



1st Quarter 2021 Newsletter

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Well the first quarter of 2021 is behind us and it passed like a breeze. I can't believe how busy I've been these last three months. It seemed that I couldn't find enough time to accomplish all the things that were before me. We were able to accomplish lots for the Lord.

I've had to learn a new way of running the ministry. The financial support for Harvest has gotten very low. I have had to let all the staff go due to not being able to provide a salary for them. They have all had to find other jobs. I am thankful to the Lord that each of them have found good paying jobs.

The good news about this bad news is that all of them continue to serve the Lord and Harvest. Pam, our CFO, is working full time but still does all the bookkeeping on the weekends. It is a challenge for me because I have become accustomed to being able to get information from her right away. Now I have to wait until she is able to get "to it". I am grateful that she is still doing all of the bookkeeping.

Cassie, who is our "Secretary/Database Mgr/Social Media /Computer Tech and all around go person, is only able to come into the office one day a week, but helps from home in her spare time. She has kept all of our platforms updated and does a great job.

Ethel, who is our receptionist, continues to provide a vital service for the continuation of Harvest International. She also comes in just one day a week and is responsible for picking up the mail, sorting all the support checks that come in, mail out financial reports and newsletters.

As for me, I am learning just how much all of the staff was doing, and continues to do for the Lord and for Harvest. I have had to learn how to do things for myself. I've become pretty good at finding stuff on the computer and the database (LOL). Doesn't sound like much, but for almost 30 years I've been able to say, "Can you please do this" and someone was around to do it. Now I say, "Can I do this, Yes I can". I am grateful that the Lord has allowed me to continue serving Him and keep Harvest International going. Thank you Jesus!

In light of all that, our missionaries have been able to stay on the mission field. There financial support has dropped, but none of them have requested to come back home. We hope you enjoy catching up with them and their ministries.

Physically & Spiritually Touching Lives

Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white for harvest! ~ John 4:35

Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



“ADJUSTING AS WE CAN”

We are into the annual drought time in Jamaica, which began in December and usually continues until end of March/April. However we, in the central hills of the island, have been getting occasional showers and so flowers and fruits are showing up. So we are now enjoying star-apples, cherries and naesberry fruits Papayas, pineapples and bananas are year round.

The New Year is rushing along with us and we are trying to keep up, and hoping that Jamaica and the world will not have to repeat the year 2020, as we wrestle with the virus Covid-19. Daily we wait with trepidation for the local TV news to terrify us with how many new positive cases were found; how many died yesterday; and how many entered hospitals for treatment. Finding beds in our hospitals has become quite a problem. Presently Jamaica has near 34,000 confirmed positive; with just over 500 deaths; nearly 400 hospitalized, of which 28 are critically ill.

The government and the Ministry of Health and Wellness are doing their level best to keep the country in good condition, find more available hospital beds for new patients, and accessing more units of vaccine. Problems faced by some European countries with the Astra Zenica brand of vaccine have not helped in convincing our people to be willing to take the vaccine. Our government is trying to find enough vaccines for our population of 2.6 million. As a small country Jamaica is not able to compete with the ‘big boys’ of Europe and North America.

A Gift from India: Elaine has this word of news for our supporters: “We give God thanks for our first supply of vaccines, a gift of 50,000 (doses) from India. We thank our caring Heavenly Father Who sent it in the midst of our rising costs.

Number of Murders: “Yet, for us there is a greater concern, that of the number of persons that are being killed every day. Lloyd and I have been praying that our churches would be awakened to the need of evangelizing our nation. Despite the many churches that we have, there is a new generation that knows not our God.” But, our hope for change was much encouraged on February 21st. when the local Ministers Association, of which Lloyd is the Secretary, received a message from the Custos Rotolorum (a term left over from our British days.) He is like a local “Patron”, to use a Spanish term) who is the representative of the Governor General, who is the Queen of England’s representative in Jamaica.

Parish Day of Pray: This Cultural/Civic leader is requesting the local Ministers’ Association to join with the political and commercial sections of society in planning a parish-wide Day of Prayer for God’s intervention, to redress the crime wave and the Covid-19 virus waves sweeping our country; together with other issues that our country faces.

While the planning is just beginning, the churches are eager to see this day arrive (April 28) when there will be a special Prayer Event in Mandeville; other churches will be opened for any who wishes to enter for personal prayer to do so.

Do pray with us for the planning, and for effective prayer activities that will take place on that day. We desire to see God work and begin a new set of witness and prayer activities in our town and parish. O that God would help us to lead many persons to receive His salvation!

National Prayer Vigil: Yet another invitation was discussed at that last meeting of our Ministers Association. Towards the end of the year we are being asked to lead in the 26th renewal - but the first in our Parish (Manchester) – of a national Prayer Vigil under the patronage of the official (non-political) “Head of State”: the Governor General, (the local national official representative of the Queen of England, our former British Colonial period masters until our ‘gift’ of Independence in 1962).

Health: We and our extended families are doing well, as we depend upon the Lord for protection and preservation, in face of the Covid-19 pandemic. We thank God that only one relative of Elaine’s family, and also one of Lloyd’s family, a brother of hers who lives in New York, contracted the virus and had to be hospitalized. He has recovered and is back at his business.

Lloyd's son-in-law who lives in North Carolina, also contracted the disease. He too has recovered. His wife our second daughter is a Physician's Assistant in a hospital there. We thank the Lord that she has weathered the threats safely. We are unsure if she has yet received the vaccine. We pray constantly for their protection by our loving Lord Jesus.

Elaine and I are looking forward to Jamaica getting the Johnson & Johnson vaccines, as we would like to be able to get that vaccine, since it would be only a one-dose vaccine.

The Vaccine's Effect on Education: Because of the Covid-19 pandemic our involvement in Christian education here has been much affected, but we are learning to deal with it. Nationally, our schools have been closed to face-to-face classes for about a year now. Public schools are using various methods of teaching virtually by T.V., Radio and telephone platforms. On the Infant and Middle-schools level, many children have been left behind because of the families' difficulty in providing computers, tablets, and phones for the students. Various businesses and individuals, local and in the diaspora, have been donating tablets, etc. to the schools for those students in need. But, despite all the efforts, many children are left behind.

We found a boy and his smaller sister, sitting just outside our gate, with his tablet and her telephone connected to our Wi-Fi trying to follow the school lessons being broadcast. Many cannot find local Wi-Fi contact to connect. The Ministry of Education has decided to extend the school year into a part of the summer holidays in order to help them be ready for exams which will decide if they can be moved up for the next school year. Many students have fallen behind in their school work. The entire Caribbean has been facing the same education issues.

Lloyd has taught one of his College courses by the Learning Management System utilized by his College. But, he has seen the need to discontinue teaching at the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology this semester. This is regrettable, but his time, health, and technology difficulties necessitated this. Do uphold him so he will know when to discontinue his teaching responsibilities completely, since advancing age is making it more difficult each year.

In late May Lloyd will celebrate his 79th birthday: while he still enjoys good health, he is beginning to face some physical difficulties, particularly with getting adequate sleep most nights. He does have prescribed tablets to help, but is unwilling to use these every day lest he becomes drug dependent. Pray that he will take necessary steps to get back to a regular schedule of sleep time.

Ministries: With schools shut down, and gatherings of most sorts not encouraged, we are unable to continue most of our public evangelistic activities. Elaine is unable to continue most of her outreach to children and youth. Lloyd's teaching opportunities have also been affected. Even church gatherings are under the government's guidance. Churches are limited to not more than ten (10) persons at meetings; even funerals have been limited to this number; and only cemetery internments: with memorial services in churches are suspended for a two-week period. Jamaicans are not appreciative of being so restricted for funerals. Funeral homes are also complaining of difficulties in preserving bodies until they are free to return to having burials.

Yet, we take every opportunity we can find to witness: especially to individuals. Even as we walk in the community daily, Elaine will often stop to ask people gathered along the way if she can pray for them. There never has any resistance to doing so. Our people respect prayer and religious beliefs and practice. We praise God that that Christian respect is still common in our country, but many do not have that faith in the Lord which indicates certainty of personal salvation. We pray that we would be able to help whoever needs the assurance of God's presence and help to them in this time of questions about the future. The greatest spiritual need we see around us now is the lack of HOPE.

We will continue to make ourselves available to be used as God's instruments to lead family, friends and others to faith and spiritual certainty in Christ. "David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep." (Acts 13:36) We plan to do the same, before we also "fall asleep." We desire that "those who come behind us will find us faithful." May you do your best to do likewise.

We thank God daily for you all! Please continue to keep us close to your hearts and in your prayers, as we seek also to do for you. Keep close to the Lord during this Lenten.

Haitian Center for Inclusive Education with Dr. Don DeVito

Serving the Lord in Haiti



The Haitian Center for Inclusive Education participated in educational collaborations this past month with the Margika program for children with disabilities and the Rawlings Elementary Center for Fine Arts in Gainesville Florida via WhatsApp and Zoom.

We are trying to help increase the connectivity and broadband power at the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education. There are currently gas shortages for the generator and rioting. This makes it difficult for the children and teachers to get to the school, but their love of music education and learning continues.

We would appreciate your support in helping to raise the funds need to purchase supplies that allow the school to connect with the outside world for education allowing them to use expand their horizons of learning.

You can give a gift online at www.HarvestInternaitonal.org or by mail at PO Box 6690, Ocala, FL 34479. Notate HCIE.



Daniel & Betty

Serving the Lord in India



Pastor Daniel is still recovering. I took him to hospital today. Here Corona is still at its high risk. But we are doing ministry.



We have started construction on a New hall for church ministry in Bangalore.

Our slum Sunday school children.

There is a special child with the mother there. We are supporting him for the treatment. He has microcephaly head and this family accepted the Lord. Please pray for this mother who is expecting her second child.



*The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project
with Dick & Barb Johnson*

Serving the Lord in Uganda



My family and I are doing great. After a long separation of over eight months due to the Corona Virus, I was able to reunite with Carolyne and Adriel. Thank you God!

I am now in my third year and will be starting my fourth in September 2021. We are now doing research and I pray God gives us (residents / students) strength to do well and be able to graduate in December 2022.

You brought us peace and joy in our heart, you brought education to us, you helped us by the hand to raise up high above the ground and be able to share with the children of the rich. The Lord for sure is using you for His glory and I believe that the Lord has a lot to accomplish through your lives.

Thank you for your continued financial support. I am forever grateful.

~ Tadeo Katuramu

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“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (Gal. 6: 9,10).

Some 12 years ago, we were introduced to the manager of one of the agricultural farms in a farming community some two hours drive away from Harare. This farm later became one of our bases as we met with a small group of its workers, as well as groups of Pastors and leaders in two neighboring towns.

Once our stint of ministry in that area ended, we hardly ever visited that farm in the intervening years, until recently when its present manager fell ill with colon cancer. We took the opportunity to be of support to the owners during their time of need, happy that we were able to stand with people whom the Lord had so graciously used in our lives during our early years of ministry here.



Since Zimbabwe was under yet another lockdown, we had to get special permission from the authorities to travel out of Harare. What a joy to see farmlands, and even lands that had been lying fallow for years, now lush green and full of healthy-looking crops of maize, sorghum and soya beans. Indeed, what a blessing from the Lord - to which the trees of the field, and the people alike all clap their hands! You see, over the past few years, most of Zimbabwe has suffered from

severe, successive droughts, resulting in food and water shortages. So, like the rest of the Nation, our hearts are full of thanksgiving to the Lord for sending us some five months of “showers of blessings”.

During our visit to the farm, we were introduced to the prospective new manager. The owners had been looking for someone to help with the management of the farm and had been praying for confirmation that this person was the right candidate for the job. On being introduced to him as missionaries, this young man then told us that he had come from four generations of missionaries. It turns out that his grandparents, the late Rev. Dave Broom and his wife Maxine (now both deceased), were used greatly of the Lord to encourage us in our early years of ministry here. They were the ones who introduced us to Gweru the year after our arrival. What a great networker our Heavenly Father is!

An added joy was to meet Dickson, one of the farm workers in the small group with whom we used to meet years ago. He now pastors a Church on the farm and has a vibrant ministry among the youth there. He is also well respected among the workers and they meet and pray together before commencing their daily farm duties.

One thing we all can learn from farming is that, once the farmer sows many rows of seed in a field, he must devote much time, effort and resources to ensure that the fields are well-watered, weeded and pest free, if the vulnerable plants are to progress to fruit-bearing in due season. The resulting harvest is left to the type of soil, weather conditions and time. While we thank God for encouraging our hearts by showing us a little fruit from the seed He used us to sow years ago, we have learned by His grace that we are not to judge our efforts by the amount of fruit that is spontaneously produced, but by our faithfulness in sowing and nurturing, as the Lord gives us opportunity.

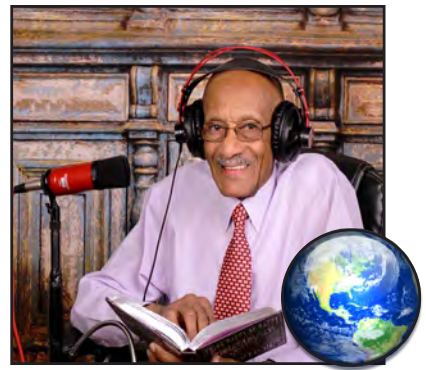
Thank you for praying with us in this regard.



The Bible Speaks Radio Ministry *with Audley Mclean*

Serving the Lord by World Radio

The Shepherd 96.3 / 103.5 FM



With deep appreciation, I thank God for you and the way in which your support in prayer, finances and spreading the word of the broadcast ministry, has helped to make the great Commission continue in our time and space.

The Bible Speaks is a truly a cooperative labor of love, prayer and dependence upon God. You are a vital force in this cooperative. Thank you.

The first three months of this year have been times of challenge and encouragement, all at the same time.

The understandable impacts of the Covid epidemic have left their mark. In addition, we have suffered some technical set backs because of which the publishing of the broadcasts on Harvestinternational.org, has been interrupted. When that happens, we hear from faithful listeners and supporters. Here is one such email:

“Audley, Just wanted to say hello and see how things are going for you. I haven’t been able to find your daily teachings since early February. Are you still doing them? Also, let me know how you are doing in general. In Christ by His grace, ~ Bill.”

I mentioned “challenge and encouragement.” The challenges, I’ve mentioned. The encouragement is that you have made it possible for us to continue lifting up the blood stained banner of the cross. To God be the glory!

There are two more pieces of good news. Because of the demands that the Covid restrictions have placed on people everywhere, we have been all forced to adapt and innovate. It has challenged us to look at additional avenues of communication and your radio ministry has not missed the cue. We are expanding to include our presence on YouTube, Podcasts and as many of the Social Media platforms as we can engage. Visit our website and you will be directed to Harvest’s YouTube channel.

One of our board members, Elgin Carelock, wrote to me these encouraging word: *“As for our Internet based radio station I have made great strides in getting to the point of launch, but being an army one, getting to the finish line has proven to be a little more challenging with my other responsibilities. I would like to add you shows to my podcast website <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1573354>. Of course there would be no charge for you to be on our podcast.*

The other piece of good news is that help is on the way. Many of you have been praying for on air help for this old man (in my 90th year). God is in the process of answering your prayer. More about that in the days ahead.

As I write this update, I feel like shouting, HALLELUJAH!

A servant, for Jesus sake,
Audley

Faith Foundations International *with Ray B. Nelson* Serving the Lord in India



Many good things are going on in India. Churches being built, motorcycles being given to Pastors and Pastors being supported.



Pastor Manasseh lives in a “Tanners Village”. Even amidst the poverty that is prevalent in India, this is an extremely poor village. Despite these harsh and unforgiving conditions Pastor Manasseh, though blind and nearly deaf and with the help of his wife, has faithfully ministered the good news of Jesus to his neighbors. He and his family lived in a very small home constructed of mud walls and a palm thatch style roof. God blessed him with two daughters however, because he was so poor no young man would consider marrying one of his daughters. Because of the generosity of GFI partners a brand new home was constructed for Pastor Manasseh and his family. This new home, with the blue roof, now stands as a testimony to the entire village of the goodness of God. It is a visible expression of how God loves and provides for His children. And now, because of a new house, Pastor Manasseh’s daughter will be married this June (2021)! You never know how God will use and even multiply your investment in His Kingdom!



Several Pastors received a brand new motor scooter or motorcycle. The blessing this is to them cannot be overstated! Many of these Pastors serve multiple churches and without this reliable transportation either walked or rode a bike to the villages they served. Pastor Jacob is one such Pastor. You can see by his expression how much this means to him!



Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to donate please visit www.HarvestInternational.org to give a gift or mail to PO Box 6690, Ocala, FL 34478.



Shiloh Children's Home
with Tom & Ginger Schmidt
Serving the Lord in Haiti



Greetings in the name of our LORD and Savior, JESUS CHRIST!

Remembering when our whole family would drive in the mountains of Haiti, the road we often traveled on headed right towards a white painted church, then turned in front of the church. Over the door was written: 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, will HUMBLE themselves, and PRAY, and SEEK my face, and TURN from their wicked ways; then will I HEAR from heaven, and will FORGIVE their sin, and will HEAL their land." This is true for Haiti, as well as the USA and the whole world!

Haiti has had to deal with the China Flu as all the world has. Thankfully we don't know of anyone who's gotten it there, but food had to be purchased on the "black market" according to Brother Nelson to feed the children he and Dieulène care for. This caused the prices to greatly increase for a good nine months. Now the supplies from the Dominican Republic are trucked over to Hinche and the price is not as high. We Praise GOD for that and are so thankful all the children are doing well.

On the streets of Port-au-Prince, increasing gangs are robbing indiscriminately. It's a difficult situation for those who need to travel through the Capital. Ginger and I are eager to make a trip into Haiti in the next few months, LORD willing. We were given a donation last year to get new beds and bedding for the boys, but we have not been able to get it to them yet. We can fly MFI into Pignon and hire a truck to take us and all our cargo to Hinche. Looking forward to that opportunity!

Ginger's dad, who's been living with us these past eight years, went home to be with Jesus on December 27, 2020 at age 98! We were so blessed to be able to care for him during that time. Dad trusted Christ as his Savior at the age of 91, after more than 40 years of daily praying for his soul by our family. Don't ever give up on praying for those the Lord lays on your heart!

This summer Nelson will complete his pastoral training, and he will become a full time Pastor! We are so excited for him and Dieulène! Please pray for them and the ministry God has for them.

We thank the Lord for your prayers and support! You are a Blessing and encouragement to Shiloh Children's Home and the ValCourt family.

"The LORD BLESS thee, and KEEP thee: The LORD make HIS FACE SHINE upon thee, and be GRACIOUS unto thee: The LORD lift up his COUNTENANCE upon thee, and give thee PEACE." Numbers 6:24-26

"The GRACE of our LORD JESUS CHRIST be with you all. Amen." Revelation 22:21

The Truelove Family

*Austin, Kaelee, Sabashtian, Katianna,
Majolie, Mirette & Ariella*

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above... ~ James 1:17a

Greetings in the name of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! We are delighted to write to you on our laptop, which was repaired and returned to us this week. It's incredible that this service is available in our parts; what an answer to prayer.

Our last home building project for the Mikael family was completed in record time. They were able to move into it several weeks ago, in time for the torrential spring rains. With 10 members in the family, one can only imagine how grateful they are for the added room. Kaelee was delighted to receive a thank you present of 20 fresh eggs.



Gerson & Austin: Roffing Mikael's Home

The next home project is for a single mother, her cousin and their two children. Iphanise has worked for Kaelee since we lived in Santrain. She has faithfully shopped at the market for us every week and helped out when Kaelee had an extra amount of work like shelling beans or washing diapers. Iphanise is very motivated and has provided more than is usually required in order to speed up the process. We are thankful to say that this home is fully-funded and preparations for making the block started this morning.

Unfortunately, due to the vacillating exchange rate, the cost for building a home increased by \$1000. (From 7k to 8k). We are so thankful for your generosity which enabled us to cover the added expense. We are currently reevaluating some aspects of the project which could minimize the cost increase without diminishing the quality of the homes. Please pray for wisdom in this.

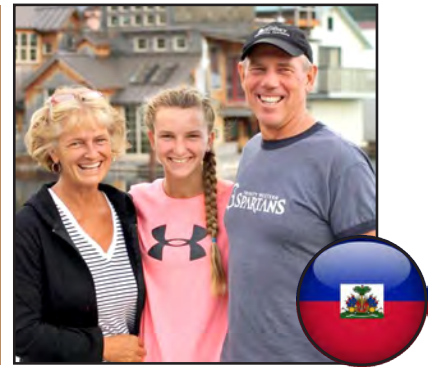
As to be expected, we have had several issues with our vehicles. Big Blue has been plagued with a leaky tank for quite a while now. Though it has been repaired, it has started to leak again. The ambulance service is yet to be officially launched, but Austin recently transported a critical patient to the nearest hospital in the emergency vehicle. Although the baby was lost, the mother is recovering. Please pray for her mental and physical recovery.

March starts the spring planting season. For the past two weeks, Austin, with the help of several close neighbors, has (chake) been preparing ground for planting. This is done by everyone who has property. Using a pickax or a large tool that looks like an oversized hoe, it's very hard work. More than bodily strength, it takes mental fortitude to plow through an acre of land like this. Austin's participation in this work gave him lots of time to have meaningful conversations with these close neighbors and build these relationships stronger. Aside from that, we now have an acre of land ready to plant. Peanut is our crop of choice due to its hardiness and soil restorative capabilities. Last season, it proved to be successful in spite of suffering a dry spell and harassment from neighborhood chickens and turkeys.

As always, we continue to encourage your support through giving and prayer. As word travels, Austin continues to receive requests for helping with homes, water filters, and other community projects. Please pray for wisdom in choosing who to help, and that God would provide for both the physical and spiritual needs of our area in Haiti. Moreover, once a need is met, pray that each recipient would praise our Father, the Giver of all good things and recognize his work.

Camp Mahanaim with The Wray Family Rod, Debbie & Katie

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Our long time friend and co-worker Dr. Bill passed away a few weeks ago after eight years of battling with cancer. Thank you to each one of you who faithfully prayed for Dr. Bill. He was an incredible example of a humble servant who desired to see people come to know Jesus. Even during the past few years as his body was shutting down, Dr. Bill continued to come to Haiti, serving and giving of himself even to the end. It was a privilege to work with and know Dr. Bill.

January was a month of giving for us, thanks to you who sent so many amazing items for us to give. At Renault Sunday school, we distributed the gifts to girls one week and boys the next. It went really well and the beautiful clothes, shoes, toys and quilts were greatly appreciated. The boys received t-shirts, shoes, toys and quilts, with the older ones getting beans or peanut butter also. Many very happy little girls. They love the dresses.



The chipper shredder that came on the container has been put to good use already. We have so many coconut tree branches in the yard, and now we are able to shred them and turn them into good compost.



Deb and Katie organizing all the donated items. We especially check the dates so that we can give the near expiry items away first.

The kids at Renault Sunday school are glued to the screen as the watch and hear the bible story.



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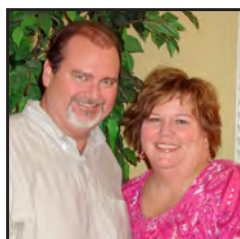
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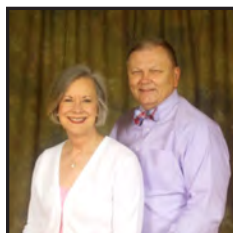
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Dear Harvest Supporters,

WOW, it's hard to believe that we are half way through 2021. I can't believe how fast it has gone by. Over the last 3 months there has been so much activity that it is hard for me to put it into words, but I will try.

A container of food with 273,000 meals onboard finally arrived in Gonaives, Haiti. This container will provide food for the children we sponsor for the next 5-6 months. Praise the Lord. This was a long time coming. I have requested two more containers ASAP. The need for food in Haiti is desperate. Please pray that I will receive two more containers of food soon.

Because of Harvest partnership with Crossroads Alliance and Ministry together we have sent a container full of Hand Sanitizer, Alcohol Antiseptic, Hospital Gowns, Face Shields, and Mask to the Dominican Republic. We are working on sending 2 more containers, one to the Bahamas and the other one to Ethiopia. Please pray for these two containers.

All our missionaries are holding their own. Some are having to deal with COVID restrictions. Ray Nelson, our missionary to India, has been in the U.S. for almost a year waiting for permission to return. He has not been able to get permission to enter the country. Please pray for him.

Looking back at the last three months I would have never guessed I would have been so busy. I see the hand of the Lord in everything Harvest is doing and I am grateful that He is using us. Please pray that He continues to be pleased in what we are doing for Him. God bless you for all you have done, are doing, and will continue to do for Harvest International and the missionaries that you pray for and support.

God bless you,

Danny Thomas
Executive Director
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The Changing Seasons, of Life

The seasons are changing, both of the New Year and of our lives, whether we are prepared to handle it or not. Life does not stand still: especially facing the Covid-19 lockdowns, and the present focus on getting vaccines to protect us from the pandemic with the vague hope to “return to normal” soon.

Some are likely to ask, with a half-smile, ‘what is “normal”? Is there really such a thing? Life is about constant change. We agree with the request of the old hymn “O Thou that changeth not abide with me.”

Here in the mountains of south-central Jamaica, Mandeville, the seasons are not very different: we seem to have continuous summer/fall conditions. Spring doesn’t show itself by seemingly dry and dead twigs suddenly bursting forth in blossoms. It simply begins by certain trees, like the various colors of the Pouii tree (yellow or pink) loosing its leaves and bursting forth into blossoms alone as soon as the first rains bring an end to the three or more months of no rains beginning in December.

The island has never had snow. Except, it was reported many decades ago that there was frost on the ground on the top of our highest mountain, (Blue Mountain Peak – 4804 feet above sea level). Though we do not have a ‘Fall’ season here where there is a burst of golden red leaves which then fall to the earth leaving leafless twigs until the spring, but there are a small number of trees which from time to time produce full coat of yellow flowers, or purple, when showers of rain follow a brief dry period. We also look forward to the magnificent Poinciana trees bursting forth in various shades of red and golden yellow flowers. Those will soon bless us with their presence. In the more eastern Caribbean islands of Dominica and St. Lucia they call them ‘Flambouyaa’ (Flamboyant).

This is also the time when certain tropical fruits tantalize us with their sweetness: fruits such as ‘Star-apples’ ‘naes-berries’, followed by a variety of mangoes. These are now coming into the fullness. Every Jamaican goes crazy at “Mango-time”. Many west Indians at this time “wash out we pot, turn them down, for its mango time.”

Another sign of changing seasons refers to our aging: when our hair turns from its youthful black (or other colors, red, auburn, yellow, etc.) to grey. Lloyd celebrated his seventy-ninth year on May 27th. A friend who called him to celebrate with him reminded him that “next year this time, you will be an Octogenarian.” It almost sounded as a bad word, but it a reality. We thank god for all the years He has graciously given us, We will accept every extra year He gives us, and will use each to serve Him and advance His Kingdom here on earth.

Another season-change we are looking forward to is the reopening of schools after the coming summer holidays. Both Elaine and I are tired of classes, church services, and other meetings that are being held 'virtually'. He wants to meet and see people face-to-face once again. The schools where Elaine often ministers with her "Wait-and-Win" abstinence program; and the children classes he holds in other places have either been on lockdown, or the ministerial Colleges where Lloyd teaches, have all been on lockdown for the past year, and have to be taught 'virtually', mostly by ZOOM. Even our churches have been restricted by the government to limited numbers, though things are beginning to be opened up, and the national curfews are now being lengthened a bit, yet the country wants to get "back to normal." The vaccination program is beginning to have its effect, as the Covid-19 numbers are training down noticeably. We praise God for that!

Elaine and I have gotten the first jab of our Astra-Zenica vaccines, and look forward soon to getting our second dose within the next week. And, Lloyd will be taking a trip to the USA in the next week, to be at the High School graduation of our first granddaughter, Annika.

Elaine has this to say "... we thank God that with the vaccines, there appears to be some hope of seeing an end to this epidemic. She continues to assist a few of the community boys with their reading. Kymani, a nine (9) year old is the only one she is working with now, out of Covid-19 caution, and the fact that he needs 'one-on-one' help. He has not been in school since the onset of Covid. Because of his level of reading, he is not able to use the 'virtual' on-line service for schools, and there is not enough for those at home."

Lloyd will be doing some travelling through much of June. He will be visiting Raleigh-Durham in North Carolina to attend the High School graduation of our grand-daughter. In September she will be going to College, intending to follow her mother – Eleanor Gail – in medical studies. Her brother, Tyler, will have another year to go before his graduation. In the meanwhile he will continue to win wrestling matches in his state. Their seasons are also changing, as the move forward hoping for "normal" living, while learning trust in the Lord as Savior, Advisor and Lord.

As you pray for us, do uphold our siblings and their families. Thank God that no member of our families have had Covid problems, except for a brother of Elaine's who lives in New York. He has successfully overcome infection and hospitalization, but has recovered and is back to running his Air-Conditioning business. God has been gracious to Lloyd's daughter who works in a Raleigh hospital in the critical care unit as a Physician's Assistant. But her husband, a retired Fireman and EMT tech, did test positive for the Virus. He is now fully recovered, thank God.

Pray with us for a nephew of Lloyd who has had recent emotional/psychological problems. The entire family has cooperated to see him getting counsel and moving towards recovery. We pray for him to learn to fully trust the Lord, and lay his burdens at the Lord's feet.

We praise God for your faithful support of us by prayer and financial support. May you know daily fellowship with your Savior and Lord, and His Shepherd-like care. We thank you for being our helpers as we serve the Lord here.

Haitian Center for Inclusive Education with Dr. Don DeVito

Serving the Lord in Haiti



The Haitian Center for Inclusive Education participated in educational collaborations this past month with the Margika program for children with disabilities and the Rawlings Elementary Center for Fine Arts in Gainesville Florida via WhatsApp and Zoom. We are trying to help increase the connectivity and broadband power at the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education. There are currently gas shortages for the generator, rioting that makes it difficult for the children and teachers to get to the school but their love of music education and learning continues. We would appreciate your support in helping to raise the funds need to purchase supplies that allow the school to connect with the outside world for education allowing them to use expand their horizons of learning. Without gas for the generators-now more expensive because of the governmental situation and technology to use more efficient means of communication such as Zoom.



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Wednesday June 16th, 2021

It is 3.30 on a warm, sunny winter's afternoon. This warmth would likely last for less than another hour and then it becomes increasingly cold as evening sets in. Today, the skies are blue with beautiful patches of cloud here and there. This beautiful and picturesque drive back to Harare takes us through the Dykes, a range of mountains that embraces most of Zimbabwe's fifty-plus mineral deposits. It is not always an easy drive as the road is always dotted with huge trucks travelling to and from neighboring South Africa to countries to our north, as far as the Democratic Republic of Congo. Like most others, we are trying to weave our way past those large trucks to the tollbooth so that we avoid the congestion there. After this, our next challenge will be navigating the rush hour traffic on the way to the City of Harare, which greets one like a frenzied flood.

Zimbabwe is again under lockdown! However, one of the many blessings of this lockdown is that it has not affected our weekly out-of-town trip as we are still within the boundaries set by the authorities for Mashonaland West, of which Harare is a part.

However, our in-person groups as well as preaching ministry on Sunday mornings are affected and our online groups are increasingly challenging because of problematic internet access, even when we have power.

Nevertheless, we know that God is not fazed by any of this. We can see His hand at work in our own lives, and in the outflow of the lives of individuals and families to whom He ministers through us. Jesus Himself said, "Without me you can do nothing." Over the years, we have learnt and continue to learn with each faltering step that self-effort only leads to frustration, and submission is key in our walk with Him. Scriptures like Proverbs 3: 5-6, Rom 6: 6-11 Rom 8: 1-17 are increasingly precious to us in these times. How privileged we are.

Our hearts are also greatly encouraged by what our Heavenly Father is doing among various groups within the body of believers here. These brethren are being used of Him to reach many within our society, in needy communities as well as among the more affluent ones. Indeed, people need God now more than ever.

We are also happy that there is a growing number of folks here who recognize that we must pray for those in authority over us, whether we support them or not. The realization that only God can truly steer the course of our lives is becoming more and more evident in our fallen world and praying to and trusting Him, rather than fretting, is our only way to victory.

Our thanks to God and to all of you who have been journeying with us these past several years. We appreciate your continued prayers for us and for those whom God sends into our lives. These are difficult times for us all, so let us continue to pray for each other.

Indeed, we are fellows in the same ship (fellowship).

Faith Foundations International with Ray B. Nelson

Serving the Lord in India



I have been in regular contact with Pastor Sharath the past few weeks and he has been giving me regular updates regarding the COVID-19 outbreak in the areas in which he minister's. The situation continues to be very grim and the outlook is not very encouraging.

There is a significant shortage of oxygen and oxygen cylinders. The partial lockdown remains in place. Churches are no longer conducting services. House bible studies and house visitations have ceased as well.

Additionally there is a new medical threat that is emerging that is affecting many folks who have recovered from the COVID-19 virus, Black Fungus. This is a new development and is raising some serious concerns among the medical professionals. It seems this black fungus enters the body as a result of a weakened immune system from fighting off the COVID-19 virus.

In the middle of these dire circumstances, our brothers and sisters are faithfully sharing the good news of hope that is found in Jesus alone! We are so thankful to the Lord for his continued protection over all the GFI Pastor's and their respective families, everyone has remained healthy!

As you can imagine there are many needs that are emerging through this crisis situation. There are two things that I would highlight here and invite you to respond as the Lord leads you.

1. COVID-19 BEDS

The local government officials have contacted Pastor Sharath and asked him to help provide beds for COVID-19 patients. They are setting up a COVID-19 center to help quarantine people who have the Virus, but they need beds. This is an amazing example of the goodwill that Pastor Sharath has been able to establish with the local government officials. It represents a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate the care and love of the Christian's to those in need.



This will be a incredible testimony to those of other Faith's! Pastor Sharath has already ordered 10 beds, but we would like to supply a total of 25 bed's. These are iron frame beds with mattress and pillow. The cost of each bed is \$125, a total of \$3,125 for all 25 beds.

2. FOOD KITS FOR PASTORS

In light of the Churches no longer meeting, many Pastors are struggling to provide for their families. In the Indian culture the pastor uses some of the offering to provide for his family. Many Pastor's sole income is from these meager offerings. Thankfully, the GFI Pastors that have supporters are doing better than most. Pastor Sharath is looking to put together a one months supply of groceries for 100 pastors and their families. The cost for 100 families for one month is \$7,000 US Dollars.



TOTAL AMOUNT NEEDED FOR BOTH PROJECTS = \$10,125
TOTAL AMOUNT STILL NEEDED TO COMPLETE BOTH PROJECTS = \$5,794

Please continue to pray for are brothers and sisters in Christ that God would continue protecting them from all harm, as they serve as "beacons of hope" to those in their communities.

The Truelove Family

*Austin, Kaelee, Sabashtian, Katianna,
Majolie, Mirette & Ariella*

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Psalm 118:24 "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

With all of this world's negativity piling around us, I keep remembering a little sign that our Nana has in her kitchen which states "Weather Today: The Lord Reigns and Son shines". We must choose each day to rejoice and be glad in it. With this in mind, we are very joyful for the many blessings God has provided in the past couple months.



In April, we were able to finish Iphanise's home in 13 days, 10 days quicker than our first home build. Since the summer of 2018, this is our sixth home build. We choose to give thanks to God for His provision of funding and safety. Iphanise grew up a true orphan. She told us that before we took notice of her, she had no one to help her. Now she has hope and joy! Our prayer is that God's name is praised in each of these adventures.

As for the water filter distribution, our team distributed 200 more filters during three days in April and May. That puts us at 55% of our 1,000-filter goal! Typhoid isn't as predominate as it was several years ago, but we still feel that the filters are an important part of our work.



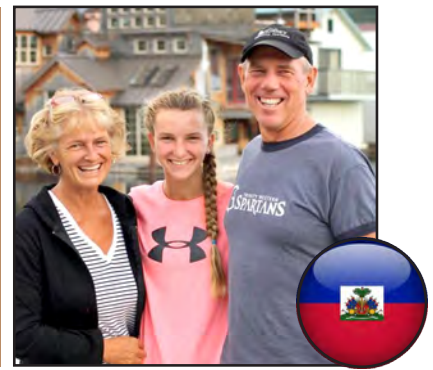
In April, we learned that Carol Ann, Austin's Mom, contracted Covid. She spent nearly two weeks in the hospital. She has been home for about a month now and continues to regain her strength daily. We care for her half-days, 5 days a week while George (Austin's dad) works. Before knowing any of this, we had decided to come back to the US in May for the summer months. How amazing God worked our plans ahead of time, so we could care for our family.

Our summer plan is: family time; visiting supporters; raising funds for 3 more homes; and more flight hours for Austin. As always, we are encouraged by your faithful support in prayer and finances. We continue to ask for both as we continue to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people in Pecry-Mare Rouge, Haiti. Please pray that God will guide our visits; open more doors; and that we will live with intentionality and impact those people who God puts in our path each day.

You can get involved by giving to the Home project - \$8,000 builds a home
You can help us raise support by inviting us to share at your church or small group!

Camp Mahanaim with The Wray Family Rod, Debbie & Katie

Serving the Lord in Haiti



A couple weeks ago was Haitian Mother's Day in Haiti and we were able to share gifts with many, both locally in the village, as well as through the area of the Renault Sunday school.



Deb preparing gifts to give to the Haitian mothers.



Distributing to the volleyball kids.



The kids were happy and thankful to have a gift to share with their moms.



At Sunday school we did the story of David and Goliath and our friend Duane did a great job of playing the part of Goliath against the little Haitian "David" reciting bible verses. Here is a short video - <https://youtu.be/ouFm8hKl7kQ>.

We continue to host Haitian groups here at the camp and Deb has a good group of kitchen workers.



Years ago we built the track around the soccer field using "limestone" or white sand. Now, we are removing all that white sand and using it to make a type of pavement on the roads inside the camp, while at the same time planting more grass and building a larger soccer field.

In just the past few weeks the covid virus has started to strengthen and spread in Haiti. As of yesterday we have reduced activities at Camp Mahanaim and the Sunday school. We appreciate your prayers for us and Haiti during this time.

Here is a link to a youtube video that Katie made of the weddings last month.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61OC3A7vQiw&t=7s>

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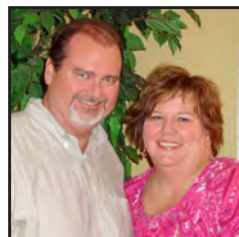
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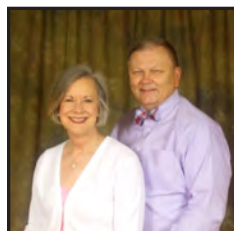
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WOW, it's hard to believe that we are three months away from the end of 2021. I can't believe how fast it has gone by. Over the last three months there has been so much activity that it is hard for me to put it into words, but I will try.

Because of Harvest partnership with Crossroads Alliance and Ministry together we have sent five more containers to three different countries. We have loaded and shipped three containers full of much need COVID supplies, Hospital Gowns, Face Shields, and Mask to Cuba. We have sent two containers full of supplies for Earthquake Relief (Food, Tents, Tarps, and Solar Powered Lanterns) to Haiti and are sending three more over the next few weeks. Also working on a container to Nevis, Guatemala, and possibly Honduras. Praise the Lord for His provisions to help with the needs in all these countries.

All our missionaries are holding their own. Some are having to deal with COVID restrictions. The Wray family are doing well in Canada and I think are looking forward to what God has planned for them. Please read all about what is going on with our missionaries in this newsletter.

Looking back at the last three months I would have never guessed I would have been so busy. I see the hand of the Lord in everything Harvest is doing and I am grateful that He is using us. Please pray that He continues to be pleased in what we are doing for Him. God bless you for all you have done, are doing, and will continue to do for Harvest International and the missionaries that you pray for and support.

~ Danny Thomas
Executive Director

Physically & Spiritually Touching Lives

Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white for harvest! ~ John 4:35

Randy & Debbie Bullock

Serving the Lord in Romania

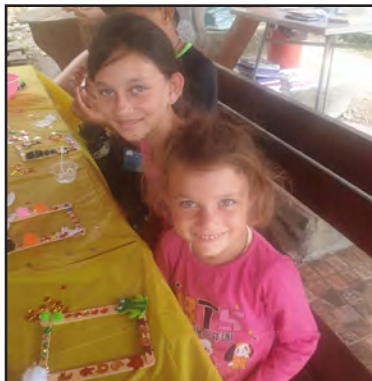
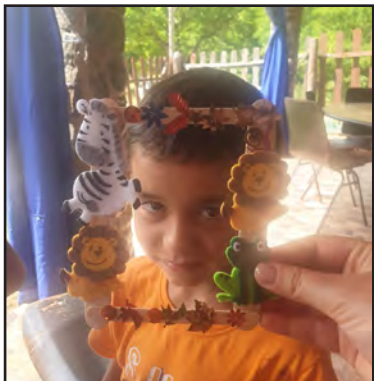


The summer of 2020 was the first year when we were not able to take the children to camp. Through God's grace this summer we were able to take the children from the Dumbrava center to camp. The summer camp for these children is the highlight of the year. They work so hard all year long to earn points, through all the activities that we do to the center, to make sure they are on the list for the camp. Many of them don't have the chance to leave from the village where they live, so just the trip itself to camp is a big deal for them.

Because of the pandemic we were not able to host an American team that normally prepares our camps, but I guess God decided to use the skills, the abilities and the knowledge we have accumulated over the years from Randy and Debbie, when they faithfully invested in the young generation of the Romanians. So God called us, the Romanians this year to make the camp possible for these children. We picked the theme of the camp and from there everything started to fall into place.

"I have a dream" was the name of the camp and we tried to teach the children through the life of Joseph that no matter the hard circumstances of our lives He will always be there for us, if we just trust Him. A good lesson for all of us to learn, specially in the times we live in. We also watched the movie Lion King, and Simba taught us that even when we fall from the right path there is always redemption.

This camp was possible for the children because of the sponsors that loved them from far away, even if they never met them. So all the needs of this camp were covered by sponsors from USA, for which we are very thankful.



Another big project that we had going on at the center in Dumbrava was to change the roof of the building that was very old and it rained inside the classrooms this past spring! With the help of you all and other donors we were able to raise in just a few months a big amount of money. An amount of money that for me was too much to even think about, but as there is no mountain big enough for God there was no amount of money that was too big for Him to raise!



So many times we say those words THANK YOU- but we forget the true meaning of them. Our hearts are full of gratitude for all that you all have done for Romania over the years. Through your prayers, gifts and abilities, maybe without realizing you became the hands and feet of Jesus on this earth. So thank you for giving to the Lord!

He has promised to never leave us or forsake us. Keep this promise close to your heart as we approach the end of another year! Thank you for giving to the Lord!

Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



September is here: and half-way-through already. Labor Day is behind us, so we are into the Fall season already. But while you in the United States will have the beautiful colors as the leaves change, we in Jamaica will see no difference. We miss this season's colors more than any other time of the year. But, "to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven".

To us in Jamaica it is still the Covid-19 pandemic season. Our Government has gone so far as to intervene with "lockdowns" each of the past three weeks from Sunday to Tuesday, in an effort to cut back on the infections and reduce the daily death totals. But then, on the days before the weekly lock downs, and on the first business day after the lockdowns the crowds seem to be greater than normal as people shop or do other business to make-up for the days of lockdown. One wonders of they make sense. We look forward anxiously to them coming to an end. May it be as soon as the coming weekend.

I will not scare you with the present Covid numbers: as it seems that is what the papers and TV nightly news is all about – how scared can the society be made to be, in order to increase listenership. We are for less mandates and lockdowns, rather that shutting down all of living until we get the Virus extinguished. May God help us to learn to live with a less-than perfect society. Only when we reach Heaven will we have perfect days with "no discouraging news". We trust you are living for eternity: and doing everything you can to take as many with you as possible: that is our focus, and we pray your will be so too.

A few days ago Lloyd's younger sister reminded all her friends on Facebook that on 9/11 she had taken off from Newark, New Jersey on a plane at about the same time the first plane went into the World Trade Center. Thus her plane was among the many airlines that had never gotten to their intended destination when the skies were shut down and all airlines forced to land for many hours. We also remember watching the activities of that day on TV from Mandeville, as we were in our first year of returning to Jamaica to close out our missionary service within our own nation where there were still many souls who needed to hear the gospel and enter into a personal faith relationship with Jesus to be sure of their salvation. This was important to both Elaine and Lloyd, as we had grown up in official churches in Jamaica, but for a long period of time did not yet have a certain knowledge of our salvation by expressed faith in Jesus as our Saviour.

We are still seeking to help fellow very religious Jamaicans, find confidence and certainty – not by the outward acts of "Church membership" – but by the inward act of calling upon Christ for salvation ("by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2: 8 – 9.)

One-on-one salvation is still the ministry involvement that gives us the greatest satisfaction. It is also one of a number of College Courses that Lloyd teaches at the Bible College where both he and Elaine trained decades ago before each became foreign missionaries. Lloyd was called to the eastern Caribbean in the late years of the 1960s; and Elaine to Zambia, Africa as a Missionary nurse in the early 1970s. It would be more than twenty years before we would come together in marriage (1996), and then (after three years) return to Jamaica to end our years as missionaries in our homeland.

An Earthquake and a Hurricane:

The earthquake, which destroyed many homes and businesses in southern Haiti a few months ago, was also felt here in Jamaica. Thank God we got no damage here in Jamaica. So, we have become concerned for the Haitian people. And many Jamaican churches, as well as other Caribbean nations, have gathered material help and sent to Haiti after disasters there since we consider ourselves to be similar in history and religious culture to them.

Many Jamaican denominations have branch churches in Haiti. Jamaican churches often visit Haiti for Summer Short-Term Missions as a part of our spiritual responsibility. We have also had to take in Haitian boat-people, protect them and then send them back to Haiti, after various hurricanes, droughts and earthquakes. The recent hurricane Ida that brought floods to Haiti, also lightly brushed us here in Jamaica.

Our government has often sent military teams from our Army and Air Force to help after natural disasters. A couple of our Jamaican businesses also have Haitian subsidiaries. One such Jamaican Chicken and Broiler Company, with a distinct Christian culture, has set up a branch of their business to help Haitians earn by becoming chicken farmers, and then purchasing the mature birds for preparation for the market. Do pray for this 'Christian' company and its principals who seek to see Haitians helped and brought to faith in Christ.

Covid-19 and Education:

Our local Ministry of Education has just reopened schools for face-to-face classes after 18 months, since the pandemic caused all schools to be closed last year. This has come about as the effort to educate our children from their homes by 'Virtual' classes has not been very successful, largely due to lack of Tablets or Telephones, and difficulties in getting classes into areas with WiFi connectivity. In some areas over 40% of students have had no schooling during the past year and a half. There is still some hesitancy on the part of teachers and their Trade Unions to see schools re-open. But we are trusting the Lord for a successful school year. Pray with us!

Vaccination: Elaine and I are fully vaccinated since June, with the Astra-Zenica brand. We are trying to still follow the suggested protocols, since we have seen where fully vaccinated persons can still get the virus. Here in Jamaica we are said to be going through a third wave. More vaccines are being imported, and there are special calls to the unvaccinated. Most hospital Covid beds are full, or nearly full. Additional bed space is being supplied by Church halls near to the hospitals. Many additional vaccination sites are being set up. The crowds that come to them are often more than can be handled by the authorities. Deaths are still a relatively

Health: Our families are in good situations, as far as we are aware. But, Elaine's grand-nephew who has grown with us since 2000 was sent home from his Cruise Ship job as an assistant-Chef over a year ago. He was recently recalled to rejoin a ship in Italy. He got all his documents and tickets to fly out: then his Covid-19 test proved positive. So, he is going through a 14 day quarantine with us, before getting tested again. Pray that all turns out well in the future!

Lloyd is doing dental rehabilitation work with his nephew, a Dental surgeon, financed by his daughters. This will replace the need for 'false teeth' with implants. The new teeth to be connected to the implants are being made in the U.S. They should be ready for October, he is told. We thank the Lord for this provision and how it will help.

Family: We now have a grand-daughter who has begun her College training in Eastern North-Carolina. She came home for the Labor Day weekend to see her younger brother, and picked up her car, as well as a bicycle her parents have gotten her for travelling around the campus. We pray she finds sound Christian friends and witness groups she can become involved with and see her faith tested and grow strong in the Lord. Pray with us for her!

Lloyd's nephew has grown up in his church, and helped as a 'Server'. Recently he has been having spiritual conflicts and is searching for certainty and reality in his faith. He is much conflicted and family members think he needs psychological help. We are supporting him with our prayers that he will find a position of stability and understanding of what the Lord may be saying to him and how He will guide. He is open to being used in service to the Lord. PRAY!

Olympics: Jamaica was again deeply involved in Track & Field events during the Olympics in Japan. Our female track athletes were once again world beaters, causing much rejoicing at home. The same was not as true of our male athletes, since the retirement of 'the fastest man on earth', Usain Bolt. Yet, considering our small size and population, we did well and should be satisfied. But we have been spoiled over the last 20 years or more.

We thank God, and we pray that we would likewise produce world-renowned servants of Jesus Christ. We do have a number of missionaries in many countries who are building the Church among "the last, the least and the lost". Let us be faithful in being their prayer and financial support partners. We thank you for being our prayer supporters.

Join us in making these spiritual matters our priority issues as we pray and look forward to the soon return of our Beloved Lord Jesus Christ, to Rule and Reign in His world. Let us all become ready as we await Jesus' soon return!

The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project with Dick & Barb Johnson

Serving the Lord in Uganda



After a long separation due to COVID, Tadeo and his wife Carol have been blessed with a second baby girl. Her name is Ariella and she was born on July 23, 2021. Their family is doing great and they thank God for all the blessing He has bestowed on them.



In Fort Portal, Tadeo's sister Konsolata, is suffering from cervical cancer. She completed radiotherapy from Mulago hospital, but after a few months her symptoms returned and worsened. She no longer responds to pain medication and there is nothing more they can do. She is resting at home, waiting for the Lord to bring her peace. Please pray for Konsolata and her family.

Tadeo has traveled to Kijabe hospital and has started his ENT, Ophthalmology and ICU rotations. He is also taking Cross Cultural training. Once completed he will travel for a month to different regions, including Farisa, Bornet, Ethiopia, Isilli and Masai. After that he will return to Kapsowar Hospital for a 12 week elective course in surgical skills, while working on his thesis. He should be completing his required courses by September 2022 and hopefully Graduate that December.

Please continue to pray for God's protection and blessings as he starts his final year of residency.

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These past few months, the Lord has blessed us with some interesting experiences. Among them were the wedding of one of our spiritual daughters just a few hours before our latest lockdown, the observing of our 48th wedding anniversary and the airlifting out of Afghanistan by German military aircraft of our dear Zimbabwean friend who headed a Christian NGO there, with her team.

The challenges, both personal and within members of our groups, friends and family, have been many and painful. But through it all, the Lord has been doing some marvelous things. We have seen the many expressions of His love within the body as believers rally around each other in prayer and with practical demonstrations of their love, along with a desire to know Him.

“Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in yourselves..... Just as the living Father has sent me, and I live by the Father, so, he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live by me (John 6:53, 57 - KJV).

Since Churches here have seldom held in-person services this year, we have been privileged to speak at some in-person small groups in the Harare area. At one such group at which Dhan spoke, I began to ponder afresh the import of Jesus’ statement above. Subsequently, the Lord showed me a picture of the baby in utero. This little life is connected to its mama by the umbilical cord from and by which it is sustained until birth, completely without any effort of its own –the baby is literally living by the life of its mother. Any attempted effort on its part will impede, not hasten, the growth process.

A painful real-life example drove the point home:

For the past several weeks, we had been praying with a family friend for the safe delivery of her daughter Princess who was pregnant with twins. One baby was thriving, the other (Little Pea) was not. Then suddenly Little Pea began to put on weight and we were all excited. As Princess went into labor, there was a team of doctors standing by to give medical attention to Little Pea at birth. She was born first, weighed in at 5lbs but her medical condition was beyond the ability of the medical team. She lived for less than 48 hours.

“I am the vine, you are the branches, if a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing.” John 15:5

Little Pea, lived by the life of another and thrived. Outside of that life, she could not survive. Her little life, though short, is a poignant reminder for all of us to take heed of Christ’s plea to us to remain in Him.

Thank you for your prayers for us and for our fellow missionaries on the field.

Faith Foundations International *with Ray B. Nelson* Serving the Lord in India



Greetings from India. By God's Grace and through your precious prayers we are doing well. Praise God for the situation in our country getting back to normal. It is pleasant to see the children getting back to schools with their school dress and books. This year we have more children in the Agape house and more students in the school of Ministry.

The last few weeks I was busy with attending the meetings in various villages. Thank God for the open doors for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I like to bring a testimony to your information: Presently we are in the rainy season. Every day it is raining. One of our believer's have arranged the marriage for their son at our church. We have been praying for the good weather. Two days before the wedding, I wanted to hear from the Lord. The Lord gave me a word that He will show forth His glory in the heavens. I wanted to know where it is in the scriptures. I found in Psalms 8. This word strengthens me in my faith. I started telling the people that the Lord is manifesting His glory. The night before the wedding the weather changed. It was drizzling outside and I hear the roaring of the thunders. But I have faith on His Word. Even though I am not because of His Word He is faithful to it. On the day of the wedding the sky is cloudy and heavy rains surrounding Razole which is our village. Nearly six hundred people attended and I gave the testimony in the church in front of all the participants. There were several testimonies from the relatives of the family who belong to other faiths. One lady testified that she has seen the glory of Jesus. Another man said that the Lord this family serving is faithful. Praise God! ~ Sharath



Sharath's Family

Sharath oversees over 70 churches, he is a mighty man of God! His wife died two years ago and his sons left to right, Nonna, becoming a dentist, Joshua a medical doctor in ministry, lastly is Dean living in the US with a master's degree in engineering and currently enrolled at Rhema Bible College in Oklahoma.

Now remember they are from the lowest class of India, like dirt! As you can see all of his sons have taken advantage of the Lord's will and ranked high in schools. It is because of the Lord in their lives they rose above their class in India, only the Lord can make that possible.

Discovery Christian Adventures
with The Toler Family
Ryan, Lisa, Emma & Joshua
Serving the Lord in Costa Rica



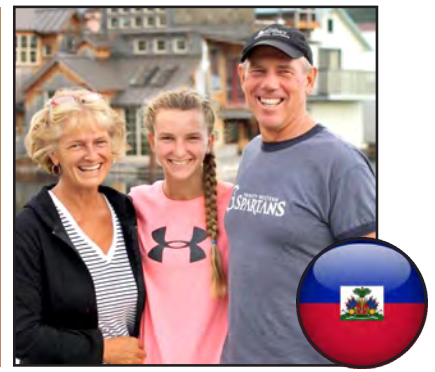
We have had to put our mission trips on hold for 2020 - 2021 due to COVID-19. It looks like we should be able to start back for 2022. We were not able to do the home stays and now all the host homes have been vaccinated and feel better about opening up homes again. It was also very expensive to get travel insurance due to COVID and now it is starting to look a little better for that as well. We are just praying we are able to make the trips safe and affordable.

We are so ready to get started with helping our youth grow closer to God and putting their trust in him. Please pray for us and future groups!!!



Camp Mahanaim with The Wray Family Rod, Debbie & Katie

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Thanks so much for your support and encouragement for us this past month. We are happy to be home in British Columbia together with family. Both Harvest International and World Team Canada have approved an one year missionary furlough period for us. We are thankful to God for good health and safe travels. It is great to be together with family again. Dan and Christie have a beautiful suite that we are living in.



We are enjoying visiting relatives, and friends, many of whom have faithfully prayed for us and supported us during these past 18 years.



Thanks to your kindness and care, Sandy arrived a couple of days ago and Katie is a very happy girl.

Thank you so much. We have been overwhelmed by your support and kindness and prayers for us. For now, we are trying to be patient and wait on the Lord for Him to show us His plan and direction.



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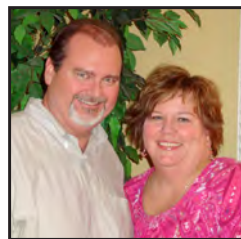
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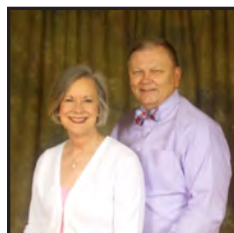
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4th Quarter 2021 Newsletter

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As I prepare to write the last Newsletter for 2021 I am looking back on what the Lord used Harvest to accomplish in His name. With a LIMITED STAFF Harvest was able to provide support to all of our missionaries. We assisted the Wray family with their exit from Haiti after the devastating Earthquake in August that destroyed Camp Mahanaim. Fifteen years of work was gone in less than 10 minutes. God is still in control of the Wray family as they wait for their next mission assignment. They are enjoying much rewarding time with their Children and Grandchildren. Thank you Jesus.

As a result of the Earthquake Harvest sent 2 containers full of food (over ½ million meals) 133 Tents, 151 Tarps, 138 Lanterns, and 62 Water Filters in response to the need in South Haiti. The organizations we are working with is Baptist Haiti Mission, and Reciprocal Ministries International. Containers for both these organizations arrived in Haiti sometime in late September but due to the unrest were not able to be delivered until November 17th. Praise the Lord both of them arrived and the food was distributed before Thanksgiving.

We also donated food and Earthquake Relief Items to Shine Ministry located in Fruitland Park, FL. Shine has a working relationship with World Harvest Ministry, located in Port Au Prince. Their container was delivered at the same time as the 2 I sent in September. Praise the Lord!

The Lalsee family continue to have to deal with “lockdowns” from the Zimbabwe government and now face a new issue with Omicron and being restricted from travel to the U.S. Please pray for Dhan and Dolly as their daughter lives in Texas and is going to be having surgery soon.

After over a year and half finally got a VISA to go back to India. Ray left Orlando, FL. on November 29, to meet Pastor Sharath in Dubai. He will be there until December 21, 2021 and then fly to Rajahmundry, India. He will return to the U.S. on January 1, 2022. Please continue to pray for Ray Nelson.

Thank you for your continuing prayers and financial support. Without you we would not be able to continue the work that Harvest International does in supporting 13 missionaries in the 9 countries.

Danny Thomas

Physically & Spiritually Touching Lives

Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white for harvest! ~ John 4:35

Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



Thanksgiving is past: the date, that is: but Christmas Giving never ends. We need to say thanks to all of you – for loving us; for praying for us; and especially for giving often and sacrificially to help meet our personal and material needs so that we could remain here to serve people, and in so doing win the opportunity to tell them about the lover of their souls, Jesus Christ. We do greatly thank the Lord for your faithfulness in standing with and beside us during the past years of serving Jesus in Jamaica, our homeland.

We thank God that despite the scourge of Covid-19, we have been spared, even though a few relatives of ours have contracted and safely overcome it. Praise God!

But we also praise the Lord that the vast majority of those who have touched by the pandemic have had the opportunity to think on their human frailty, and called upon the Lord for His loving mercy, grace and forgiveness. They have prepared for eternity, but have survived. Thank God! So many have not!

Health wise we have been kept well, and thank the Lord that while Elaine and Lloyd are both in our late seventies (70s), we have very few of the ailments that usually torment and take away many of our age group. Our daily walks of about two (2) miles help to keep our cholesterol low, and prevent/reduce cardiac problems. Thanks be to God!

Though Jamaica does not celebrate Thanksgiving, we enjoy watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade each year. As Christmas will be here in a short while, we want to wish you and your family all God's blessings. And, as you look backwards you will find much reason to give the Lord thanks, just as we do, for ordinary daily and extraordinary blessings which He has bestowed.

Ministries have been adjusted and changed in recent years. While most public and school based involvements have been scaled back, because of the lockdown of schools, or shift to Virtual instruction because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we still find ways to share the salvation message to whoever we can.

Elaine gets community kids together to assist them in their reading: most are behind in their reading proficiency as they get little help at home, and read very few books. She has also been able to get help from her church Class to obtain tablets for a few of the High School kids, to enable them to follow the virtual lessons from their schools. She has not been able to get into the schools for Wait & Win sexual- abstinence classes and witnessing presentations. Also, her outreach to students in the Government's 'Heart Trust' remedial and apprenticeship training program to come to her church weekly, for educational and moral instruction and support, was also suspended. She looks forward to getting this back on track when the Covid-19 pandemic is brought under control. We give thanks for each of these programs where she has been able to help children and youth.

Give thanks with us for the many opportunities she makes to pray with neighbor and community persons, as well as Taxi passengers she travels with, to get their permission to Pray with them. This has become quite a ministry: she rarely gets anyone who refuses her offer of prayer. I am often surprised at her boldness and proficiency in this ministry. Wednesday last, she walked into local Alcohol 'Pubs' and asked to pray for the customers and 'Bar-maids'. She then gave a Bible to each of the ladies for whom we had been personally praying for.

Give thanks with us to God, and help us continue our prayers for open hearts.

Lloyd has done very little College lecturing over the past 18 months of the pandemic shutdown. He did teach one such Virtual course at each of the two Bible Colleges, but dislikes the lack of person-to-person teaching, and has resisted doing more classes. However, many community persons come to our home for odd jobs, and for help with financial and food requests. We see these as opportunities to share Christ with them. Sometimes younger family members live for a while with us, and we are able to share Christ, as well as advice and counsel.

Pray particularly for a nephew of his who stayed a couple months with us while trying to settle spiritual and psychological questions relating to adjustment and change of denominations. He has spiritual leadership potential, but needs guidance and counseling.

At our increased age, it is sometimes difficult to describe our activities and/or ministries: are we active missionaries, retired missionaries, or just returned residents who formerly served as missionaries and Christian College lecturers and children's workers. Whatever we are, we thank God for the experiences we have had serving the Lord in Dominica (Eastern Caribbean), Zambia, Africa, Jamaica and Florida in the United States.

We thank God for every opportunity we have had in Sunday School teaching, Children's Ministries, Christian Camping, Missionary Church-planting, Missionary Nursing, Training Caribbean missionaries, Sunday Adult Bible-teaching, and 'Open-Air' preaching, and indoor church preaching. One does not retire from sharing the message of salvation in Christ by any means we can, (although Lloyd will be an 'Octogenarian' at his next birthday in May of next year. Elaine is doing a great job taking care of him. He gives thanks to God for all His mercy and grace during the nearly eight decades he has kept him alive and met all of his needs: physical and spiritual.

Let us remember to pray for Haiti, and particularly for the unfortunate 14 missionaries that remain in captivity, while their captors seek to become millionaires at their expense. Let's praise God for their Mission Agency which is praying for the kidnappers to experience God's Love in their souls. We praise God for the tremendous job that missionaries have done in Haiti over the last century or more. May they feel free to continue their service to the Lord in that great country.

Let's all be Thanks-givers and Christmas gift-givers to those in need this Christmas!

Haitian Center for Inclusive Education with Dr. Don DeVito

Serving the Lord in Haiti



The Haitian Center for Inclusive Education wishes everyone Christmas thoughts and prayers for your families and for our children with disabilities who attend our inclusive school.

This has been a difficult year for everyone there to say the least. Gang violence, government instability, kidnapping, sickness and lack of fuel and supplies for the school and the Notre Maison Orphanage where the majority of the children come from has not resulted in the school being shut down permanently. Lessons are still taking place and now more than ever we need what support and prayers you can send to us.

The mission of this school is undaunted and we continue to pray for the safety of the children and teachers at the HCIE in Port-au-Prince. Gertrude Bien Aime who founded this school and the Notre Maison Orphanage is a blessing from God for the more than 40 children with disabilities she has currently saved and raised. Below is a link on my collaboration with Gertrude.

<https://exceptionalchildren.org/100/stories/devito>

My name is Dr. Donald DeVito. I am an educator in Florida and the 2011 national Council for Exceptional Children teacher of the year (special education). This organization is celebrating their 100th anniversary and I was selected among 100 teachers to share a story. Mine is our collaboration between the Rawlings Elementary Center for Fine Arts and my involvement leading to the development of the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education.

If you are looking for a positive reflection and uplifting story on Haiti and the work being done there please see the link below. After this story I was introduced to Danny Thomas and the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education joined with Harvest International!

Celebrating Jeanne Maryse as the 1st annual Haitian Center for Inclusive Education's student of the Year



Maryse was born one year before the devastating Earthquake in Port-au-Prince . Orphaned and born with physical disabilities, her future was bleak, but she was taken into Notre Maison, an inclusive children's home, by Gertrude Bien Amie at the age of four. When she arrived she could not walk due to the deformity of her feet, but Bien Amie made sure she had the surgery needed to repair her feet soon after her arrival.

Maryse was determined to not only learn to walk but to become the best dancer at the new inclusive school that she began to attend in 2017. Prior to that she was educated at the orphanage as children with disabilities rarely have the opportunity to attend school. Despite the challenges she has had to face at such a young age, Maryse continues to approach her life as if there were no barriers.



Maryse is an inspiration for all her classmates and teachers. She is vivacious and has a can-do attitude despite her physical and learning challenges. She speaks up in class proudly when called upon and shares her knowledge and spirit with visiting teachers. She absolutely is a leader for the other children in her academics and school activities celebrating her customs and celebrations. She sings and dances and approaches any activity in the school with a creative, skilled, and inclusive spirit. Even despite her ability to safely attend school during the past violence in Haiti, Maryse is determined that school and her peers succeed with joy in their hearts. She is an inspiration not only for all her peers at the orphanage but an example as well at her school that with the right support and guidance she can transcend her circumstances and continue to succeed in her endeavors.



After eight years at Notre Maison orphanage and having limited opportunities for adoption due to the environmental and political difficulties that plague Haiti, Maryse has grown and blossomed into a remarkable young woman and has become a leader and mentor. She has become a surrogate teacher and role model to the younger children both on an emotional and academic manner. She spends countless hours supporting Gertrude's mission in offering an inclusive education for all children and exemplifies the power of perseverance and the power of the human spirit. She is my hero.

The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project with Dick & Barb Johnson

Serving the Lord in Uganda



A letter from Patrick...

I greet you in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, hope this mail will get you all well Dad and Mom. I sent you an email showing you what we are doing in the school, hope you got it Dad. We doing renovation on the school blocks.



This week started classes Dad at the University and next week we sit for our end of semester exam and without breaking we will start another semester to complete the first year.

Thank Dad for standing with us in evening ways. Our love and prayers to you Dad and Mom.

Future plans for the school.

We intend to do growing of crops like vegetables, bananas and keeping of animals like cattle, rabbits, pigs on the school land to enrich learners experience and improve their diet We also wish to start sport and music activities to develop their skills. These some activities that I had shared with you before and now request for your prayers for all these need funding but we have the land on which these can be done.

We already fenced off the school land and surveyed it all. With your help Dad, would wish tie with school like seven river and others so as to share experiences from across the globe.

Let me stop here for wishing you best of luck and God's blessings and waiting to hear from you soon.

In Christ love, son Patrick.

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“It is good to give thanks unto the Lord” (Psalm:92)

In recent months, the nations of Canada, Grenada and the United States observed their respective days of thanksgiving. To fully appreciate why earlier generations saw it fit to mark those days as days of remembrance and thanksgiving, each of these nations must look back into their own history.

Here in Zimbabwe, the challenges nationally, within the body of Christ and families, abound. However, in the midst of it all, as we look back particularly over the last three months, we confess that there is very much to be thankful for. For instance:

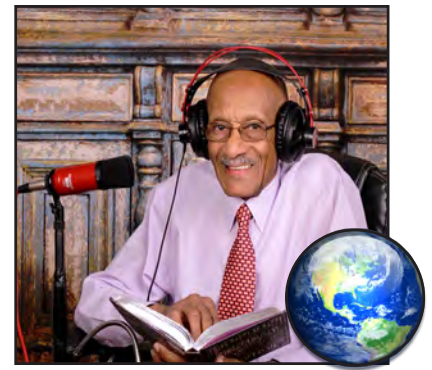
- The joy of seeing and embracing our Zimbabwean missionary friend and enjoying fellowship with her at our home for the first time since her dramatic exit from Afghanistan by military aircraft earlier this year.
- The expressions of love shown to families within the Body who have had to cope with death, mysterious illnesses, and some unbelievable accidents - one young lady was tossed some 50 meters into the air, was laying seemingly lifeless on the road when she was picked up by a total stranger and taken to hospital. Several surgeries later, and with many battle scars, she is now able to walk without crutches and her memory is gradually being restored!
- The seemingly mundane things, like water, which has been flowing freely from our taps despite this unexpectedly prolonged dry season
- For sunshine which provides us with solar energy throughout our many, daily power cuts
- For you our family, friends, fellow-believers, prayer and financial partners whom our Father uses to meet our needs
- Above all for Jesus, our very Life, in whom and through Whom we have this precious relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Last night we had some painful news of a local church here that is facing some serious challenges. This is a very caring congregation whom we have grown to love, and our hearts are sore. This morning, in the midst of our pain, the Lord laid a song upon our hearts: “You are Beautiful” by Jeremy Riddle, Bethel Music. Indeed, He is.

This Advent season, may Father grant to each of us, grace to look above our many challenges, dangers and woes; and passionately and more meaningfully than ever before, celebrate His precious Gift to us - Him whose beauty is truly beyond description!

The Bible Speaks Radio Ministry
with Audley Mclean
Serving the Lord by World Radio

The Shepherd 96.3 / 103.5 FM



TWENTY TWENTY ONE! SOUNDS LIKE I'M JUST LEARNING HOW TO COUNT, BUT THAT'S NOT IT. IT IS ACTUALLY THE YEAR THAT'S GOING, AND ALMOST GONE.

So, you might ask: "Where has it gone?"

I am actually delighted to answer that question. It's gone into the annals of history with a bang for me. By the time you read this, I will have spent just over 32,880 days on planet earth. That, in round number is just over 90 years.

In this, my 90th year (2021), I have been blessed by wonderful people like you and buoyed along by your prayers and financial support, enabling me to deliver over 312 radio talks and shared the Gospel with other audiences. If I had to end my report with just that, I'd consider myself blessed way beyond my deserve. But that's not even close to the end of what I'm grateful for in 2021. Just a note about the scope of the radio ministry: It is multiplied manifold by the fact that those 312 instances of preaching, are multiplied by reproduction on multiple radio stations, the Harvest International web site at: www.harvestinternational.org and Elgin Carelock's Internet Radio at: <https://brickcitypodcasts.buzzsprout.com/>.

Our annual banquet, facilitated by College Road Baptist Church, was an outstanding event in every regard: The Pastors and staff of College Road, the volunteer chefs, the setup crew, the decorators, the musicians, the Guest Performer, Max Winfrey, the amazing guests and the support raised, including generous support from friends who were unable to attend but sent in their contributions. There's more, oh so much more.

A highlight of the banquet was the welcoming in of Dear Paul Hart as my successor on radio (a work in progress).

My gratitude to God and to you, my friends and partners in ministry, is unquantifiable.

I just can't end this report without sharing two big events: One to Atlanta in October for wedding of my son, Tim and one to NY for Thanksgiving/Birthday celebration at sister Pauline's home with Ruth and many family members. Great experiences.

What a privilege and delight to be a part of the amazing ministry of Harvest International. Thanks for your fellowship and help. Under difficult circumstances, the entire Harvest family has held together and delivered for God all over the world. Thanks again!

Faith Foundations International *with Ray B. Nelson* Serving the Lord in India



I'm FINALLY in India!!

I lost all communication until I received a UAE (United Arab Emirates) sim card for my Indian phone. We have had a half dozen meetings so far and all is very well. I am staying in a hotel in Abu Dhabi (very nice) and waiting for my friend from Alabama, Pastor Glenn Weber, to join us.

I am ministering with Pastor Sharath (from India) and his brother who has a Church here. There is a large group of Indian people here In Abu Dhabi, no lack of ministry here!

We went to Dubai the day before yesterday (where we landed originally in UAE) a three hour drive from Abu Dhabi and had two meetings. One of the meetings was on a huge wooden boat with about 300 or so Indians on board.

There are so many buildings here over 100 stories high, as well as the tallest building in the world, 163 stories high, located in Dubai. I sometimes get dizzy just looking around as we travel around the city.

A letter from Sharath...

Greetings from India,

Thank God that the situation in India almost normal. Praise God for His graciousness and faithfulness during this pandemic time. I believe that everything is well with you and your dear family. For the last two years we didn't have any big gatherings.

Thank God that we had a big gathering for our women's conference at our Peniel church on 12 and 13 of this month. This is rainy season for us. On the first day of the conference, it was raining and I thought that not many people come. To my surprise, even though it is raining hundreds of people attended. I realized that people have hunger for the Word. Second day the Lord provided good weather. There is rain in the surrounding areas, but not in our area. Praise God.

Please pray that I am travelling to UAE for ministry on 27 of November.

I am conducting monthly one-day seminar for pastors in different mandala. Mandal is like county consists several villages. We have seven mandala in coastal area. Until now, we had two mandala. Tomorrow will be third. My intention is the minds of the ministers are transferred through the teaching of the Word.

Blessings
Sharath



Camp Mahanaim with The Wray Family Rod, Debbie & Katie

Serving the Lord in Haiti



As we near the end of the year 2021, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and also share with you our biggest thanks.

More than 18 years ago, we left home in Canada and moved to Haiti, believing that God was calling us to serve Him and the Haitian people. These past 18 years have been amazing and we thank God for giving us the privilege of living and serving in Haiti.

Ever since our arrival in 2003, convinced of God's call, we were willing to serve in Haiti for as long as God would allow us. In 2009 when God gave us the Camp Mahanaim project to develop, He also gave us the verse of Revelation 3: 8 " See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it." Over the years, we held on to that verse, even through the many difficult times, such as being arrested and put in prison, having rocks thrown at us, hurricanes and floods, being surrounded by angry mobs, having tires slashed on our vehicle, a kidnapping attempt, thieves breaking in, and many more challenges. On August 14th of this year, we knew without a doubt that God had closed the door Himself and it was time for us to leave Haiti.

THANK YOU !!! For faithfully being our partners in ministry - For encouraging us through regular communication, visits and prayers - For sending peanut butter, manna packs, hand sewn clothing and many other ministry supplies - For giving faithfully to ensure the function of the camp and Sunday school - For sending sea containers, building supplies, tools and equipment - For coming on teams so that together we could do medical clinics, weddings, childrens' camps and building projects - For picking us up and helping us stand after hurricane Matthew - For your kindness and support to us personally after the August 14th earthquake. THANK YOU !!!

This is an article written by the Catholic priest Jan Hoet who lives in Port au Prince. He is the founder and president of the Banzai volleyball club.

Sad traces of the earthquake of August 14, 2021. Last week, I received images of the damage caused by the August 14 earthquake at the Mahanaim training center at the Baptist Church. This center is located in a large and beautiful domain on the coast at Torbeck, 20 km south of the town of Les Cayes (see photos). This training center was built by a Canadian couple, Rod and Debbie Wray, who lived there with their daughter Katie since 2009. Everything has been planned for hosting groups for several days, for training sessions, cultural events, alternative relaxation, for sports activities and sports camps. They had built a nice gymnasium there a few years ago. They have invested especially in volleyball. Their women's team "The Angels" could compete against the best teams in Haiti. We had the opportunity on several occasions to take advantage of their hospitality with young people from Banzai to participate in a volleyball tournament (1914 & 1916) and once for a successful volleyball camp (in 2017).

The damage recorded at the center is considerable, most of the buildings were completely destroyed. The gymnasium is still standing, but recovery there will also be very difficult. I learn that the Wray family has returned to Canada. Banzai feels seriously affected by this hard blow that struck this beautiful project and the Wray family. The tremendous work accomplished for more than twelve years by the Wray family in the service of the population and especially the young people of the whole region of Les Cayes, bears our great admiration. We remain grateful for the hospitality we experienced there and hope that the means will be found to rebuild this valuable project.

We hope that you have a moment to view this video that Katie made. It is a video of many good memories and the song is by Don Moen and is called; "Thank you for praying for me" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgqi7cDF77U>.

Katie is registered to attend Capernwray bible school in Spain for three months beginning mid January. Thank you for your continued prayers. We are enjoying our time on furlough with family and friends, and are continuing to seek God's will for His future plans for us. We hope that you will keep in touch, We have appreciated your friendship, partnership and prayers so much.



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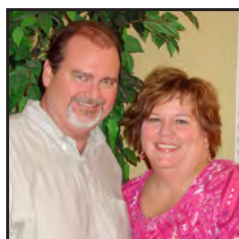
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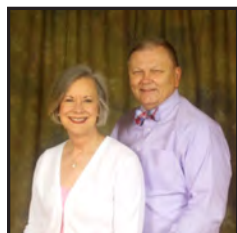
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