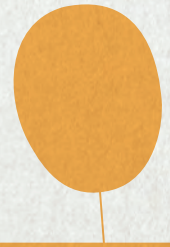


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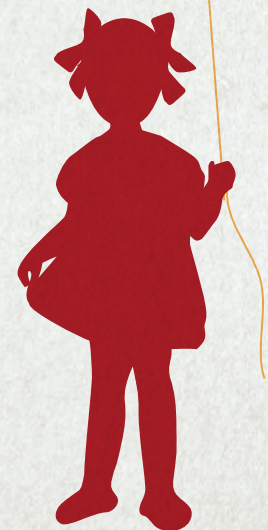
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FREE IN CHRIST

I love pondering our American history—especially the early years when approximately 100 people set off from England on the Mayflower in search of the New World. These pilgrims came to America seeking religious freedom after breaking away from the Church of England. They first landed on the shores of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, in November 1620. They called the point of the Cape “Provincetown”—recognizing God’s providence and protection over them as they made the long journey across the Atlantic.

We celebrate our freedom in America—land of the free and home of the brave. As believers, we also have freedom in Jesus Christ. We are instructed to live in a godly manner. There are only two masters in this world: our heavenly Father above and Satan. But, freedom in Christ is not the freedom to do whatever we want. Jesus is our King, Savior and Lord. We need to obey His law which is instructed in His holy Word—the Bible. Without laws or order in the universe, there would be utter chaos. God created this world and we were created to have a loving relationship with Him.

Hebrews 13:14 tells us, *“For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come.”* Our ultimate goal is to have our eyes fixed upon our reward when Christ returns. Webster’s dictionary defines a pilgrim as one who journeys to foreign lands; one who travels to a holy place. One day, we will be celebrating in Heaven, as we are merely pilgrims on this earth.

I believe in people’s right to believe as they wish.

**AS BELIEVERS, WE
HAVE FREEDOM IN
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Religion or the abolishment of religion should never be forced upon anyone. Romans 8:1-4 provides us an excellent explanation of freedom in Christ. *“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”*

At times we may need to be reminded that we

have been saved by grace and through faith. By the shedding of Christ’s blood we are clean and holy. We need not fixate on our past mistakes, sins or failures—as we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God

(Romans 3:23). We need to learn from our past sins and mistakes in order to grow in Christ. We are His children. We’ve been redeemed and forgiven—and need to walk in His grace, power and love.

The Bible says, *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”* (Gal. 5:1) Keep in mind, Paul didn’t write this to the “world” but to the “church.” Jesus gave up everything in order for you to be free; the cross purchased your freedom.

So, as we celebrate Independence Day as a nation, let’s remember that not only are we free as a country, but we are free in Christ, as well.

~Charlie DeTellis

Obedience in Christ brings a blessing which cannot be found in the world. There is true liberty and love in Jesus. He is our Maker, our Lord and our King. Though our country may be in turmoil, rest in this fact: One day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is LORD. Let freedom ring! May God bless the United States of America.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

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P. S. Let’s remember God’s providence to our nation, and continue to walk in His ways. Yes, there is freedom in Christ!





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GIVE AWAY YOUR BIRTHDAY

Would you prayerfully consider “giving away” your birthday—so a child can celebrate their fifth birthday? Here’s why: In the Third World, child survival is a daily battle. For children under five, their lives are at risk due to malnourishment and threat of disease. Here at New Missions, we jump-start their survival rate by reaching them early with food, medical care, and a preschool education.

The *I Am Hope Club* welcomes children as young as two and three years of age. This places these precious children on a path of progress at a very young age—enabling them to beat the odds of child mortality in the Third World.

We are currently enrolling nearly 800 children under the age of five to begin school at New Missions for our 2016-2017 school year. This is where you come in. As you celebrate your next birthday, kindly ask family and friends to make a donation on your behalf to our *I Am Hope Club*—caring for children under five. Simply email info@newmissions.org saying you want to “give away” your birthday...and we will get you started. Or, just join the *I Am Hope Club* online at IAMHopeClub.com. Thank you.

~Tim DeTellis



“Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him.”
Psalm 127:3



Middle: When a child steps out of poverty and into the classroom, they find love, dignity, and respect. **Bottom left:** Pastor Larry Lamb from Cielo Vista Church in El Paso, Texas, joined in the celebration of more fifth birthdays. **Bottom right:** Pastor Fednel Oscar from our Concrab church and school is a graduate of New Missions. He believes in the potential of each student.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Los Castillos Construction: With the sound and sight of our church construction attracting the attention of the community, we have been intent on using our mission teams to knock on doors—telling people about Jesus. Block by block a building can be built, but only as lives are changed by the power of the Gospel can a group of people come together to praise and worship God. Thank you each one for your prayers and your financial support to build God's desire and will for the people of the Dominican Republic.

Give Sneakers: It is our goal to cover more feet with new sneakers through our Give Sneakers campaign. Thankfully, sneakers are still arriving at our office. We just received a delivery of 535 pairs of sneakers from Kernan Boulevard Baptist Church! Thank you so much for your generous donation. God is faithful! Also, a special thanks to Lou and Cindy Kleiman for faithfully serving as volunteers during this campaign. The fun will continue as we deliver sneakers to our schools and our students choose their new pair of sneakers.

Revival Services: Our local pastors recently planned and hosted revival services in Los Castillos. We were blessed to have Pastors John and Jen Tether, and Pastors Abraham and Flor Rolon preach in these outdoor services. Although rain and power outages occurred, God was glorified, people were saved, and lives were rededicated during these services. And as a mission that ministers so much to children, it seemed appropriate that the first two people saved during the revival services were children. We are excited to see how God is working in Los Castillos!

Shoebox Volunteers: It is not unusual to find a group of volunteers joyfully serving at New Missions. Between October and December, thousands of shoeboxes arrive at our Orlando office. Volunteers help sort, tape and box-up cases of shoeboxes in preparation for them to be shipped to Haiti. Groups of families, friends and retirees give of their time and talents to enable Haitian children to receive Christmas gifts. We are thankful for the help of our faithful volunteers. If you are interested in serving at our Orlando office, please contact Molly at molly@newmissions.org.





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THE JOY OF SUCCESS

One of our greatest joys is to make our little ones secure, beginning at two or three years of age. We provide them with proper nutrition, a pleasant interaction of teachers and fellow students, the success of learning, singing and listening—as well as preparing them to read and write. But, our highest priority is for these children to learn about their heavenly Father, Who not only created the world, but made each of them uniquely special. He loves them so much, and so do we!

We host a special graduation ceremony for our young students, acknowledging their faithful attendance and lessons learned—marking this as their first experience with success. All of the fuss, pomp, and ceremony is about them...the graduation march, the cap, gown, the music, and finally a piece of cake. It is a sweet and gentle push encouraging them onward in their academic journey.

Our goal at New Missions is to raise a generation of Christian leaders to impact their community—and ultimately their country for Christ. We praise God that we are seeing Psalm 145:4 come to fruition. *“One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.”* ~Jeanne DeTellis



Top: Our kindergarten graduates from Laffronney, Haiti, represent a new generation of Christian leaders on the rise.

Bottom left: From Bombita, Dominican Republic, lives are being changed through Christian education.

Bottom middle: We come alongside parents to help their children grow healthy and strong.

Bottom right: Please remember the children of New Missions in your prayers—because each child matters to God.

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FACING YOUR GIANTS

There is no testimony without a test. No healing without a sickness. No victory without a fight. One of the greatest stories of being tested is the story of David fighting the Philistine giant, Goliath. What was it about David that made him different? David had a testimony of killing a lion and a bear when they attacked his flock of sheep. It was David's testimony that gave him the faith to believe in God when other men had doubt and fear. Like David, you also have a testimony of what God has done for you in the past. We need to remember our testimonies and remind ourselves of the faithfulness of God. As Christians, we tend to overlook the power of our testimonies, when in fact they are the most effective weapon in the spiritual battle we fight daily. The Bible says in Revelations 12:11 that we conquer Satan *"by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony."* According to Scripture, we have two weapons: The blood of Jesus which transforms us from sinner to saint, and the word of our testimony which transforms doubt into faith. David had faith in a big God, because he remembered and retold the testimony of what God had done in his life.

We have been working in Haiti for over 33 years. We've been through a revolution, civil wars, a U.S. military invasion, many hurricanes, and an earthquake. Whenever trouble comes our way, my mind quickly goes to the testimony of what God has done for us in the past. During a time of trouble we

need to recall and share our testimony of what God has done in our lives. There is power in a testimony.

David never would have been David without Goliath. Moses never would have been Moses without Pharaoh. Every hero in the Bible is a hero because of the tests and enemies they had to face. The same is true about you. You will never be who God wants you to be without your enemy. God wants you to be tested so you have a testimony. What kind of giant are you facing right now? Every test is an opportunity as much as it is a struggle. A testimony is a weapon of triumph—born from the ashes of adversity. Focus

less on how big the giant is and more on how great your God is. A good testimony is a wellspring of power and confidence. You know who's in charge of the universe. You know the power and the glory of God's name.

Every testimony is based upon a trial of our faith.

Tests are normal. Unfortunately, some people spend their whole life trying to avoid all of the tests and struggles of life. As Christians, we want to live at peace with everyone. However, we will never accomplish anything without conflict. We want to be like happy clams left alone in a sea of tranquility. But, God wants us to be like oysters agitated by a grain of sand to make him a pearl out of life's conflicts. After the test comes promotion. David and Moses became the leaders of their people after they faced Goliath and Pharaoh.

~George DeTellis, Jr.

**DAVID NEVER WOULD
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WITHOUT GOLIATH.**

Do you have a testimony? Whenever I am visiting with my 96-year-old grandmother, she is forever retelling her testimony of how she became a Christian and was healed as a 14-year-old girl in Boston. She has a Bible verse and a story of how God was there for her through the trials of life. It's the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony that gives us the victory.

George DeTellis, Jr

*P.S. The battle is the Lord's.
The work was finished on the
cross with the blood of the Lamb.*





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THEY OBEY THE WORD

The Haitian Christians from New Missions not only hear the Word of God, they obey the Word of God. They are taking to heart Jesus' message from The Great Commission (Mark 16:15), "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation," and they're going out into their world...the country of Haiti. This summer, nine of our churches organized mission teams of up to 40 members—with a total of 256 missionaries going out to the mountains and the plains of Haiti to preach the Gospel.

In the early days of our mission, more than 30 years ago, we needed to assess our resources for transportation and food, before planning a mission trip. Now, our Haitian believers are stronger and were able to organize these trips. They heard the voice of God and felt His guidance as to where He wanted them to go on a mission. Along with the churches, they pooled their resources together to pay for transportation and food. They went with a strong pounding heartbeat of the love of God. Generation after generation is building the Kingdom of God in Haiti. In eternity, there will be an unimaginable celebration of our lives in Christ because God's people hear and obey Him...and they GO! ~Jeanne DeTellis



God's grace is why we preach the Gospel. Only God changes lives forever.



Middle: Nine of our Haitian churches traveled on mission trips across Haiti—representing 256 missionaries.
Bottom left: During their time on the mission trips, they did village evangelism going from home to home.
Bottom right: Our churches rented buses and "tap-taps" to travel across Haiti for these mission trips.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Planting a Church: Praise Report: 100% of the church construction in Los Castillos, Dominican Republic, is funded! This new church will be finished by the end of September...to the glory of God! Phase two on this property in Los Castillos will be raising funds for school construction. Join us in prayer for continued provision as we plan to build a new school on this campus in 2017. *“Lord, You establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished You have done for us.”* Isaiah 26:12



Dress a Girl: Can you imagine how exciting it is for girls in Haiti to receive a new dress? Periodically, deliveries of beautiful handmade dresses arrive at our office. Several of our church partners have adopted the project of sewing pillowcase dresses for our students. Ladies meet regularly at their churches to choose fabric, sew and then iron the dresses, because of their love for Jesus and their desire to meet the needs of little girls in Haiti. These gifts found their way to our students, and girls are proudly wearing their special dress made for them.



DR Health Clinic: Fabi Esther and Wildania Mercedes De Sena are students at our school in Bombita. They are being seen by our doctor for their annual health physical. All of our school children in the Dominican Republic have these health screenings prior to starting school each year. Through these checks, our doctor and healthcare team are able to identify any children with health issues, and those who need follow-up. All of the services provided at our health center are free—not only for our students, but also for anyone and everyone in the community.



New Haiti Office: Our administrative office in Haiti serves as the central place for meetings with our school directors, pastors, and the distribution center for correspondence and gifts to our students across Haiti. Currently, we are remodeling our entire office in Haiti—which also serves our high school campus and all of our 28 primary schools. Thankfully, this new remodel will welcome solar power, new metal roofing, new windows, and upgrades to the furnishings inside the offices. We are making these improvements so we can better serve children and families across Haiti.





CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

What's bigger than the gift of education? At our schools, we introduce our students to the love of Jesus and invite them to know God through a personal relationship with Jesus. Our vision is to raise a generation of Christian leaders. This school year, we have officially named our schools New Missions Christian Academy—followed by the village location. *“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6*

During a chapel service I saw the power of how this works when my daughter's sponsored child led the Scripture reading. Kate began sponsoring Gloria at the age of four. Today, my daughter and her sponsored child are both in tenth grade. Gloria wrote Kate a letter and told her how she wants to become a nurse, because she likes helping people. Prayerfully, Gloria's passion will come to fruition.

To the glory of God, we have a New Missions Christian Academy located on 33 campuses across the island of Hispaniola. A special thank you to each child sponsor who becomes the difference maker in the life of their child.

~Tim DeTellis

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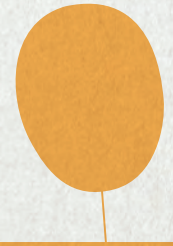
Top: Kate DeTellis and Gloria Joseph made memories together in Haiti. They are friends for life thanks to child sponsorship.

Bottom left: Together, we are raising a generation of Christian leaders.

Bottom middle: Each of our schools host weekly chapel services where students celebrate their love for God.

Bottom right: Because of your generosity, our children receive an education, food, and medical care.

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PRAY LIKE JESUS

As a child, I remember seeing my mother slip into her prayer closet down the hall of the church where we lived—135 Belmont Street in Worcester, Massachusetts. My mother is a prayer warrior, and it is part of her everyday life. My father walked and prayed. I remember asking him about prayer. He told me he prays while he is on the move. I can remember hearing my dad praying out loud on a construction site in Haiti. He was continually asking God for direction in his life.

Recently, after seeing the movie *War Room*, I went into my closet at home and began to place Post-it-notes on the wall of people I am praying for. I have a friend who keeps a prayer journal and writes his prayer requests in a book he carries with him. I like that idea, because it goes with you wherever you go and serves as a reminder as to who or what you're praying for. He also keeps a log of answered prayers.

Witnessing my parents' prayer-life has impacted me, as they modeled a life of prayer. For the disciples of Jesus, they had a unique opportunity to learn how to pray from the Son of God. The disciples had many opportunities for this kind of encounter with Jesus, and they certainly asked questions. The one question that stands out as a historical moment for all Christians was when the disciples asked Jesus, "*Lord, teach us to pray.*" *Luke 11:11*

Matthew 6:9-13 teaches us how to pray. "*This, then, is how you should pray, 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name; Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us*

today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'"

Think back to when you were first introduced to the Lord's Prayer. Is prayer important in your life? How important do you think prayer was in the life of Jesus? Even as the Son of God, He spent quality time praying to His heavenly Father.

As a follower of Jesus, this prayer places us in the same posture toward God as Jesus (Abba Father, God, my daddy). Luke 11:11 tells us, "*Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?*" Jesus wants us to see God as our Father, too. For some, the reference of father can be uncomfortable based upon our earthly experience with our own father. Jesus invites us to see God as our Father, and His name is above all names—holy.

All of the pronouns in the prayer, starting with the first word, are plural.

The word "our" determines the nature

of the whole prayer. It can be prayed in private, by individuals, or as a corporate prayer.

Now, more than ever, it is time for believers to pray. Wherever you are, you can pray like Jesus. Even though I am not there with you, I can pray the same prayer, too. What would happen if we began to pray daily? This prayer covers the needs of our lives and the world around us, asking for God's will to be done, His kingdom to come, provision for today, protection against temptations and, finally a reminder for us to forgive others. Together, may we be a praying people, as one body united in Jesus' name forever. Amen.

~Tim DeTellis

IS PRAYER IMPORTANT IN YOUR LIFE?

If prayer was important to Jesus, it must be important to us. Daily, may we seek God through prayer and remember those we love in prayer by name. Recently, I added to my prayer list the names of neighbors. Who is God placing on your heart to pray for? May His kingdom come, and His will be done through our lives, because of prayer.

Serving together,

Tim DeTellis

timothy@newmissions.org

*P.S. Join us in prayer for our upcoming
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Tim and Sheryl DeTellis in Haiti visiting with their sponsored triplets, Manouchecca, Mackendy and Magdala.

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BIGGER THAN A SHOEBOX

One of my fondest memories of delivering shoebox gifts to children in Haiti is when I was walking up the Tom Gateau mountain road. Rain had left the road too muddy to pass by way of truck. Pastor Johnny Hunt's wife, Janet, was walking next to me and the mud was so thick her flip flops were getting stuck in the mud. We were carrying cases of shoeboxes, and students were helping by placing the cases on their heads as we made our way higher up this steep mountain road.

We crowded inside the church, and before the shoebox gifts were given, the children began to sing. Their voices were loud and beautiful as they proclaimed, "How great Thou art, how great Thou art." I began to cry as the good news was being shouted from the mouths of children. Bible verses were quoted from memory and Pastor Joseph Etienne led the students in a time of prayer. Seven prayed to receive Jesus as their personal Savior.

Though gifts are precious, bigger than a shoebox is the gift of knowing Jesus. With all we do: educating, medical care, food, and giving away shoeboxes, we proclaim the Gospel. Why? Because, only God changes lives forever.

Thank you for your generosity in collecting shoebox gifts. ~Tim DeTellis



Pastor Johnny Hunt from First Baptist Woodstock, his wife Janet and their grandchildren, Katie and Carson, greet their sponsored children in Tom Gateau, Haiti. They are a family on a mission.



Middle: Janet Hunt and her sponsored child Rose embrace with joy as they are reunited at our school in Tom Gateau.

Bottom left: Katie gave gifts to the children knowing each shoebox would bring smiles and hope to a child and their family.

Bottom right: "We love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19) Thank you for packing shoeboxes for children in Haiti.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Healthcare in Haiti: In 1983, two nurses with a suitcase of medicine under a coconut tree was our first health clinic in Haiti. Today, Marie Chantal Philipe, a graduate from our class of 1996, now serves as the director of our medical clinic and oversees a team of 32 nurses in Haiti. One area of education at our clinic is to train enough midwives so that each village (where we have churches) can provide safe and healthy deliveries. Preaching the love of Christ and using medical skills has brought quality healthcare to the communities we serve.

We Love Our Volunteers: Volunteers from Withum Audit Tax Advisory arrived at our office ready to roll up their sleeves and serve. They carefully checked each shoebox to make sure it had plenty of gifts for the child who would open it. Their willingness to volunteer for two hours resulted in over 35 cases of shoeboxes ready to be shipped to Haiti. Thank you for your hard work and desire to make a difference! If you are interested in organizing a group to volunteer at New Missions please contact Molly at molly@newmissions.org

Preschool in the DR: Our preschools in Playa Chiquita and Playa Laguna are part of the *I Am Hope Club*. Because public schools in the Dominican Republic do not offer preschool, our classes are full every year. In addition to providing an education for these students, we have the amazing opportunity to teach them about Jesus Christ and His love for each of them. We are excited to finish the church in Los Castillos so we can start having services there, and open another preschool to reach more children and their families.

Water Irrigation for Haiti: David Youssi from Georgia completed an irrigation project in Haiti with New Missions. He used several local Haitian men to install a pop-up sprinkler system to water the crops. A water pump was placed in the stream—which provides water for the two-acre parcel of land next to our mission warehouses. This land will serve as a test for what we can grow in Haiti. It will also be a location where our trade school students can come and learn about farming and livestock. We plan to sow the crops late fall.





WAITING FOR A SCHOOL

This past summer, in the Dominican Republic, our visiting mission teams evangelized door to door in Los Castillos—sharing the Gospel and inviting the community to attend evangelistic events on the land where our church is being built. The question they heard over and over was, “Will the church build a school?”

When we preach Christ, we are happily fulfilling the heartbeat of Jesus. When we open a Christian school on our church campus, we have the privilege and opportunity to plant the words of Jesus into the hearts of the children, beginning at an early age. Education is a strong branch of our mission, because it is a Christian education with Christian teachers, and the Bible is an important subject in their curriculum.

The children in Los Castillos are watching other children putting on their uniforms and going to school. But, they are smiling because they trust that in the year of 2017, they too will be putting on their uniforms and going to a beautiful school built by God’s people for the community of Los Castillos. To God be the honor and glory for His work is always on time.

~Jeanne DeTellis

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Give a special gift to help build a school in Los Castillos, Dominican Republic.



Top: The new school we want to build in Los Castillos will be just like the school here in Bombita, Dominican Republic.
Bottom left: Revival and evangelistic services this summer served the community of Los Castillos with the good news of the Gospel.
Bottom middle: Participants on summer mission trips shared God's love with children and families in the Dominican Republic.
Bottom right: Chalina Dolcine knows Jesus loves her, and a new school will be built for her future growth in Los Castillos.

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A TOUCH THAT REACHES GOD

There is a story in the New Testament of a woman with a dreadful disease who had suffered for 12 years—spending all she had on the medical services of her day. Then, she heard that Jesus was coming to town. She had an idea. I'm going to touch Him. Matthew 9:21 (AMP) says, *"For she kept saying to herself, If I only touch His garment, I shall be restored to health."* Certainly she believed that if she could touch Him, there would be a change in her condition; a miracle victory... healing. She knew that her healing was in touching Christ, and pressing through the multitude...nothing was going to stop her. To touch Him was the necessary contact for the connection of the physical with the supernatural—for a miracle to be performed. Imagine if she only reached so far, but never touched Him. This woman kept persuading herself, talking to herself, "If only I touch, if only I touch, if only I touch."

This reminds me of Michelangelo's famous work of art in the Sistine Chapel. Although this fresco portrays Adam's creation, when I think of it and the fingers are not touching, it saddens me deeply. Imagine people over the centuries trying to touch God, but not touching Him. What hopelessness. What disappointment.

I can remember when my late husband Dennis traveled to the Dominican Republic to meet me. He reached out to me to kiss me, and his lips met mine. I can't imagine stopping before our lips met. There was a touch, and we were never the same.

**DRAW NEAR TO GOD
AND HE WILL DRAW
NEAR TO YOU.**

God did not sacrifice His Son for you to be frustrated with no connection to a supernatural presence in your life. Jesus is waiting for you to reach out to Him, and He will touch you. When Jesus comes into your life, all is changed. When you are in pain, lonely or confused, just keep calling His name, and with full assurance, you will find Jesus coming close to you in His powerful presence of peace.

When I am at the mission and my sponsored children come to meet me, they don't stop and leave space between us. No! They run into my arms and we hug. When we love one another, we love God, and our love touches His heart. Something beautiful happens when you touch.

I'm not looking for a piece of art, but if I were I would want an artist to draw a picture of my finger touching the finger of God. Then, with that touch, with that connection, I can breathe deeply, with rest and assurance that all is well with my soul.

The Bible says in James 4:8, *"Come close to God (with a contrite, broken heart) and God will come close to you."* The responsibility and the action to come close to God is for you to respond. Do something. Go to church. Get on your knees. Read the Bible. Talk to God. Get alone. Go to the mountains or the ocean. Come close to God, with all that is in your heart, and He will come close to you. You'll touch!

~Jeanne DeTellis

I thank God for every missionary all over the world touching people for God. I thank God for our hundreds of Christian teachers in Haiti and the Dominican Republic touching thousands of children so they can feel the touch of God. I thank God for everyone sponsoring a child—touching the heart of God with their love and financial support.

Sincerely,

Jeanne DeTellis

P.S. When your finger in the natural touches the finger of God, the supernatural enters your life. Come close to God, and God will come close to you.



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HURRICANE MATTHEW

On Tuesday, October 4, 2016, Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti as a category 4 massive storm. Your prayers mattered! Thankfully, we did not experience any loss of life at our New Missions churches and schools. Our greatest concern was flooding from the Momance River in Brache—which came very close to breaking its banks.

Charlie and Rachel DeTellis, along with their son, Nathan, were in Haiti and based at our high school campus in Signeau during the storm, because it sits at a higher elevation. Charlie called me about every three hours with updates. Our first concern was for safety. Repairs and cleanup are still taking place on several of our campuses.

The first full day after the storm hit, village paths turned into rivers. Families eventually began to clean up the mess. Our pastors and school directors at each New Missions Christian Academy campus evaluated their buildings so we could reopen schools as soon as possible. To the glory of God, we resumed classes on October 10, 2016.

Thank you for standing with us as we faithfully serve the people of Haiti. *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1*
~Tim DeTellis



All our schools are fully functioning and children are being fed and provided medical care as needed.



Middle: Thankfully, there were no reports of loss of life at our New Missions churches and schools. **Bottom left:** Donations to our “Where Needed Most” fund helps us respond to damage and urgent needs at churches and schools. **Bottom right:** Our post-earthquake construction survived Hurricane Matthew. Some campuses with older buildings have damage and will require repairs.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

School After the Storm: For the children of New Missions, going back to school after Hurricane Matthew meant getting dressed in a clean uniform, visiting the school nurse (if needed), having a hot meal prepared for them, and knowing they are surrounded by teachers who love and care for them. Right now, you can bless your sponsored child by packing a shoebox gift for them. Please include a photo and prayer letter. Learn more at shoebboxdrive.com or call our office at 407-240-4058.

We're Thankful for our Volunteers: Volunteers play an integral role in what we do at New Missions. Packing shoeboxes, processing sneakers, and reading letters from students are all jobs that volunteers help with on a regular basis. Families, small groups and students come to help us prepare the students' gifts we receive throughout our entire Christmas Shoebox Drive. Many hands make the workload lighter. We are so grateful for all of the helping hands who make it possible to meet the needs of our students in Haiti.

Los Castillos Update: The people in Los Castillos are excited because the church is almost finished! The tiles will soon be installed, and the parking area will be completed shortly thereafter. Church services are still being held in a home not too far from our campus—while waiting for the building to be completed. Many talented leaders are already a part of this church, and we continue to pray for a pastor. We know God will provide the right person in His perfect timing. We are very thankful for God's provision for Los Castillos!

Feeding Children: The week prior to Hurricane Matthew, our food purchases included 800 sacks of rice, 400 sacks of beans, 1,500 gallons of oil, 59 cases of dried fish, 30 sacks of garlic, 59 cases of tomato paste, and 30 sacks of soap. Annually, we prepare over 2 million meals at our schools in Haiti. Your giving makes it possible to provide proper nourishment to our students—enabling them to learn and grow strong. Thank you for helping us say goodbye to hunger and hello to hope.





SHOEBOX GIFTS NEEDED

In the wake of Hurricane Matthew, the shoebox gifts will bless children and their families more than ever. We will distribute as many shoeboxes as we receive. They will be given through our churches, schools, and New Missions network churches across Haiti.

You can host a packing party at your church, school or office. Divide up the shopping list and assign specific items for purchase among several people. By doing this, purchases can be made in bulk. Together, you can pack shoeboxes as a group. Invite people to donate school supplies: pens, pencils, erasers, notebooks, and water bottles. Essential hygiene items such as soap, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, along with batteries and flashlights are very important, too. Don't forget some fun items—small toys, cars, balls, playing cards, dominos, and dolls—which are certain to put a smile on a child's face.

You can also pack a shoebox specifically for your sponsored child! Or, if you do not have time to pack your own shoebox, you can order one online at newmissions.org/shoeboxgiving

Thank you for sending your love to the children of Haiti.
"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

~Tim DeTellis

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Top: Help replenish essential items for children and their families in Haiti by sending shoebox gifts.

Bottom left: Shoeboxes arrive in Orlando, and then are cased prior to being loaded on a cargo container for shipment to Haiti.

Bottom middle: We can pack a shoebox on your behalf at newmissions.org/shoeboxgiving to help save you time.

Bottom right: Our shoebox collection runs until December 31, 2016. Visit shoeboxdrive.com for packing ideas.

school construction



Give a special gift to help build a school in Los Castillos, Dominican Republic.

*"We love because
He first loved us."
1 John 4:19*



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TRUSTING GOD IN THE STORM

There is a time to go through a storm and a time to run from a storm. We need to always evaluate the threat to our lives and move forward in wisdom and prayer. My father told me, *"Put into your head, the Leogane Plain could be flooded with 10 feet of water."* He was a preacher and he often told me something more than once. He added, *"This is the reason why the Leogane Plain is flat."* Our main mission campus is located on the ocean—at the point of the Leogane Plain—overlooking the beautiful and large bay of La Gonave. The Grand River, also called the River Momance, is one mile to our east. Dad also told me to evacuate and head to higher ground when threatened by large storms. He said, *"If you wait until it starts raining hard, you may not be able to get out."* Our high school site is up a three mile gravel road along the highway. Its location is 80 feet higher than our mission along the ocean. We have used it as a refuge multiple times when in danger of flooding. I don't like to evacuate, but do it when necessary.

The mountains of Haiti tend to break up the wind from hurricanes. However, heavy rains then bring about flash flooding. During Hurricane Matthew, we kept watching the riverbank being eroded away by swiftly moving water. Over one mile of the main road has been eroded right next to the river. The riverbank is now extremely fragile. There is only a few feet of riverbank left before the river will breach the bank and flow directly into our mission. If this storm was larger or closer, it would have breached the bank. I believe it is only by the mercy of God that the river did

not breach the bank during this storm. We thank you for your prayers. We had very heavy rain for over two days. Some trees came down and electric lines were damaged. Roof repairs will be needed at two of our mountain locations—due to some of the roofing being blown off. Two other campuses also need some repairs.

Matthew 5:45 states, *"...He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."* God blesses His people in a special way. But, some of the blessings of God fall on all. In the same way, we are all subject to trials. We are not exempt from the storm just because we are God's children. However, thanks be to God, we have the

beautiful promise of Romans 8:28, *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."* Whatever storm, trial, test or hardship we go through, God is

redeeming it and working it for our good and His glory. As believers in Jesus, it is important to be positive in life and not negative. We need to always look on the bright side—claiming the promises of God. Armed with the Word of God, the Holy Spirit empowers each of us to weather each storm, no matter if it is Hurricane Matthew or something else. We then can move on to serve Him with renewed faith. In physical storms we may sometimes need to evacuate or run from them. In the trials of life we are called to stand our ground in God's power. We cannot be weak. God is our helper. *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."* (Psalm 46:1) Count your blessings...name them one by one. ~Charlie DeTellis

**CLING TO JESUS.
HE IS THE SAVIOR
OF YOUR SOUL.**

My heart aches for the Haitian people who have suffered loss from this recent hurricane. The poorest of the poor usually live in shacks—which are built with not much more than sticks. We find Haitians can have the purest of Christian faith, because these people live the simplest lives. If they can afford to own a Bible, they will cherish it. They depend upon God for every single thing. Their faith in God is an inspiration to my own life.

Sincerely,

Charlie DeTellis

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P. S. Let us be thankful for all that we have during this Thanksgiving holiday. Be blessed and full of joy. Happy Thanksgiving!



Rachel and Charlie DeTellis in Haiti.

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BETTER TOGETHER

Alone is not always a nice word. Alone I can feel weak or I may fall. Coming to Jesus gives me strength to stand strong. To do a mission, we are better together. Jesus first sent out His disciples together to assure their success to accomplish the mission. Our mission to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our Haitian family is a big challenge. The Gospel is not only the preaching of the Word for reconciliation with Jesus Christ and the security of eternity, but the Gospel is sensitive to minister to, with provision, the present physical needs of the people.

This week I felt “Better Together” in the lives of students at North Shore Christian School in Beverly, Massachusetts. They were compassionate and excited to save their allowance and challenge their community to pack Christmas shoeboxes for Haiti. These children inspired me to new spiritual strength. You are a blessing from God to come together with us through your prayers, encouragement, finances, and times of volunteering. Eccl. 4:9-12 speaks of two walking together to avoid one from falling, and goes on to say a cord of three strands is not easily broken. Together is a nice word. No, never alone. He promised never to leave us. We are better together.

~Jeanne DeTellis



Thank you to our volunteers who serve during our Christmas Shoebox Drive—helping sort and case these gifts going to Haiti.



Middle: Pastors and churches across the country are hosting our shoebox campaign to express God's love to the people of Haiti.

Bottom left: Thank you for your generosity in giving, because each child matters to God.

Bottom right: When you enclose a photograph, the child will see who packed their gift and remember you in their prayers.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Church on the Rise: The local church is the greatest relief organization in the world because the greatest need in the world is a Savior, and Jesus is the answer. Since the hurricane, our churches have seen increased attendance. Pastor Mario Bijou, a graduate of New Missions Christian Academy who now serves our church in Signeau, Haiti, sent us this photograph. He wanted us to see how the church was overflowing with people who came to worship and pray—giving thanks to God for His protection and mercy.

Helping Hands: Volunteers play an integral role in what we do at New Missions. Packing shoeboxes, processing sneakers, and reading letters from students are all jobs that volunteers help with on a regular basis. Throughout our Christmas Shoebox Drive, families, small groups, and students will come and help us prepare the gifts we receive for our students. Many hands make light work. We are so grateful for all of the helping hands who make it possible to meet the needs of our students in Haiti.

Dominican Leadership Team: Recently, a group of our Dominican leaders had the opportunity to visit our mission in Haiti. The trip exceeded all of their expectations! They were encouraged to see the work that our mission is doing in Haiti—to raise up a generation of Christian leaders. They were humbled and challenged by the strong faith of our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ, even though they are affected by such poverty. Most importantly, they praised the Lord that while they were there, three people accepted Christ! To God be the glory!

Bless Those Who Bless: Did you know shoebox gifts are being received to bless our pastors, teachers, and nurses? Join us in blessing those who minister to our school children. We want them to receive essential items for their families and homes. You can see a full list of packing ideas at shoeboxdrive.com. Together, we can send more love to our pastors, teachers, and nurses on the front row of seeing lives changed. Our collection runs until December 31, 2016—so there is still time to participate.





EAT MORE AT SCHOOL

Asking a graduate of New Missions what it was like when they attended one of our schools led to a telling response. “I ate all I wanted,” was what he remembered. I hung up in tears. The caller was Luvins Saint Fort. He attended our school in Bire, Haiti, 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.

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 their New Missions Christian Academy campus. 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 a child learn to read or write on an empty stomach,” my father would tell me.

From our school cooks to our teachers and administrators, each one 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. Thank you for your generosity with a special year-end gift to help us purchase food for feeding children.

~Tim DeTellis

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Top: Each day at school lunch is prepared in Haiti for children to enjoy and ready their minds to learn.

Bottom left: This year, we will purchase 200 tons of rice—enabling us to prepare 2 million meals.

Bottom middle: A monthly supply of food (including dried fish, tomato paste, garlic, salt, and oil) is sent by truck to each campus.

Bottom right: Our Haitian cooks will prepare 57 tons of pinto beans during the year to be served with lunch.

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IF THAT SAME SPIRIT!

On Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 10:09 a.m., I sent a text message to my wife, "Help!" I was having a heart attack! It felt like someone was standing on my chest. My wife Paula ran into the house and gave me three baby aspirin and called 911. I never thought I was the guy who was going to have a heart attack. I'm healthy, active, and full of energy. Through it all I kept recalling Romans 8:11. There is an old Gospel song with the same words that we would sing in church. I kept singing that song and standing on the Word of God throughout my time in the hospital.

At the hospital they did an EKG and a blood test. Both of the tests came back negative. The doctor wanted me to stay overnight for more tests. But, by then the pain was gone and I was feeling fine. I signed my discharge papers and called a taxi to take us home.

The next morning I was scheduled for my annual doctor's check-up at 9:00 a.m. When I arrived, my doctor had the medical reports from my visit to the emergency room. Dr. Childs said, "It looks like you may have had a heart attack." Your lab report shows your cholesterol is high. So I want to put you on a cholesterol medicine and a beta blocker (blood pressure) medication to slow down your heart. After leaving the doctor's office, I went to run some errands. The doctor's office called and asked me to come back for a blood test. An hour later my doctor

called and told me the blood report showed that I did have a heart attack and I should go to the hospital to be checked out. I told him, "It's Friday afternoon, I feel fine. If I go to the hospital they are going to admit me and I will be sitting all weekend waiting for something to happen. Let me just start the new pills you prescribed and let's see how it goes." I was still being stubborn. That night around 9:00 p.m., my doctor called my wife while she was having dinner with three of her friends from church. They came home, and along with my son Michael, surrounded me and did an intervention. My son Michael said

to me, "Please, Dad, don't be stubborn like Grampy." So I agreed and packed a duffle bag for a long weekend. On Monday morning they performed a cardiac catheterization. First they put dye into my blood stream so they

could see the blockage. Then they completed balloon angioplasty and put a platinum stent into one of the arteries in my heart that was 90% blocked. I was awake during the entire procedure and could feel them working in my heart. The operating room and the entire experience was like science fiction. I felt like I was on the Star Trek Enterprise. Thank God for all the great medical science and the privilege we have to enjoy this technology. Monday evening at 8:00 p.m. I was discharged from the hospital. Praise God!

~George DeTellis, Jr.

**AS CHRISTIANS WE HAVE
THE WORD OF GOD AND
HIS SPIRIT LIVING IN US.**

Do you need a healing? Are you going through a health crisis? Meditate on the words of Romans 8:11. *"And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you."* It was the power of God's Spirit that raised Christ from the dead, and that same Spirit gives life to us, too!

George DeTellis, Jr.

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P.S. With this being the last newsletter for 2016, I, along with the staff of New Missions, would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and God's richest blessings in the New Year.

