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I have some good news and bad news to tell you about in this newsletter. First the good news. After leaving the mission field of Haiti in 2021 the Wray Family has just been asked by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) to help them develop a Christian Sports Camp (see picture below) in the Dominican Republic. They are planning to serve with the FCA as Harvest Missionaries. I am really excited for them.



The bad news is that Haiti is still a mess. About 90% of Port-au-Prince is being controlled by gangs. A married Haitian American couple went to Haiti in March to visit family and were kidnapped while on a bus traveling to see their family. The family was told that they had to pay a \$6,000.00 ransom and the gang took the money and told the family that the ransom is now \$200,000.00 for each person. The family told the gang that there was no way they could raise \$200,000.00 for each person. The married couple are still being held by the gang. Please pray for the country of Haiti.



Physically & Spiritually Touching Lives

COOLERS OF COMPASSION

Harvest is answering the call to Mississippi to help bring Tornado Relief with our Coolers of Compassion. Our goal is to send 200 Coolers by the middle of April. Please prayerfully consider supporting us in this project by giving a gift online at www.HarvestInternational.org.



Buckets of Love, Coolers of Compassion

Disaster Relief Projects of Harvest International, Inc.

Natural disasters occur all over the world. They can devastate the landscape and leave victims without basic necessities to survive.

We need your help as Harvest responds to Tornadoes in Mississippi.

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Since October of 2016 Harvest has responded to disasters



with our Buckets of Love/Coolers of Compassion projects.

We have sent thousands of buckets/coolers filled with relief supplies to countries that have been devastated by hurricanes and other natural disasters. We were able to be a part of the relief efforts to Antigua, Bahamas, Dominica, Haiti, Houston Texas, Lake Charles Louisiana, Pensacola Florida, Puerto Rico, South Florida, Mexico Beach, Florida and now Tornadoes in Mississippi.

Inside the bucket/cooler we send food, hygiene products and other survival items as they become available. These supplies have been very helpful to the people that receive them after having lost everything.

If you feel led to help with our Buckets of Love/Coolers of Compassion projects you can sponsor a Bucket/Cooler for \$75.00. This covers the cost of all the items plus shipping. Please keep us in your prayers as we work for the Lord helping those in need. God bless you.



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ILLNESS IN MODELLE

A letter from Pastor Charlie updating on the state of Modelle and the children he cares for.

Greetings Bishop,

First of all, I would like to thank you for everything you've done through Harvest International for the population of Modelle, especially the kids in the village. May God continue to bless you for that great work.

Secondly, I would like to talk about health crisis that the population of Modelle is facing right now. That affects greatly the kids which is obviously more vulnerable. As you already know Modelle is a destitute village so I'll do a short summary of the main problems that probably aggravated the situation.

Starvation: The population especially the children are starving and that makes them even more vulnerable to possible illnesses. This starvation problem is substantially linked to the drought that the village is facing because agriculture in Modelle is the main source of income of the population. So that actually put them and their kids in a vulnerable position.

Nonexistent healthcare: In the village the kids are exposed to all types of illnesses and even a simple case of illness can cause death due to nonexistent medical centers. These are the causes of the sanitary crisis (epidemic) that Modelle is facing.

- No sanitary toilets (they move the bowels practically on the ground) which is One of the cause of the spreading of that epidemic.
- Absence of potable water (The water they drink is contaminated by animal and human feces)
- The lack of awareness of the parents about the health of their kids due to their lack of education. (even though previous works have been done to raise awareness about that topic)

The epidemic has already infected around 40 kids plus families in the village and unfortunately 2 kids have already died (they were in our school).

Important decisions to be made as soon as possible.

- Long term solutions: construction of a medical center.
- Construction of 20 public latrines.

Short term solutions: The sending of a medical team to help the infected and their families. An awareness campaign about the rules to follow to limit the spreading of the epidemic.

May God bless everyone abundantly.

Please prayerfully consider helping Modelle by donating online at www.harvestinternational.org - MODELLE.









Scot, Selena & Olie Brown

Serving the Lord in Hungary



I went to Ukraine earlier this week to help the European Initiative (EI). We are giving generators to public schools and kindergartens. We arrived when missiles were in the air and the children were down in the bomb shelter with the staff. The bomb shelter was built where the Children's play ground was. Half the children are at another bomb shelter in a church basement across the street. Everything is perfectly normal until it's not. That's the surreal part.









This structure is one of four being built by the young men/reservists attending the Bible school becoming missionaries to their own country. The idea is building portable structures to be used at the school there in Western Ukraine for IDP internally displaced people. This need is huge and we encountered many everywhere we went. The missionaries gain skills that will be vital after the war. The structures will eventually be relocated to places needing a preacher who can use the building to start a church and build a community. This vision is great but no one is experienced nor do they have much in the way of equipment. But they are up early and faithful worker understanding they could be called up at any time.

It took over four hours at the border today for no apparent reason. But I'm home in Budapest with my girls. Tomorrow we'll host a lovely family of Syrian's. They are Muslim and have been granted sanctuary by Hungary. We met them before Christmas and have had a number of discussions. They have no home in Syria anymore. Life isn't easy here either and four months ago they lost their four month old child to illness. Hicmet and Rashua are their names they have a three year old son Ros. Please pray for the Spirit of God to draw them to Himself.

Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



GOD STILL RULES HIS WORLD!

As we watch the evening news, whether of the US, World-wide, or the Jamaican news, it all seems to shout out loudly that the end of the World is near. Our response can either be one of FEAR or to remember the words of our Lord "when we see these things coming to pass" we should LOOK UP! For your redemption draws near." (Luke 21: 28)

Though Satan tests us with FEAR, we choose to lift up our eyes and believe that God is not displeased: that He is still God and will never cease to be. Our trust is in Him!

The evil works around us increases our longing for the return of our Lord to take over rulership of the world, take His children home, and punish those who reject His rule. But, we wait, and continue to speak to all we come in contact with, about His love and His sacrifice to bring them salvation. May we all be so faithful!

While we grow older, and our bodily aches and pains increase, we thank God for His daily mercies; and for His special goodness. We even look forward to the day when our Lord will call us to be with Him. Then we shall praise Him forever.

Health-wise we are both in relatively good condition: Elaine is not a good taker of medication, but her blood pressure is not too high: her cardiologist has her on tablets, but she only has occasional heart palpitation. Her daily exercise is sweeping the lawn and driveway: it does a good job of keeping her in good condition, thank God!

Lloyd has lost much of his energy, since his 80th birthday, but still keeps taking his afternoon walks. We both take various nutritional aids. Elaine's niece from New York finds persons to bring him protein powder and other supplements that we could not afford to purchase. This is her ministry to us, and we praise God for her faithfulness. Lloyd has ceased his Biblical College lecturing, since his birthday, but he keeps doing denominational historical research, helping to write centenary and bi-centennial histories of two Jamaican denominations that he is connected with.

Elaine has resumed going into local schools with her medical-moral appeals to students to postpone early sexual activity and make the surrender of their young lives to Christ. She and the female Christian doctors with whom she does this 'Wait & Win' program continue their monthly meeting for prayer for the Lord's infilling and enabling. Most Sundays she is leading worship and preaching in one of the Methodist Churches as a Lay Preacher. But her main motivation is to see children brought to faith in the Lord. Neither of us are anywhere near retirement. We cannot do this as long as people around us seek our counsel, financial assistance, and spiritual guidance.

We have had the joy in recent months of seeing two community young men experience psychological and spiritual change and healing through our advice, counsel and prayers. Pray much for another who stopped Lloyd along the road to request prayer for what he regarded as 'Demonic attacks.' We pointed him to read the Bible and ask the Lord for His deliverance and health. We were surprised at this encounter, but thanked the Lord for bringing him to us for help. We live in daily dependence on the Lord to minister to whoever He brings into contact with us. Hallelujah! The Lord is not done with us yet! To Him be praise and thanksgiving.

Much of our time is now 'prayer-time' with our precious Saviour. We do so for all whom the Lord brings into our memory, and particularly for "Unreached People-groups", and for Persecuted Christians in certain countries where they face suffering for their faith. We particularly uphold Jamaican-based missionaries and agencies. And, we do thank you greatly who have stood with us as prayer and financial supporters for so many years. We ask the Lord to bless you and to meet your physical and spiritual needs. Do let us know what requests you have that we may hold you up before our loving and giving Heavenly Father.

We look forward to when we shall meet you in our Father's Kingdom. What times of rejoicing we shall have in God's presence! May He come quickly and take up his reign and rule over the nation of our/His world, very soon!

Dhan & Dolly Lalsee

Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe

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THE CROSS - A BEACON OF HOPE

In just a few days after you receive this edition of Harvest International's Newsletter many, in most parts of the world, would be marking Good Friday and Easter Sunday - days that commemorate the Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ and His glorious Resurrection three days later.

Undoubtedly, these two days are extremely significant for all of humanity. Many choose to attend a Good Friday service, but others are concerned that the suffering, agony, and inhumanity to which our Lord was subjected are all too often forgotten. Some attempt to re-enact our Lord's experiences on that day by trying to replicate scenes designed to lead followers into feelings of sorrow, pity, or contrition. To them, this is what the Crucifixion is all about – sorrow, sadness, suffering, everything negative and dark. But is it?

In Paul's letter to the Romans, he traversed his way up a very great many things from Adam's first sin, tracing all its consequences through all the generations, up to Christ. Then, he places at the end of all of that, the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. From that point, he opens up an entirely new prospect and future – the Cross being the terminal point up to which everything leads, and from which everything takes a new rise. He comes at length to 'The God of Hope' in Rom. 15:13 – "Now, the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit".

"The God of hope fill you that you may abound in hope!" It is well-nigh impossible to trace the development of the teachings of this great letter and not be faced with a strange paradox through which over the entire course of history God has written the meaning of the Cross - and it is this, the answer of God to sin, evil, disobedience and to all its fruits and results, is travail, despair, and death. But, notwithstanding that, He is the God of Hope and travail. Passion, despair, and death are the only way of Hope.

Let us take a moment to think about that, for this truth is written deeply in the entire history of God's dealings with humanity. The Cross has been implicit in all His dealings with man and, not only in general, but particularly with His own people.

For if God really cares about His people and His thoughts toward us are good (and they undoubtedly are) this is the only way to find meaning and purpose in everything He allows His children to go through. For, He always has in view His eternal purposes for mankind, and from that, He never deviates. And this is our hope! Morbid? Depressing? Read Romans again.

Late last year, many of you joined in with several others in praying for God's healing for Dhan as he underwent surgery for a spinal decompression. He has never had that pain again, praise God. However, on February 11th, he tripped at a Church breakfast while rising from his chair. Thank God, he does not seem to have sustained any damaged bones but the muscles in his left leg – from hip to knee – became swollen and quite painful. He's been having twice-weekly physio sessions with some success, but it seems to be a longer process than anticipated. He struggled a bit to find context for this accident, and here it is – the Cross.



African Horned Cucumber



Fruits, nuts & veggies

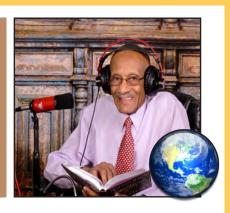
And this gives us hope, for Christ and His work for and in us is our Hope. We have no other, we need no other.

A few days ago, one of the participants in our last two Retreats, brought us a huge bag of fruits, nuts, and some indigenous vegetables. Our hearts overflowed with joy and gratitude – Joy at this fine gesture, the first such blessing received from one of our disciples in almost fifteen years here; and gratitude for the thought, the abundance which he bestowed upon us, and the length to which he went to bring them to us. Yes, God is good!

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Faith Foundations International with Ray B. Nelson

Serving the Lord in India



Greetings in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are doing well by God's Grace and through your precious prayers. I trust in the Lord everything is well with you.

I was very busy in the month of December in conducting the Spirit of Christmas celebrations throughout our district. Hundreds of pastors with their spouses attended and were blessed. The Lord manifested His Glory during these days. When I was going for our second event of Christmas, phone calls stated coming to me asking me whether there is meeting. Because the there is cyclone and wind was heavy. I was convinced that the Lord is going to manifest His Glory. I went to the meeting place and the gave us good weather. Praise God.

Many testimonies came how much the pastors were blessed. Miraculously Lord provided all our needs for these events.

I am pleasing to inform you that eleven students were graduated. The church ministry and other ministries going on well.

Thank you very much for being a part of our ministry.

Blessings Sharath













Austin & Kaelee Truelove Serving the Lord in Haiti



Dear partners in the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus, greetings! Thank you for your prayers for Austin's trip to Haiti in the latter part of January. There were many times when precision was necessary for him to arrive safely along with the items we had previously shipped. God orchestrated everything, so that not one thing was missing nor one problem arose.

Austin's main goal was to complete the construction of our cistern, a large concrete structure for holding rain water. Until now, we have had little water access at our home. The cistern will be a tremendous blessing to us, as well as our close friends and those who benefit from our work. Every project that requires concrete mixing (as well as every other daily water necessity), is dependent on either gathering water from springs, or purchasing water from an institution that has a cistern. Neither of these sources are dependable during the dry summer months. We praise God that he saw it fit to bless the construction of the cistern. It will hold about 20,000 gallons of water.

While there in Pecry, Austin chose the next family for a home build. Since traveling is very expensive and dangerous, we've decided to keep our projects in our small village. He chose the worst home in our area, owed by an older couple. We will use extra materials from our cistern project to begin. Please pray that the dump trucks can get the sand out of the river before the big rains come. Prices continue to go up, same as in the states. However, because of your generous giving we are able to build another home!

The ambulance is in constant use, more so than ever before due to the high gas prices and difficulty in maintaining vehicles. We don't charge for emergency services. Health care is a big problem in our area. The two clinics only admit paying patients. Often times, the smaller clinics refer patients that need emergency care to larger hospitals that are farther away. The larger hospitals aren't really that more reliable. Gilbert has taken patients in critical condition, three hours away, just to have the hospitals turn them away. Please pray that God will send skilled, and compassionate doctors and nurses to the far north west.

Our family has tickets to return to our home in Pecry at the end of March. Please pray for God's will in this as well as his protection. Our desire is to serve the people in our village, while living among them. We can minister from afar, but it's truly not the same.

Thank you for your faithful giving, and for your prayers that go up to our Father on our behalf and on behalf of Pecry. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth of Christ to the people of Pecry. Pray that the believers there will be united, and that they will be a light to those living in the darkness and oppression of Satan.

The Wray Family Rod, Debbie & Katie

Serving the Lord in Dominican Republic



Since our departure from Haiti in August of 2021 after the earthquake destroyed Camp Mahanaim, we have been living in Canada near family. It has been an amazing time to reconnect with our family, but we have also been seeking the Lord's direction and praying that He would have a plan and purpose for us.

We recently found ourselves visiting some Haitian friends who were in the Dominican Republic and while there, we met with Miguel and Rosey Terrero who are the directors of F.C.A. (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) in the D.R. Miguel and Rosey had hosted us several years ago when we took our Angels girl's volleyball team to the D.R. and it was great to see them and hear what the Lord is doing through F.C.A. and also to learn of their plans.

F.C.A has plans to build a large Christian sports center in the D.R. and we have agreed to work with them and be the project coordinators / builders of this project. The first step will be the purchase of the land (approx 20 acres) and soon

after that, we hope to begin construction, Lord willing. We are so thankful for this opportunity and the area is called Higuey where there are many very poor Haitians living, as they are used as labor in the sugar cane fields. Although we

don't speak Spanish, we felt right at home as there are so many people around who speak Creole.

We would appreciate your prayers as Katie finishes up bible school and prepares to come with us to the D.R. Also, we are looking for the Lord's timing and direction for when the land can be bought and construction can begin.

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WOW! It's hard to believe that half of 2023 is over. Where has the time gone? I guess time flies when you are serving the Lord! It has been a busy six months and it looks like the next six months will be just as busy if not more. Praise the Lord that He is still using Harvest International to meet needs around the world.

Harvest is presently working with two organizations in Honduras to send each a 40' container of supplies. We have a total of 16 church pews that are 16' long. There will be 12 pews in one container and four in the second. Along with the pews, there will be a variety of other supplies and some food. We are also sending 30 twenty-inch computer monitors and about a dozen laptops.







Continue to keep praying for the country of Haiti and its people. Over 90% of Port-au-Prince is controlled by gangs. Getting food and other supplies out of the port is next to impossible. Pray for relief for the people that are being abused by the unrest.

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

BUCKETS OF LOVE / COOLERS OF COMPASSION

Hurricane Season started earlier this year.

We will be needing your help for our BOL/COC over the next few months.



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In 2013, Amazon launched AmazonSmile to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped. With so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

In February 2023, Amazon closed down the AmazonSmile program. Harvest International would like to thank each donor who signed up to support Harvest through this program. Over the years, your donations have help Harvest continue serving the Lord in ministry.

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Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



Elaine was walking towards Bible Study at her church today. She noticed a man staring at her face. As she approached him he said: "You look like a lady I saw in the newspaper with her husband last Sunday". Elaine responded with a laugh saying, "You are right!" His reference was to a series of three articles that have appeared during the past month telling the story of Lloyd and her years of missionary activities in Jamaica, the Caribbean and Elaine in Zambia, Africa. These articles were entitled 'The Dynamic Churchman'; 'The Missionary Man'; and 'Respected Religion Historian'.

They may be searched at 'Jamaica Gleaner'. Three articles entitled, Jamaica Gleaner on twitter: The Dynamic Churchman I NEWS, (4th June 2023); 'The Missionary Man I NEWS (11th June); https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20230625/respected-religion-historian

Despite the glowing reports of these articles we keep our hearts and thoughts set on Jesus, and try to do His will, as He shows it to us. Lloyd, at 81 years, tries to keep up his daily walking within the community, and to share Christ with all. He still preaches on 'Missions' in church, each first Sunday of the month. We also financially support a number of our Jamaican friends who serve in Missions, a female doctor in Liberia; a former Theological lecturer who takes other 'spiritual sons' of his to various countries in eastern Africa for several months each year, finishing up in South Africa; another (a couple) who are doing Bible Translation with Wycliffe among the people on Sabu island, in Indonesia (the Lii Hawu language).

Elaine, continues her classes in schools whenever the 'Wait & Win' program and challenge the children to put their faith in Jesus and to avoid early sexual activity and pregnancy. She also helps the HEART TRUST government jobs-training program. Helping them with lunch, and with their Maths and English remedial studies. She is anxious to begin a Child Evangelism community-club for children near to our home. Many come visiting us for help with school-lunch costs, and other financial family needs. We do what we can!

Lloyd spends much of his time in History research and writing projects. One includes cooperating with writers from the Jamaican Anglican (Church of England) Church -Lloyd's former denomination. Next year will be the 200th Anniversary since a Bishop was sent to Jamaica, just before the Abolition of Slavery in the British Empire of which Jamaica was a part. I am writing about the evangelism and 'missions' activity of the

Church during that period. The story of the Church will be told in two volumes. We pray the Lord will use it to remind the membership of the need to continue evangelistic efforts and outreaches to the spiritually needy.'

Jamaica has just come out of months of drought. But the rains have caused some crop damage, especially to vegetable and fruit-farmers. A need for irrigation for their fields is also a need that they face. Many continue to lose small stocks to thieves who refuse to work, and steal what small farmers depend on when cash is needed. The Police do not do enough to help them. Another national problem is the matter of crime: much of it is domestic violence, and violence against children. Gang warfare is an area of concern. Thankfully nowhere near Haiti. Our government, together with other Caribbean nations are discussing what they can do to help restore a working government to our near-neighbour. Do Pray with us for Haiti. Many Jamaican missionaries have helped to reduce the power of 'Voodoo' in that island nation.

Our Jamaican government has set up a committee to revise our Constitution and Laws, this Committee includes at least two Pastors: one who was an Attorney. We pray that no new laws will be introduced to change those against homosexuality or to make abortions easy. The LGBTQ+ people are using every influence to get Jamaica to accept their lifestyle. We pray that our nation will ever be a bulwark of resistance against these evils. Some Christian groups are presently doing public demonstrations. Pray with us!

Our thanks continue for you faithful financial and prayer support in these times. We were informed that the mission handling gifts sent to us would need to reduce the monthly amount sent since our Account with very low. We asked them to only send what is there as we will continue to believe the Lord for our every need: material, physical and spiritual. We give thanks for your help!

Daniel & Betty

Serving the Lord in India















The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project with Dick & Barb Johnson

Serving the Lord in Uganda



Hello, friends in the Lord Jesus Christ. I bring greetings and love to you from Hope Family here in Fort Portal. We are so thankful to you and grateful to God for all the love, care, prayers, and support you have always rendered to us. We were able to buy desks for the children, chairs, and tables for teachers in their classes. Thank you very much because our pupils and teachers now have a place to sit.

Hope School has a learners population of 815 and a teaching staff of 22 teachers, 15 on the government payroll, and seven paid by the parents. We have a big need to have more infrastructure in terms of classrooms and latrines to match the entire population of both teachers and pupils in the school. The classes we have are meant to accommodate a total number of 477 pupils according to education standards in Uganda today and latrines can accommodate 440 pupils. We currently need classes that accommodate 338 additional pupils.

As a Hope School, we have surveyed the land and developed a building structural plan approved by the government of Uganda. Continue to pray for and with us that God will open doors and provide for the same need. We also discovered that pupils get moral support and comfort from school more than in their homes. That is why we experience big numbers of children joining us, where they are taught, loved, comforted, guided, counseled, and share the Word of God with them.

Continue to pray for us because work is not as easy as one thinks. It's faith, hard work, commitment, and love for duty. Thank you again for standing with us. Gods blessings.

I remain yours in Christ,

Patrick Amooti Headmaster



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With praise to our God and gratitude to you, our friends, we report that we are now out of the "red"with payments for radio broadcasting time. Because of your prayers and ready responses, people like you, listeners like: "Y" and "K" are able to report being blessed by "randomly" finding Words of Inspiration on their electronic equipment.

"Y" informed us that Words of Inspiration, our daily five minute talks, have become part of her daily devotions. I don't know how many people listen to our broadcasts and I don't have stats on what percentage of listeners write or call. Experts tell us that it is a very small percentage of listeners that communicate with broadcasters. Most of us can relate to that. With or without written responses, we continue to obey the Lord's commission: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to everyone." Your prayerful participation fuels our journey into all the worlds we touch. Thank you.

We are delighted to report that the matching funds drive we conducted because of a friend's generous offer was successful and served to eliminate the deficit into which the radio ministry had fallen. Thanks to each one who participated.

Toward the end of the matching fund drive we received a phone call from Linda, a listener in Western NY, who called to tell us she believes the Lord was leading her to encourage us to extend the matching fund drive. To that end, she is offering to donate \$1,000 on the basis of donations to match her offer. Although I was initially reluctant to launch another "matching funds drive" I quickly asked myself, "who am I to halt what God is doing?" So, welcome to another drive. If you would like to donate toward this new matching gift please go to www.HarvestInternational.org to donate to Audley McleanThe Bible Speaks Radio Ministry.

I want to make it clear that I am not asking people who have already given, to give again in this new venture. To you, I repeat our heartfelt thanks. I do, however, encourage you to share this information with anyone you feel led to include.

Please continue to pray for the broadcasts. They are: THE BIBLE SPEAKS, our fifteen minute weekly program and WORDS OF INSPIRATION, our daily five minute presentation.

Our programs are also found at https://www.buzzsprout.com/1573354 and https://youtu.be/PStGceu3T s

Additionally, we owe a debt of gratitude to listeners who are sharing on Facebook and other platforms. Please feel free to join them. What a wonderful thing it would be if we had a campaign of "each one, reach one." You can be the catalyst. I would love to hear that you have started to do just that.

May the blessings of our Heavenly Father enrich your lives as you seek to mirror the image of our Savior.

Faith Foundations International with Ray B. Nelson

Serving the Lord in India



Sharath and I went to Bahrain, an island just off the coast of Saudi Arabia, for two weeks to preach to the Indians who were working there. They were very open to us there and received us with open hearts for the Gospel.





Sharath and I visited a new church building being built. We met with him and his people at the site and I gave him a \$150.00 dollars to go towards the construction.









Joshua's son (Sharath Bhushan Yeeda Jr), nick named Jim, celebrated his first birthday (the first birthday is a big deal in India).

Sharath's son got married, there was over 2500 people who came and we fed them all, besides all the things that go on for weeks before the wedding and after the wedding as well.

I'll be coming home on July 19th and as usual, I have needs you can help with. Pray and be faithful to the Lord.



Austin & Kaelee Truelove Serving the Lord in Haiti



Back in January, I had asked all who felt led to pray for 10 days for God to remove, destroy, etc. the crows that had been ravaging our area of Haiti. I give God the greatest praise and honor and glory, for only He is capable of such a feat! I have seen only a handful of crows these past three months. They come around when the harvest is being gathered. But they are not here. There is a tremendous harvest! God truly dealt with them in His own way. I am overwhelmed with gratitude. With man, it is impossible, but with God all things are possible!

We've had an unusual amount of rain this spring. Everything is very green. Along every road and in every yard people are eating mangos. Pigs, chickens, turkeys, goats, and flies are eating mangos! You can buy a whole wheelbarrow for less than a dollar. Everyone, no matter how poor, can buy mangos. I saw a great number of pumpkins and watermelons in the market too. This attests to God's blessing of rain and harvest.

This month, we have had many ambulances runs. Except for fuel, we do not charge, and we try to maintain the vehicle, especially for urgent cases. Austin took one patient to Gonaives, a town about five hours away. Due to poor road conditions, we usually do not take long trips, but he felt that he needed to take this lady, as she is a close neighbor and God put it in his heart. Although a hard-to-come-by, tire was ruined on the return trip, the trip to the hospital went very well. The lady was admitted to a good hospital. You can never truly hide in this country. Some people from our town heard about Austin's trip and met him in Gonaives to get a ride back home! The trip benefitted all!

Austin continues to help families by paying rent for them. As I mentioned before, rent is very cheap. This has saved at least one family from losing their father to prison (for delinquent rent), and others from being removed from their rented homes. God's ways are so much higher and wiser than ours! Although we would like to be building a home, in the meantime, we have more aware of other somewhat lesser, but just as urgent needs that we are able to help with.

The lost Bibles were found and delivered! We sent 80 Bibles to fellow missionaries who are putting on a youth conference. Please pray that those young people will understand Christ, and begin to develop personal relationships with Him. We added a few monthly supporters too! Praise God! Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. It's humbling to have so many parts of a greater work here in this little town. But that is how the Church works. To Him be the glory!

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Well, the Third Quarter of 2023 is over. Only three more months before the year is over. It seems that time is just flying by. It must be so busy that I don't realize how fast the days are going. I am grateful to the Lord that I still have the energy to put in a full day at the office.

I have run into a few problems in trying to send containers to Honduras. There are still two containers being held that contain over 45,000 Manna Packs each. One of the containers is being held in the Dominican Republic and the other one is in Honduras. No one can tell me why they are being held. Please pray that they get released.

Things in Haiti have taken a turn for the worse. The most powerful gang in Portau-Prince is trying to get Ariel Henry, the Prime Minister currently the Acting President, to step down and leave the country. To make matters worse, the Dominican Republic has closed its board with Haiti. The situation in Haiti is the worst I have seen in my 30 years of working in Haiti. Please pray for the people of Haiti and the country.

The rest of this newsletter is FULL of good reports from our missionaries and what the Lord is doing in their lives and ministry.

Thank you for your support for Harvest International.

Danny

Trailer Repair

We need your help. The floor in our trailer has rotted away and we are in need of new wood to replace it. The repair is estimated to cost \$1,000.00. If you are able to help, please send a donation to Harvest International and mark it as Trailer Repair. You can also donate online at www.HarvestInternational.org.

God Bless you for your help!



Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



Lloyd is still experiencing a great loss of energy. Walking is reduced and difficult, but I still go on my daily walks. He also has difficulty with a dental problem. This causes chewing difficulty, so he is taking extra nutritional pills and protein powder to maintain his nutritional well-being. Elaine is doing better, though she has a little high blood pressure problem. We trust the Lord for his daily help.

The Lord has opened a trip to Israel for us via our daughters. We will be joining a group from Chapel Hill Bible Church in Raleigh North Carolina. We will be away from October 4th to the 24th. We look forward to an enjoyable and inspiring trip. We thank the Lord, and our daughters for this visit.

We continue our involvement in local ministries in our churches and with the leadership of the local Ministers Association. Lloyd continues to be involved in two different history writing projects. We will continue these involvements until the Lord calls us home. We thank you for what you have done for us and continue to do.

Haitian Center for Inclusive Education with Dr. Don DeVito

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Gertrude Bien Aime founded the Haitian Center for Inclusive Children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and also the Notre Maison orphanage for children with disabilities. Members of The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), which is a national special education teachers' organization, have been visiting Gertrude along with Dr. DeVito to provide training and support for both locations, but with the gang violence, we have been unable to visit for some time.

Gertrude asked me to contact the Society for Education, Music and Psychology Research (SEMPRE) organization in the UK to fund her trip from Haiti to the Florida CEC Conference to vain training from the special ed workshops. The organization was able to fund her trip and I nominated her for the Landis Stetler Award. She is a member of our Gatorland

chapter of CEC in Gainesville because there is no chapter in Haiti which made her eligible for the award. Florida Atlantic University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) met her and is now bringing her back to the US in the fall to speak to the Haitian community in south Florida whom they are having difficulty convincing to bring their children for services. For equity, she will be paid as a consultant.







The primary concern for the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education (HCIE) and the Notre Maison orphanage is the blockading of supplies by gangs. Gertrude used to get food from a charity organization, but the gangs do not allow food to be delivered unless Gertrude pays a bribe for it. She does not pay, so the food assistance is gone.

Gertrude would like to buy the building HCIE is housed in where she is currently paying rent. Parents of children without disabilities are unemployed and do not have funds. This is made worse by gangs and paying tuition for teachers, but she has been able to keep the school open for all learners and find a way to keep the HCIE staffed.

Gertrude had a van to drive the children to school, but it was stolen at gunpoint. It was later returned with flat tires. She thinks some of the gang members were families of non-disabled children at the school and when they realized it was the school van, they returned it.

The goal is to continue to support the school to keep it open and to feed the children. Thanks to God we are still moving forward.

Daniel & Betty

Serving the Lord in India



WORLD GOSPEL HOPE CHURCH - BETHESDA MISSION

This is the broad outline of the church needs that we place before you for your contribution to sustainable development for the church expansion project. Our church has an area of 115/60 Feet. Now we have a building on 33/80 feet church which can accommodate nearly 350 people. We have only one floor built, which is the ground floor.

We want to go in for the construction of 5 Floors in we want to surrender 4th and 5th floors for complete church-only space for our church services. We want to utilize the other first, second, and third floors for rented service to generate money for the following needs.

Needs of the church

- We have 30 branch churches in North India, Central India, and South India. We support all our branch church pastors with monthly support till they grow into a functional church. These churches are in very remote churchless areas of these locations, and they need our encouragement and support in this regard.
- Our focus is on church planting as other ministries are mineralized due to current prevailing government situations.
- This scenario pushes out to look for opportunities to establish the KINGDOM OF GOD through some means to share the gospel.
- This forced us to look for resources to undertake this major project of demolishing the current structure to rebuild the church.
- The first and most important support that we are seeking from you is prayer and inspiration. We need lots and lots of prayer support and encouragement from our funders.

What we are looking for

- We even want business people to venture in to our building project so that during the lease period you can be in the building operating for a few years.
- We are looking for Ministry partners who can help us in India to reach out to the lower socio-economic projects with us.
- You can become active partners in Educational, Medical, and Community projects here.
- You can introduce us to companies who want to be present in a city like Bangalore to look for surveys and other work for their communities.
- We have the FCR number and 80 G form to give you the tax exemption certificate for your business ventures.

Our projects

- Church planting in remote greas of South and North India
- Church Short Bible courses for practical ministry training to these young Pastors in our church campus
- Certificate courses on Evangelism
- Youth, Sunday classes, and Vacation Bible schools for children

Educational Project

- Tuition center of our church building for children from local slums
- Adult Literacy programs to read the Bible
- Morning Day care centers for taking care of working women and children
- Inviting teachers from other parts of the world as Volunteers to teach our children basic skills

Medical Projects

- Immunization program for pregnant women and children
- Cervical Cancer Awareness Program
- Cancer Screening Program
- Awareness program on seasonal viral and infectious diseases like Dengue, Malaria, TB, COVID-19, sexually transmitted diseases, etc.

Community Projects

- Introducing JESUS through a film project
- Regular educational programs for youth, children, and women on General health issues, Self-help groups, the Importance of education, Drug and Alcohol problems, etc.

The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project with Dick & Barb Johnson

Serving the Lord in Uganda



Our efforts currently are in support of the Hope Primary School, Busoro District. Ft. Portal, Uganda.

We are supported financially in three ways

- 1. Support of Hope School Operators on a monthly basis
- 2. Support of Headmaster of Hope School, for advance education
- 3. Support of Pastor Sam Kasule, Chairman of Management Committee of Hope Primary School and founder of the school in early 1990's

The size of the school has advanced significantly in the past few years. Because of its reputation, achieving the rating of #1 in the district and number #22 in the whole country.

Our future hopes are to raise financial support for the building of a new school since the attendance has grown from 600 to 900.

This reputation has also allowed the district to build a police office and government building close by. We are hopeful the local school authorities will release funds for help in constructing the new school.

Since the school started under a mango tree on the church property with the children using church benches as desk we are so blessed to see what God has done in the remote area of Uganda.

The school has classrooms from first grade through seven grade with nursery school children also.

Praise and Glory all goes to God as HEADMASTER Patrick Kyomohendo so often tells us.



Dhan & Dolly Lalsee

Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe

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OUR NEEDS & CHALLENGES

Our Recent Furlough:

On our recently concluded Furlough, we had the privilege of visiting some supporting Churches and individuals both in the US and the Caribbean. One of the things that impressed and encouraged us in relation to the Churches was that whatever the level of their current ministry, Missions was still very much on their hearts. Our visits with partnering friends and families were no less encouraging. In fact, we had the privilege in two cases of meeting with those whom we last knew as teenagers and younger; they had come together to meet with us, in one case, after thirty-plus years, each now having their own families and living in different states. There was hardly a time when we met in the corridor without embracing and all teary-eyed, reminiscing of our joint 'ventures' years ago. Now, three generations of this family are among our financial supporters. In the case of the other family, we were together again after five years and their children were now young adults having completed their first degrees. What a joy it was to be able to discuss spiritual issues and to note how much they had matured.

In all of these cases, we were powerfully reminded that it was the Lord in His wisdom and grace who had brought us together years ago, for the achieving of His sovereign purposes in all of our lives. They were solemn reminders to us of His hand having been upon us as He charted the course of our individual lives.

Discipleship Groups:

As you know, since coming to Zimbabwe fifteen years ago, we have focused on helping believers to grow in their relationship with the Lord, a matter that we found was woefully missing in the organized Church. Until the Covid epidemic, we travelled out monthly to various groups three or four hours drive away. Since then, we have been bringing them periodically into Harare where we meet for two or three days. We last met together like this in February. The next such Retreat is scheduled for September 22nd-24th.

About half of the participants come from very rural areas with very meagre earnings and, apart from their transportation, are unable to contribute towards the cost of the event. We therefore subsidize their attendance from our personal support funds so they can benefit from the Retreat. In addition to these groups, we also meet with individuals/couples with the same objective in view.

When we left here in early May, the local currency was trading at about \$1,500 to \$2,000 to the US Dollar. On our return ten days ago, we found that the exchange rate had jumped to \$6,000 resulting in quite an ongoing hike in the cost of living.

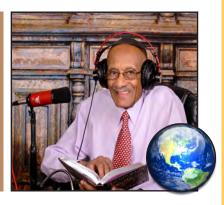
Our Personal & Ministry Financial Support:

Within the past few years, we have lost some support from Churches who seem to be of the view that Discipleship is not a legitimate part of Church planting. We are convinced from our experience as Missionaries since 1986, that while this approach often leads to the erection of great buildings, it does very little for the spiritual development of believers. This Country is very religious and lacks nothing in terms of organized groups of believers only a minority of whom meet in buildings. Sadly, the lack of a sound Biblical foundation and help in understanding what it means to be a follower of Christ have resulted in widespread grave immaturity.

The Bible Speaks Radio Ministry with Audley McLean

Serving the Lord by World Radio

The Shepherd 96.3 / 103.5 FM



As we wind up the third quarter of 2023, we are grateful to our Lord for having kept the broadcasts going out over the radio, the Internet, and YouTube. Because of the kindness of several listeners, the broadcasts are being heard on several social platforms.

A note of sincere thanks to God and the many who responded to our recent appeal for funds, all the radio bills are paid and we are up to date. One challenge we face in this regard is that the original donors were people relatively close to my age. Now, many of them have been promoted to heaven, and yet others are no longer able to manage financially. Thanks be to the Lord for those faithful friends, old and new who pay to keep us going. We are especially grateful to a few who began with us and have never missed a month's donation.

I am more than grateful for the amazing partnership and help which it has been my privilege to enjoy for the past thirteen years. Thanks to Danny Thomas and to the dedicated staff and volunteers over the years. Pam, Ethel, and Cassie are names etched in my memory, and when I mention these names, I include their families because I know the time and effort they have invested and continue to invest, are shared experiences.

I realize that by now you may be thinking that my remarks appear to have a sense of finality to them. In a sense, that is true. Danny and I know that we have tried our best to find a replacement for me on the broadcast. Two years ago, it seemed to us that Brother Dean Paul Hart was God's man, however, circumstances over which Dean Paul had little control, have stood in the way of him being able to take on the challenge.

With these circumstances in mind, I have given myself until the end of this year to conclude my broadcasting activity. On the other hand, if the Lord sends a replacement, I am more than willing to make myself available to be of whatever help I can.

Please join Millie and me as we seek His face for the future.

Faith Foundations International with Ray B. Nelson

Serving the Lord in India



Here are some needs we are praying for. If you feel led to help, please donate at www.HarvestInternational.org and notate which need it is for.

- Two Drinking water systems for the house and Bible College \$250
- Two Speakers for the Church \$1,700
- Security grill for the Children's Home \$1,300
- Lawnmower for the Campus \$650

We hope and believe that all our needs are met in the name of Jesus Christ!



Faith Foundations International Ray B. Nelson - India



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Shíloh Chíldren's Home with Tom & Ginger Schmidt

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Mission Goals for the near future

Our goal for SCH has always been to help them to be self-supported and nationally run. For the past several years we have had a Haitian couple caring for all the needs of the children with the help of donations from the US.

Nelson has recently finished all the schooling and other requirements and he is now a Pastor. His sweet wife, Dieulene, has worked for SCH almost from the very beginning. They now have two little girls who are a great blessing and encouragement to the two remaining handicap boys; who have recently been adopted by the Valcourt family. This is a wonderful example to the church family and all the people in the community. Sadly, due to the lawless gangs in Haiti, the children are in great danger. The boys may be targeted for murder because they are perceived as unnecessary and unproductive, and the girls could be targets for an even worse fate - sex trafficking.

Nelson has been trying to get his family out of Haiti and into the Dominican Republic for over a year. They finally got the adoption papers completed, and secured a place to rent in the DR. Nelson has felt called to start a church for the many Haitians living & working in the DR. They are anxious to move and praying for the LORD's guidance and provision to be able to cross the boarder safely and expediently.

"Now unto HIM that is able to do EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL that we ask or think, according to the POWER that worketh in us, unto HIM be GLORY in the church by CHRIST JESUS throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

"And HE took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when HE had taken him in his arms, HE said unto them, whosoever shall receive one of such children in MY name, receiveth ME: and whosoever shall receive ME, receiveth not ME, but HIM that sent ME." Mark 9:36-37

"Then saith HE unto HIS disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; PRAY ye therefore the LORD of the harvest, that HE will send forth labourers into HIS harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38

Austin & Kaelee Truelove Serving the Lord in Haiti



I remember seeing in the Harvest office the saying "Flexible people don't break". At this point in our ministry journey that adage has proven itself more times than we can count. When called to this mission field, we felt led to devise a variety of avenues to help people both in and out of the Church. In our area, housing has always been a seemingly insurmountable obstacle for the normal family. Although financially exhaustive, we view home building, and more recently home renting, as a pivotal, family-building effort of the Church. Since the beginning of this year, our home-building projects have decreased due to the rise in cost and difficulty getting some supplies, so we have chosen to assist more families with renting homes instead of building them.

We normally build 3-4 homes a year. So far this year, we have helped more than 10 families with rent while only building one home. Currently, we have over 50 home-build requests and over 70 family-related help requests. Another avenue we serve in our area is through medical-related transportation which has its own share of cost and supply chain issues. Though difficult, we are blessed to be able to provide this life-saving service.

Considering these details, you may be able to envision our reluctance to give up our position. Of course, we are only one family, but our community continues to express its support and encouragement of our efforts. God has been so gracious towards us. He continues to provide the means and connections necessary to accomplish what He has called us to do.

We are planning to return to the US during Christmas for about six weeks. During our visit, we plan to visit family, friends, and supporters while also raising more funds to continue building homes and helping families in our area of Haiti.

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I am saddened by the fact that this is my last newsletter. After much prayer, the Lord has revealed to me that it is time for me to retire. I have served as Executive Director of Harvest International, Inc. for over 34 years. During that time I have been a part of many amazing adventures, seen miracles happen firsthand, and have had the honor of serving our Lord to reach so many lost around the world.

It has been a difficult couple of months as I have gone around the office taking down pictures and awards that I have up on my walls. Lots of emotions. There are those moments when I am full of joy to see what God has done at Harvest over the last three decades. Then there have been moments of sadness as I remember other events. I didn't think it was going to be this hard. My journey in ministry is not over, but it is time for me to move on from Harvest and spend more time with my family.



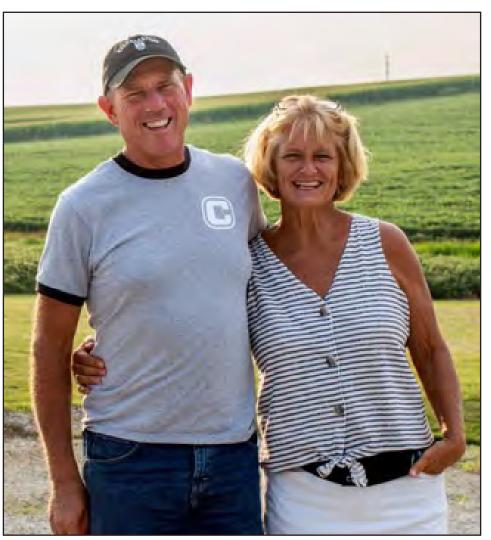
It is my pleasure to introduce you to the new Directors of Harvest International, Rod and Debbie Wray! You may be familiar with those names, as they were long-term missionaries in Haiti with us for many years. We have slowly been working together over the past month to transition the leadership of Harvest and are planning their official turnover at the end of this year. I encourage you to reach out to them directly if you have any questions. You can email them at rdwray@fastmail.fm

Thank you all for your support and encouragement over the years. Working alongside you in ministry has been one of the greatest pleasures of my life. Please continue to pray for our missionaries and projects. It is because of your faithfulness in supporting Harvest that keeps them on the mission field and us going. Lastly, please pray for Israel during this tumultuous time in their history.

Our New Directors Rod & Debbie Wray

This is Rod and Debbie Wray writing to you. We are Canadians and have been missionaries in Haiti for about 20 years. Harvest International has been our mission organization since 2007 and Danny Thomas and his team of Cassie, Pam, and Ethel have been amazing ministry partners over the years. This fall, the timing has come for Danny to retire from full-time ministry and the Lord has directed Debbie and I to become the new Harvest Directors.

We are thankful for God's clear direction in our lives and since November 1st when we arrived in Ocala, we have been learning from Danny, Ethel, Cassie, and Pam. We ask for your prayers, that God would give us all the abilities we will need to maintain the function of Harvest and that He would continue to lead Harvest to be a mission, fulfilling His purposes and accomplishing His will in this world.



Saying Farewell to our Receptionist Ethel Johnson

Even more changes are happening here at Harvest. Ethel, our long-time Receptionist, has decided to follow in Danny's footsteps and retire as well.

Ethel has been with Harvest for over 18 years, starting as a volunteer and then joining the "official" team as our Receptionist. Ethel brought so much to Harvest, in her kind God-loving heart, prayer warrior, and our fundraiser coordinator aficionado.

Ethel has been the front face of Harvest. Walking into our office, hers is the first face you'd see. Greeting our supporters with a warm welcome, she generously would give her time and attention engaging in simple chit-chat and encouraging others when needed. Her presence will be missed, but we are excited and happy for her in this new chapter of her life.

Thank you Ethel for your many years of dedication and love to this ministry.



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International Friendship

"The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay." 1 Peter 4:7-9. NLT

"International Friendship - Budapest" is to be our new name. I asked my dear brother Toby Sorrels if he would mind our using this name with it being so similar to the ministry in Gainesville he has served. He was enthusiastically supportive. This name best sums up what we are actively doing here in Central Europe to draw students to Christ.



After church with our Norwegian friends

A typical week at our place involves hosting three meals with students, local academics, or fellow ministry leaders. Several individual or small group meetings for discipleship and personal evangelism where we read the Word and pray together. This is relationship development with students encouraging them to actively participate by acting on the meaning of the study by bringing a friend. We practice lifestyle evangelism daily where each person we encounter is someone Christ may have something for. We all study the word together each morning and pray together fully aware that unless the Holy Spirit is alive in us, we have nothing real to offer. Many days we begin with a feeling which if allowed to stay would lead to discouragement or being lonely. But giving Him our best of a busy day is imperative!

We have wonderful news about Sibel our student from Turkey who lost family members in the terrible earthquakes last year. She is back in Turkey doing a required year as an intern teacher. Sibel and her family's lives are incredibly difficult now living far from where the earthquake devastated their lives. Sibel's teaching internship requires her to live over five hours away from family with strangers. Her family lost everything in the earthquake, add to that she must pay to be an intern. Last year before she graduated and returned to Turkey, she was troubled and said she wanted our friendship badly but couldn't tolerate pressure or arguing about religious issues. We never did those things and she acknowledged as much but her concerns were painfully real. We suspected it was the Holy Spirit's



Sibel & Marianna

conviction as well as the devastation she experienced losing her family and home so painfully. We listened to and reassured her we didn't base our relationship with her on her becoming a Christian and abandoning Islam. Sibel was at our home almost every day afterward. We hosted her mother from Turkey and ministered Christ's peace to her. We read Psalms to this mommy whose world was devastated by the death of her daughter and son-in-law both respected judges and her beautiful home. Their condominium was ten stories and less than five years old, Anna, Sibel and her husband on the third floor barely got out before it collapsed with the other building in the greater area. Over a hundred people in the building died. Anna was so obviously traumatized but came because she was concerned for Sibel and the American family befriending her. When we asked her if we could pray for her a Christian prayer for Yahweh's peace to comfort her, she said yes. Selena went over to her and something truly holy happened. Both women broke and the presence of the Holy Spirit transformed these ladies' countenances as they wept and held each other.



Scot, Selena, Anna, Marianna and Sibel

I'd love to tell you that once we prayed everything made sense and their lives became "normal "again, but it's not true. Sibel loved reading the Bible and our company so much she was with us almost every day. The irreconcilable loss and her confusion with a loving God allowing suffering was hard and she was beginning to escape the numbness and shock that her mind had been protected by. By Easter week she was secretly planning to deal with her sometimes overwhelming pain and hopelessness. On Easter Eve Olison had the dream and shared it with Sibel later the next day when she came over having missed church and the celebration lunch, she had confirmed she would attend. Weeks later Sibel shared with us that eve of Easter she intended to overdose with the drugs she had accumulated but kept getting texts from us and others in our little community of international friends. Selena and I had no idea of Olison's dream and have

not heard of it from Olison to this day. When Sibel came over after missing Easter she and Olie went shopping at clothing stores by our place. Olison said she had cried in her sleep because of a painful dream about Sibel. Sibel asked what her dream was. Olison told her she committed suicide, and her heart couldn't handle losing her and the pain of knowing she lost her sister and now (Olie) lost Sibel! Sibel was stunned and swore to Olison she would never do anything like that. Two weeks later the plane as we were leaving Budapest Sibel shared this with us via her farewell text. We were stunned and knew that intercessory prayer made the difference.

We've stayed in constant communication with Sibel and her family. Last Monday evening she was in an extremely hard place, and we could hear roommates crying in the background about their situation. Selena encouraged and prayed with her, Marianna, our Karabakh-Armenian friend who has no home to return to had called, encouraged, and prayed with her also. Turkish and Armenian people are like Samaritan and Orthodox Jews in their feelings for one another but these two and their parents love each other because of God's work and their mutual calamities. Sibel knows who Jesus is, reads her Bible, and will pray but has not believed in Him as her only hope for salvation yet. We are bringing her here to Budapest in February for two weeks and ask you to pray the Jesus she has acknowledged becomes her Lord and Savior.

It's very hard but we do not intervene in our students' struggles except to listen to them, read His word with and pray with them concerning the situation. If the Holy Spirit leads us to share their burden, we pray about how so we are not guilty of quenching the Holy Spirit's work in building their relationship and faith.

Marianna, Lilith, and Meri are Ph.D. students working two jobs trying to help their families who are exiles in Armenia. She and four others from her country are a part of our family here. All their families had to flee Karabakh when Azerbaijan attacked and displaced them from their homes. Six of us met Friday night for dinner at a Syrian restaurant. Of the five from Karabakh, one's father was shot and killed, and one cousin was burned alive and died with over a hundred others in a freak gasoline distribution/gas station fire. He was trying to fill up to flee before the invaders arrived. We've been praying, encouraging, and supporting their practical needs. We have been praying for the families to be able to leave Armenia where opportunities are minimal. Through the efforts of their university, the Hungarian government is granting the five students' families emergency asylum and support stipends. We had church when the students shared what had just happened for their families! They should be here in Budapest by Christmas.



Scot, Olie, Selena, Marianna, Lilith and Meri from Karabah

There are dozens of similar relationships we are involved with that we look forward to sharing in the future. Next month I'll be sharing more exciting developments relating to something called: Operation Joseph.

Randy & Debbie Bullock

Serving the Lord in Romania



Greetings from Romania! It has been a while since you heard from us, they have been very busy this past year there in Dumbrava.

The activity center where the kids come after school for help and lessons, was in much need of some major repairs. The heating system was very old, and part of the building was made out of mud, straw, and bricks. The bricks were getting really bad and starting to break apart, so we started the rebuilding process at the beginning of spring, and are almost complete.

We now have over 130 children ages 3-15 who attend regularly. We were able to hire a new teacher this year. We are now up to seven teachers and these ladies truly care for these children.

This story was shared with me recently. Every afternoon after school when the children come, the teachers always ask the children if they went to school that day. This one little boy said he did not go to school, and the teacher asked him why he came to the activity center and not to school. His answer was, "Because you love us!"

Gypsy kids don't get treated the same as other Romanian children. At the center, the teachers are there to help the children with schoolwork and more importantly, to share the love of Christ with them. They have lessons from the bible every day, where they learn that God loves all the children of the world.

You all have been so good and supportive towards us, and we want to thank everyone for what you have done and given here in Romania. We want God's name to be glorified through our lives and the ministry there in Dumbrava.

May you all have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Nihil Sine Deo (Nothing without God)









Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



Merry Christmas to all of you!

Here in Jamaica, we are beginning to feel the 'Christmas breeze'. Our daytime temperatures have dived our usual summertime warmth. There is also a cool wind blowing from the north. As we watch the evening news from Florida stations, we notice that as the temperatures did there into the 60s and lower, we began to feel those dips. There used to be a time when our mid-island, mountainside, Mandeville location was utilized as a location for our former colonizers, civil servants to come when the heat in the cities and towns by the seaside was too much for them to bear, but that situation has changed, as the area's population, houses, and roads have increased.

Our focus recently has shifted much to paying with and for Israel, the Hamas invasion, and the hostages they have taken. We are particularly asking the Lord to strengthen the Israeli people, and especially for them to seek the Lord's wisdom, guidance, and deliverance; and we revisit the Scripture of Psalm 83 and in the prophet Isaiah's messages of "Comfort Ye, comfort ye, my people!". We know that the God who watches over Israel "does not slumber or sleep"! May they turn their eyes and hearts towards their Messiah, for His deliverance. Our hearts do yearn for their national Salvation and that of their enemies as well. We ask that the Apostle Paul's words in Romans 11:26 "All Israel will be saved" when the Deliverer comes out of Zion and turns away ungodliness from Jacob.

Our confidence is that God is at work, as he prepares both Israel and their Islamic enemies to acknowledge the God whom their progenitor Abraham followed, as their own true and only God. We also ask you to join us in prayer for God's clear work in our geographical neighbor, Haiti. Their situation is so desperate that many are risking their lives on the seas in un-seaworthy boats to come to Jamaica seeking help. Many of our Nationals have been missionaries in Haiti, and numerous of us have gone to that country on mission trips and after hurricanes and earthquakes to help make both their physical and spiritual conditions better. Do join us in your heartfelt prayers for them.

Most of you have been our faithful prayer partners over so many years. We thank you greatly. We cannot express adequately our profound gratitude for your faithful and sacrificial support as we seek to serve the Lord and his Church's work here. There is a song that says, "Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed!" Many are children and adults that you will meet in heaven, who will be there because you both give and pray. Many young men and women who were students at Regent Bible College of the Caribbean are now pastors, children, and church evangelists as we have helped to prepare them for Christ's service and ministry.

The Mandeville Ministers Fraternal (now 'Association') has also benefitted from our many involvements which you have enabled us to be part of. Many also are the children from Primary and High Schools who have made Jesus their Savior, through the "Wait & Win" program. Because you gave to us, we have been enabled to help others." While we serve the Lord, we also help others take the gospel to other nations and encourage our local churches to do the same.

We thank God for each of you and your help all these years: thank you very much!

Haitian Center for Inclusive Education with Dr. $Don\ DeVito$

Serving the Lord in Haiti



For years you have been seeing our updates about this inspiring school for children with disabilities and the foundational work Gertrude Bien Aime has been doing to provide an inclusive education to over 100 children. Through faith and determination, Gertrude has worked to pay the rent on the school and to keep teachers funded to provide God's work to this underserved population.

The gang violence in Haiti has increased in the Notre Maison orphanage area and yet Gertrude continues to transcend these risks to keep the school going. This school is a foundation of inclusive practice and facilitation in the country. We are at a point where the owners of the school compound are going to sell it and move on. Gertrude is praying for the support to put a down payment on the compound which would allow her to pay a mortgage rather than rent and keep this epitome of God's work safe in the hands of her and the children with special needs who attend in Port au Prince for generations to come.

The plan that Gertrude created is to request 200 supporters to provide \$100 a month for 3 months to reach this goal in time to purchase the school before it is sold elsewhere. If you believe in your heart you can support Gertrude in this mission, please see the link below for information on how to send your donation to the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education.

You can support our ministry by donating online at www.HarvestInternational.org. Click the donation button and select Haitian Center for Inclusive Education.

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"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace".

Christmas greetings to you! While many of you are trying to keep warm, we in Zimbabwe are battling with temperatures of 87 to 105.8F. Whatever our climatic or personal challenges, we thank God for the privilege that we as believers have to remember, marvel at and celebrate, with deepest meaning, the coming into this world of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Indeed, "unto us, a Child is born, unto us a Son is given". He is God's incredible Gift to mankind! May this truth not be minimized as we celebrate.

The question has been asked, how do folks celebrate Christmas in Zimbabwe? Well, culturally, it is a family time. So, most businesses begin to close by the 15th of December and reopen the first week of January. This gives employees a chance to travel to their family homes (their Kumusha) for the holiday and be back to work in January. Non-indigenous folk would generally travel abroad or go to the local lakes, safari lodges or other holiday resorts. Few of the more affluent folk celebrate Christmas at home.

Some of the City churches sing carols on the Sundays preceding Christmas, have a candlelight service during Christmas week as well as a Christmas morning service. Some private schools have Christmas programs or allow their premises to be used for Christmas plays. Many of the shops also play Christmas carols. Few trees graced our local shopping areas this year, no doubt due to the increased power cuts.





Last week, we had the privilege of visiting Georgina, one of our young missionary friends, who has recently moved into a two-bedroomed traditional roundhouse which she has been building in phases, as finances allowed. There is still a lot to be done. But despite the many challenges she has faced as a single woman building in a male-dominated society, she is unfazed. Georgina gets water from neigh-

bors and uses a single solar lamp for lighting, but she is totally at peace and thankful to God for His provision. She has named her little house "Bethel" – God's lighthouse in a community that is riddled with syncretism, witchcraft, ancestral worship, and the like. Few in the community would guess that this young lady has a master's degree, speaks 7 languages, interprets at international conferences for her mission's organization, and holds a responsible position at their offices in Harare. We thank our Lord for her love and commitment to Him who 2000 years ago, left the splendor of heaven to come and live among us so He could reveal the Father to us that we might have eternal life.

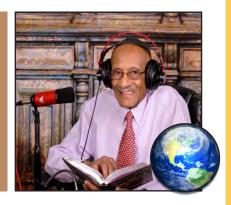
REJOICE WITH US! Even as we end this letter, our Heavenly Father is showering His blessings on us with the first long-awaited rain shower! How much we pray for more!!

May we all celebrate Jesus, the Gift of God, with thanksgiving in our hearts this Christmas and always.

The Bible Speaks Radio Ministry with Audley McLean

Serving the Lord by World Radio

The Shepherd 96.3 / 103.5 FM



Sixty years ago Edward Pola and George Wyle wrote a song that has continued to be popular at this time of the year. In part, is says:

It's the most wonderful time of the year
With the kids jingle belling
And everyone telling you be of good cheer
It's the most wonderful time of the year.

While I have no quarrel with that light-hearted depiction of what the world thinks of as the Christmas or the Holiday Season, I must challenge its assumption, just a little bit. You see, it is a fact that the six days leading up to Christmas are the most dangerous on the roads of the USA. One of the reasons is that king liquor reigns. Of course, there are several other related causes for the dangers of this season. The emphasis on material possessions and the pressure to buy gifts whether we can afford them or not.

Well, you get where I'm coming from. That's not, however, the theme of our year-end report but I think we who follow the Lord Jesus can stop for a few moments and thank God for the privilege of fellowship with Him through faith in Christ. We can approach the Christmas season with genuine gratitude that, as Paul writes to the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 6:11 "Such were some of you..." I want to change the pronoun from "you" to us so that I am included. Glory to God!

We thank God for the movements of His Spirit and His guidance, protection, and care for Millie and me throughout this year. We have had a year of variety in our personal lives. A funeral for one of Millie's brothers in January, and a terrible eye accident for Millie in February. But thanks to the Lord, we found His grace sufficient. And there were days of very different experiences in the ministry and the family.

We traveled to New York to help my younger sister celebrate her 85th birthday, visit my 97 year old sister and meet with my daughter, Ruth and granddaughter, Alexis.

I thank you for your prayers and faithful financial support for the Radio ministry. We were able to meet all the obligations at the end of November. We ask that you consider the work in your year-end giving.

Additional good news is that Brother Elgin Carelock, one of our board members, has joined me in producing the broadcasts and will in time take over the work. Do pray for us.

Millie joins me in wishing you a blessed and wonderful Christmas.

Faith Foundations International with Ray B. Nelson

Serving the Lord in India



We were in the process of meeting people's needs: funerals, weddings, and preaching in whatever door was opened to us.

The worst cyclone hit our village of Razole, India. Drainage ditches in front of our property over-flowed and it was completely covered with water. One foot deep in front of our hostel. We survived it within a couple of days the water subsided and life went on.









I provided money for all the orphanage kids (45 kids) and the staff to buy new shoes.



Austin & Kaelee Truelove

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Greetings dear ones in Christ!

The last month or so has been an absolute whirlwind, but God was in every activity, and we were able to help many people. There was great joy as well as overwhelming sorrow. But in all things to God be the Glory.



We had anticipated building a home in October, and God provided for that to happen. Austin began collecting materials about two weeks before the project was to begin. Because of the large crowds that our work attracts, we have decided to only work close to our home. So, Austin chose a family that lives about five minutes up from our home. The Dieujuste family worked very hard on the project. We require them to provide all the rock, gravel, and water for the home. If they are able, they also provide a small breakfast and big lunch to the workers, in keeping with the Haitian traditions. The Dieujuste family along with the work crew, really pulled through,

and with the gracious help of God, this home was completed in an astounding 12 workdays!

One of the old people we provide monthly food for, and whom we hold very dear, Fato, had a bad fall in his yard on Thursday. By the time Austin was notified, he had been lying in his yard on the ground for over 24 hours. Over the space of three weeks, we, along with two other Haitian families and another missionary, provided care. Despite all our best efforts, his situation was pretty near hopeless. Fato passed out of this life and into the hands of Our Loving Creator. We assisted with the preparations and Austin and Gilbert took his body to the cemetery. Because of your faithfulness in giving, we were able to pay for all of the medical bills incurred, which was a relief to the family.



Our whole family departed Haiti on November 16th and arrived safely in Florida. There we spent two weeks. Our hearts were encouraged and strengthened there, for the days ahead. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in January at our public presentation at Woodland Hills Family Church. I've attached the invitation. Please invite all your friends to hear how God is working. Call me or write anytime. Please let us know if you can attend. We love you all and pray for God's strength to drive you forward in the good works he has called you!

Rod & Debbie Wray

Serving the Lord in Ocala, Florida



 $We wish you avery special Christmas this year. \ Thank you so much for your prayers and encouragement as we have moved back into ministry this Fall. \ We are very thank ful to the Lord that both of our VISAs to live in the U.S. have been approved and should be in our hands soon.$



We have spent the past 6 weeks learning as much as possible from Danny Thomas as he prepares to retire. We have truly appreciated Danny's never-ending sense of humor and passion for the ministry of Harvest. We are excited to continue the existing work of Harvest in supporting its numerous foreign missionaries, and we are also thankful that Danny and the Harvest board are eager to advance the Gospel of Jesus in new ways. One such way that we have sensed God's leading is the renovation of the Harvest warehouse and then transforming it into a studio set where we hope to produce a top-quality children's video series that will teach today's generation of children about God and how He sent His son Jesus to save the world.

We ask for your prayers as we believe that the Lord might be leading Harvest in a new direction. This would be in addition to supporting the existing missionaries. The vision is to reach children using the media that they know. In other words, to really reach the many children who do not know anything about God or maybe have not ever even heard the name of Jesus, we need to speak to them in their language, not meaning English, Spanish, or French, (although that could come after). The language we

need to use to reach this generation of children is video language. Coming from Canada, we have seen firsthand how there is an entire young generation of children who are an "unreached people group". We desire to reach the children of this generation with the Gospel.

The goal is to transform the Harvest warehouse into a studio set where we can film and produce a video series that will appeal to children and will tell them about God and the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is entirely out of our realm of expertise, but we believe that God will bring the right people alongside us as we step out and begin this journey. We would want the video to be on YouTube or some site where children can access and watch the show without cost or commercials. There is no intention of making money in this endeavor. We are beginning this new project by cleaning out and preparing the warehouse. Eventually, we are hoping that some work teams might come to Ocala to help us renovate the warehouse and build the studio set.





We had a great visit with our friends the Yordys as they stopped by Florida to see us on their way home from Haiti. Scott and Mandy are continuing to minister in Haiti, despite the danger and obstacles Scott is managing the mission construction department from a distance with four to five trips into Haiti each year. He has a good crew of Haitian workers who can build and install around 30 church roofs a year.

We are also thankful for Dan and Duane and their crew from Michigan who continue to oversee and manage the operation of the Cite Lumiere hospital. They also take trips to Haiti several times a year and are a lifeline for the Haitians at this difficult time.

Thank you so much for your prayers as we adjust to life in Florida and our new mission with Harvest. Thank you also for your support. Please send support to Harvest International, PO Box 6690, Ocala, Florida, 34478, and just mark "Wrays" on the memo line or donate online at www.HarvestInternatinal.org. Please pray with us as we step out in this new direction of making videos for children. It's a completely new experience for us but we know that God will provide the people and expertise needed to accomplish the task.

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