



# NEW MISSIONS

Change the life of a child



## 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.

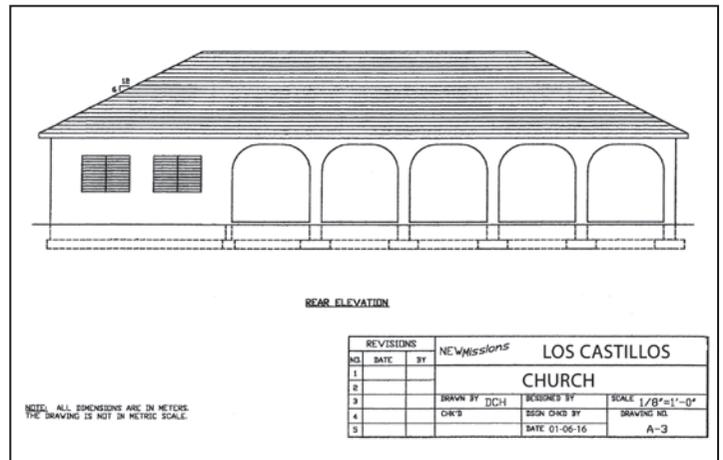
Construction will begin early in 2016. I hope to have a park bench—a resting place—with a colorful garden full of flowers in honor and remembrance of Dennis. You can help us begin construction. As the Lord leads your heart to give, we invite you to partner with us in this new project.

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](mailto: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

## MORE ONLINE AT NEWMISSIONS.ORG



**GIVE SNEAKERS**  
Collect new sneakers at your church or school to benefit students at New Missions. Visit [GiveSneakers.com](http://GiveSneakers.com)



**SPONSOR A CHILD**  
You can help educate a child and empower them to better their tomorrow. Call our office at 407-240-4058 or visit [NewMissions.org](http://NewMissions.org)



**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**  
You can donate drums, keyboards, guitars, microphones, and percussion instruments for use in our churches. For more information call 407-240-4058.



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



**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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# GIVE THE GIFT OF EDUCATION



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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*

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*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.*

