



## *1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 Newsletter*

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As we find ourselves already a quarter of the way through 2025, we reflect on a year of significant change and development—both in the world and in our own lives. At Harvest, we are especially grateful for your continued support and partnership in ministry.

We were truly blessed by those who attended our Have a Heart for Harvest banquet. It was a special evening of encouragement and vision, made even more meaningful as our youngest daughter, Katie, was one of the guest speakers. Her message challenged us all to live as missionaries—sharing the gospel of Jesus wherever we are. If you missed the event, you can watch Katie and the Browns by clicking the link on the Harvest website.

While we're saddened that Jaylen Gibbs has chosen to step away from her role at Harvest to pursue a new career, we are incredibly thankful for the energy, creativity, and heart she brought to our team, especially in organizing the banquet. Please join us in praying for her in this next season.

We're also excited to announce that Cassie has graciously agreed to step into Jaylen's role. We are confident that, by God's grace, the daily operations of Harvest will continue smoothly and effectively.

Another wonderful update is the addition of Yvonne Carriero to the Harvest Board of Directors. Yvonne brings a wealth of experience and a deep connection to the mission of Harvest. We are grateful for each board member who faithfully serves, prays, and provides guidance for the ministry.

Our prayer for 2025 remains the same: that God would use each of us to the fullest—that we would accomplish all He desires for us in sharing His gospel throughout the world.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we press on in faith.

*Physically & Spiritually Touching Lives*

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2025 Have A Heart For Harvest Fundraiser

## *Hearts For Ministry Banquet*

The 2025 Have a Heart for Harvest Fundraiser was a great success! While the event was smaller than in previous years, we were very pleased with the turnout and the generous support we received.

One of the highlights of the evening was hearing from two very special guest speakers. Rod and Debbie's youngest daughter, Katie, gave a heartfelt and inspiring presentation, sharing her memories of growing up in Haiti and her experiences serving on the mission field. Her reflections on spreading the Word of God deeply encouraged everyone in attendance.

We were also excited to welcome back our missionaries serving in Budapest, Hungary—The Brown Family. It was a blessing to have them in town and to hear firsthand about their ministry. They shared how God is leading them to build meaningful relationships and minister to college students, opening doors to share the love and truth of Christ in powerful ways.

If you weren't able to attend, you can still be encouraged! Each presentation from the fundraiser is available to watch on our YouTube channel: @HarvestInternationalInc.



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# *Thank you for your continued support*



# Scot, Selena & Olie Brown

## Serving the Lord in Hungary



### Meet Dr. Yousef Dib and His Daughter, Miriann

Dr. Yousef Dib has been a dear friend for many years, originally helping me exchange currency in Budapest. Over time, I learned his story: he came from Syria to study economics in Budapest in the 1970s, earned his PhD, met and married a Hungarian woman, and made Hungary his home. He's a brilliant man with a deep concern for his homeland.

Three years ago, while Miriann was visiting from Southern California, she fell seriously ill. When I stopped by Yousef's office, I found her downstairs in pain. Though I knew Yousef was a Muslim, I felt strongly led to ask if I could pray for her. She wept as I prayed, and I left trusting God had healed her. Two days later, Yousef and his friends greeted me warmly, and Miriann had recovered and flown home.

This past November, I returned with Selena and saw Miriann again. Yousef was on the phone with the hospital—his wife had just suffered a stroke related to Parkinson's. Before they left, I asked if we could pray a Christian prayer. They agreed, and we joined hands. God graciously answered—she was discharged the next day. Miriann then told me her mother had been a Christian and had attended church.

Sadly, just over a month later, Yousef's wife passed away—one of three significant losses he's endured recently, including his mother and oldest friend. He is deeply grieving.

When we return, we plan to gather in his office with his longtime friends, Mordecai and Attila, to read and discuss God's Word. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts, open their eyes and ears, and bring salvation to their families.



### Prayer Request for Marianna

Our dear Marianna, pictured here with Selena at the hospital at Semmelweis University, has been suffering from a serious and painful condition for the past six months. The pain has been so severe that she's had to take a semester off from her PhD program. Please join us in praying for her full healing, strength, and comfort during this difficult time.

### Ladies Bible Study Group

Selena is part of a vibrant ladies' Bible study group with women from over ten different countries. It's a beautiful picture of unity in Christ across cultures, and a true encouragement each week!



### Bible Study Meeting at Coffee Shop

We also regularly join a Bible study with our pastor at a local coffee shop, where believers from many different countries gather. It's a rich time of fellowship, learning, and encouragement as we grow together in God's Word.

### European Initiative

We love joining the European Initiative for street evangelization in Budapest. It's an incredible opportunity to share the gospel and connect with people from all walks of life in the heart of the city.



## Home Meetings

We truly cherish these ladies in our lives. The first is a mother with her son, Rusha, and Jud—exiles from Syria who were granted a limited work visa in Hungary. We met them at their shop before their business unfortunately failed. Eight months prior, Jud's little brother had passed away suddenly, leaving them grieving and alone. Over time, we began meeting at each other's homes, sharing meals, reading Psalms, and praying together. They've since moved to Germany to start fresh and are now overjoyed with the birth of a new baby girl, bringing them renewed hope.



Behind Rusha is Maryam, a determined woman from Iran. She's completed dental school, passed her boards, learned Dutch, and is now moving to the Netherlands to establish her practice. Maryam is one of our first and closest students. Though she is Muslim by heritage, she is a secular thinker who has voiced her desire for her country to be free from oppression and views "religion" as the source of much of the world's sorrow. We agree with her on many points. Despite this, she reads her Farsi Bible and prays with us. Our conversations are deep and intellectually honest, and we continue to pray that God will reveal Himself to her.

Please join us in praying for Maryam—that the Holy Spirit would soften her heart and open her eyes to the truth of Christ.

Sarah, pictured between Selena and Olison, is a veterinary student from Norway and a passionate believer. We're so grateful for her friendship and the joy she brings to our group.

Then there's Anne, the woman in front of Selena. We met her in an unexpected way—on an elevator at the central subway station. We struck up a conversation and invited her to dinner. A few nights later, she came over, and we learned her story. Anne is from Botswana and had been very isolated since a fellow student left a year ago. When the pandemic hit, she became seriously ill with ovarian cancer, requiring surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy. With her parents unable to come and no classes or students around due to lockdown, she felt deeply lonely.

She has since made incredible strides, working on her medical degree in Budapest while also studying remotely at Johns Hopkins in the U.S. Anne loves Jesus and has developed a profound appreciation for life, despite her hardships. She fits so well with our group, and we are blessed to walk alongside her in this season.

Many nights we have no idea how many are coming so we always set all the places on three tables. And more than a few times we have to reset five or six places for stragglers.



### Meet Sibel from Turkey and Marianna from Armenia

Two young women who should never be in a photo together. Sibel's family lost everything in a devastating earthquake that also claimed the lives of her sister and brother-in-law. With no support from Turkey, she came to Budapest on a scholarship, encouraged by her sister to pursue her dreams.

Marianna is from Artsakh, an Armenian enclave in Azerbaijan, and was unable to visit her family due to the blockade. When war broke out, she lost her home and homeland, along with over 120,000 others fleeing to Armenia. Despite the history between their countries, Sibel and Marianna became friends.

Sibel's mother, Anna, visited Budapest, grieving her losses. We met her and, through Sibel's translation, shared a meal, prayed, and read Psalms together. Anna said she experienced peace for the first time since the earthquakes. She stayed longer and even spoke to Marianna's mother about their families' well-being.

This story is a testament to God's grace, healing, and unexpected connections.



# *Randy & Debbie Bullock*

## Serving the Lord in Romania



Many Blessings from Romania!

As I type this newsletter, I cannot stop thinking about how blessed we are to continue for another month, for another week, or another day in this ministry. It is not through our strength or abilities but only because of God's grace and goodness. We watch all around us the political, social, cultural, and financial instability that is in the world today. And how God is protecting us from all of this, and He keeps us going, it is truly a miracle.

A lot is going on in Romania, at the end of last year they had elections for a new President and they were cancelled and put on hold because of corruption, and with the war there in the Ukraine which borders Romania, and the outside influences and liberal thinking that is starting to come into the country.



For the last few weeks at the center, we learned with all the age groups about the circle of life and how plants grow. The children planted seeds in cups and are watching the seeds sprout and grow, and produce flowers and vegetables.

We have used this to teach the children as believers in Christ, we are to grow in our faith in God. We are teaching the older boys how to get involved and to help the younger ones, We let them help prepare lunch one day for the children by letting them help cook the food and prepare it for the younger ones.

We have started the project of the fence around the center as we have had problems with people trying to break in and steal things from around the center, and also people walking into the class rooms during the day. We want to thank you all for helping to support this project. We are Thankful for each and every one of you for giving to the Lord and being a part in the growth of these children's lives!



Blessings from Romania  
Manu, Adelina,  
and our newest family member, Lara

# *Lloyd & Elaine Cook*

## Serving the Lord in Jamaica



For you, our US Friends, this is the time of winter, and the news as we watch it is a time of snow, rain, floods, and tornadoes. We wish you were here with us. One day, Earth's day will end, and our Father will take us to be with him in his Father's home. Often these days we long for that time to come. However, as long as the Lord keeps us here, it is to fulfill his purpose that we be his witnesses. And doesn't the world need witnesses for ours!

Our home is full of flowers and fruits at this time: the yellow-flowered Pouii, the red leaves of the poinsettia, and a pink/purple flowering tree that I cannot remember its name of right now. Children are often in our 'yard.' Sometime ago, we asked them why they love our outdoors. Their answer was "because it's so pretty!" We trust that spiritually, we are just as beautiful flowers for Him. Your prayers and gifts for us are seen as beautiful flowers to the Lord.

Certain fruits (star-apples, Naesberries, and Jamaican apples are also a source of satisfaction as well as attraction to our little friends and adult neighbors. Bless God, we often get an opportunity to share the loving call of our heavenly father and his Son with them. Praise the Lord with us for this!

### **PRAY for:**

- The young children that Elaine gets to teach to read and write (better than they now do).
- A neighbor's son who came by one day to ask for our prayers as he went to seek a certain employment. He got it.
- Several young women whom Elaine once met with often: most of them are now mothers, unmarried single mothers.
- Former Bible College students of Lloyd's who often see him somewhere and say Hi. They are active as pastors, Child-evangelism teachers, and Christian spouses. Most are serving their Lord in various places and ways. You have contributed to their knowledge and usefulness in God's service.
- Pray for two nephews of Elaine who are Chefs and have served on International Cruise ships.
- For many of Elaine's nieces who often call her for spiritual advice and guidance. May they each grow strong in their faith and become great witnesses for him in their locations!
- We sincerely thank each of you who keep us serving even in our advanced years;
- For Lloyd as he awaits the result of a wart that his doctor removed and submitted for analysis
- For a recent national police report of a significant reduction in crimes, particularly murders.
- For the upcoming national elections, which are due within the next six months. The 'silly season' has already begun. We trust that it will pass with little crime and violence.
- For several mechanics at a garage for whom Elaine is much in prayer.
- For our continued good health until the Lord calls us home.

May you continue to rejoice in the HOPE you share in God's love!



# *Daniel & Betty*

## Serving the Lord in India



## Cervical Cancer Prevention

*Enhancing awareness among women of India for early detection*

### Join Us in the Fight Against Cervical Cancer in India

Harvest International invites you to support our missionaries, Daniel and Betty Edwin, as they bring hope and healthcare to slum communities in India. Their mission is to raise awareness about cervical cancer, a disease that claims the lives of thousands of women in lower-income groups due to limited access to screening and treatment.

#### Why This Matters

Cervical cancer is one of the most common cancers among Indian women aged 15 and older, with HPV causing approximately 83% of invasive cases. Due to a lack of early detection, many cases go undiagnosed until it's too late.

#### Our Mission

To combat this crisis, Daniel and Betty are working to:

- Educate communities about cervical cancer prevention
- Organize mass screenings and sample collections
- Refer potential cases to local cancer hospitals for treatment



#### How You Can Help

Harvest International has pledged to raise \$5,000 to support this life-saving initiative. Your generous contribution to this cause can help provide critical education, screenings, and medical referrals for women in need.

**Donate today at [www.HarvestInternational.org](http://www.HarvestInternational.org) or scan the QR Code.**

**Together, we can make a difference! Thank you for your support.**



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## Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe

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***"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it" - (Proverbs 4:23)***

The dry season here in Zim can be very harsh. This puts a strain on our water resources (most of which are pumped up from the ground), and many of us work hard at keeping our plants alive while we wait and pray for the rain showers. God graciously answered our prayers and the rains did come, even if this year's pattern was a bit different. We rejoice and still do, even as we enjoy our heavenly Father's provision. Since the rains began at the end of last year, we have been so busy that I (Dolly) have spent very little time in the garden, depending solely on the rains to keep my plants alive.



Recently, however, I observed that the leaves of my prized red Amaryllis were torn and yellowing, but did not stop long enough to investigate the cause. Today, I stopped and saw the result of my neglect! On close inspection, I noticed that worms had been attacking the heart of the plants.

As I pondered this, I saw a parallel with the believer's walk with the Lord. In times of need, we spend hours before His throne, making known our requests as He has asked us to. So often, however, after He has showered us with His abundance, we become careless and neglectful. Sin then easily enters our hearts, eating away at us as the worms that are destroying my lilies. May we all therefore "be sober, be vigilant" ( 1 Peter 5:8-9).

### FEBRUARY RETREAT



After many months of study, heart preparation as well as logistical details, we thought we were well prepared and had taken all necessary steps to ensure the smooth running of the Retreat. But never had we faced as many obstacles as we did from the first day of the event. Yet, both during and after, attendees testified that though it was the most difficult, it was also the most soul-searching and meaningful, as it dug into some core issues. Sharing times went on way into the night and, unlike other Retreats, everyone seemed to have forgotten to take a photo! It was such a joy to listen to some of the interactions and to see heads bowed down in prayer in deep communion with our Father.

In a WhatsApp message on our group chat, one of the attendees wrote: "Good evening, fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. I hope you are all well. Here, we are fine. We received some showers this evening after a very hot week. Praise the Lord. How is the valley life experience after the retreat of spiritual enlightenment? I urge you all to be so vigilant enough and not to go slump." (English is not his first language).

Pray with us that the Lord would daily and progressively continue to work out His purposes in the lives of all of us, members of this group.



# *Faith Foundations International* *with Ray B. Nelson*

## Serving the Lord in India



In early February, I received an email from Sharath inviting me to help provide new shoes for the orphanage children—something I've traditionally done when I visit in person. Although I was in the U.S. at the time, I was grateful for the opportunity to still take part. I sent \$300, and Sharath was able to purchase shoes for all 50 children. It's always a blessing to know their needs are being met.

Sharath also shared that the government has recently implemented a new requirement: boys and girls in orphanages must now be housed in separate facilities with a certain distance between them. In response to this, he has built a new facility specifically for the boys. We're thankful for his faithfulness and quick action to continue providing a safe and compliant home for the children.



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



News from Nelson and family.

The gangs have extended their territory to reach into central Plato where Nelson lives near Pigeon. They had an incident with a gang where they were not physically harmed, but they went through their things and burned personal items, including their passports. They are again asking for our blessing to go into the Dominican Republic. They can get new paperwork that will enable them to cross the order and stay for a year with the possibility of extension.

Nelson has a family that has been living in the Dominican Republic for years. Our new mission Directors, Rod and Debbie Wray, who worked in Haiti for many years, are looking for contacts in the Dominican Republic, where Nelson can pastor a church in the large Haitian population living there. Lord willing, this move would afford safety to Nelson and his family, along with Maurice.

Please pray with us, Lord willing, that this move will work soon.

***But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, And from thos who persecute me. Make Your face shine upon Your servant; Save me for Your mercies' sake. ~ Psalm 31:14-16***



# *Austin & Kaelee Truelove*

## Serving the Lord in Haiti



Austin returned safely to Missouri! Typically, Austin has always had success in whatever he has planned for a trip, but the weather completely changed the plans to build a home. The far North-West of Haiti has experienced more rain in the fall/winter season since Austin's childhood. The rain continued off and on during Austin's trip. We acknowledge that God is the one who directs not only our footsteps, but also whether there is sun or rain, wind or still, storms or calm. We submit to His will, trusting that His plans are best and the time, which may seem lost to us, is not.

We operate three vehicles in Haiti, and all of them are in regular use, even in our absence. We believe that what we have in terms of material things ought to be used for the advancement of the grace of God, so all three have been used and need lots of maintenance. Austin took vehicle parts down with him and worked with our mechanic, Wilgens, on and off the whole trip to get them in working order. The rain did interfere, but God graciously gave enough clear days to accomplish the work on the vehicles.

Because of the months of rain, the sand trucks were backlogged with orders from months ago. So, on clear days, the trucks were delivering sand to those people who paid first, rightfully so. We didn't pre-pay, so we were down at the bottom of the list. Since returning home, several loads of sand have been delivered to the home site. That project won't be started until all the sand has been delivered; it's best to start the home build and not stop until it's finished for the sake of expediency.

Austin helped our missionary friends in the village next to ours. He accompanied one of our friends to a local airstrip to catch a flight to the US. He also spent over six hours teaching one of their employees (also a good friend of ours), Makendi, how to drive. All those hours in the vehicle with that young man provided the opportunity for Austin to share God's word and encourage him. Though not part of Austin's plan, this was God's plan.

While Austin was home-bound on rainy days, God brought a young man to the house, desperately seeking wisdom and direction. Austin was greatly burdened with this man's situation and perplexed with the complexity of the problem. He gave him general advice from the Bible, but didn't feel he had provided the answer. At church on a Sunday, the pastor shared the passage that was the answer to the problem. Immediately after returning home, Austin called the young man and told him to come over right away. As Austin began to tell him the truth that God had sent, the young man, who attended church elsewhere, told him that the same passage had been taught in his church that morning! God was working to direct that man! He answered not once, but twice! We praise God for his Holy Spirit who directs, and for his mercy in using us, who are but lowly servants. We thank him for considering those who are seeking Him, and for providing wisdom without partiality!

# Rod & Debbie Wray

Serving the Lord in Ocala, Florida



We have had the privilege of keeping in touch with and helping several of our Haitian friends. Ernst was our mechanic at Camp Mahanaim, and he is doing well, and was married last month. Daniela was on our "Angels" girls' volleyball team, but she was also one of our main guesthouse cooks. Daniela and her daughter are living in the Dominican Republic, which is a challenge and a struggle, but they definitely don't want to return to Haiti.



We've enjoyed visiting friends in Florida, who were formerly missionaries in Haiti with us. Deb visiting with Connie Paschak and Linnea Schick.

Agape Flights had their open house and we were able to attend. It was great to see friends and missionaries from Agape flights who served and worked with us when we were in Haiti. They were the ones who evacuated us following the earthquake.



Thank you again for your prayers and support. Please pray with us as we communicate with Joseph, Berlyn and Stanley who are the three young men who helped us lead the Renault Sunday school. We are seeking the Lord's direction to see if He will open the doors for us to resume the Renault ministry from a distance, with the three young men leading it.



# *The Harvest Family*

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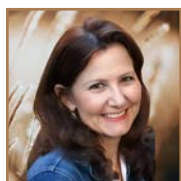


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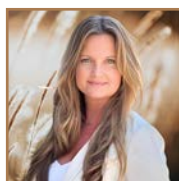
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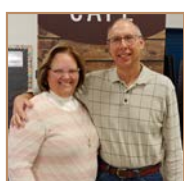


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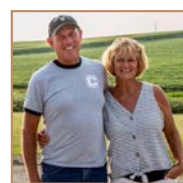
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As we sang “God Bless America,” I was reminded of three unique chapters in the book of Numbers—chapters 22, 23, and 24. In these passages, Balaam is asked to curse the people of Israel, but each time, God instructs him instead to bless them. In fact, Numbers 24:9 says, “Blessed is he who blesses you.”

I truly believe that the United States has been blessed by God in large part because of its unwavering support for Israel. I don't think Israel has ever had such a strong and faithful ally as the U.S., and according to the Word of God, this support plays a key role in the blessings we experience as a nation.

For us, it is a great privilege to live in the United States of America, and we are grateful for the freedoms and opportunities this nation offers.

While we are blessed to live in a country where we can freely express our faith, we recognize that many other nations are not as fortunate. In many parts of the world, people face hardship, oppression, and spiritual darkness. That is why Harvest's mission remains steadfast: to stand with those who are called to the mission field—to equip, encourage, and support them as they spread the Word of the Lord.



We are committed to helping bring the lost into the Lord's fold, so they may come under His protection and experience the hope and salvation found in Jesus Christ. Our goal is not only to reach them with the gospel but also to disciple and empower them to go forth and teach others, creating a ripple effect of faith, hope, and transformation in their own communities.

Together, with your support and God's guidance, we will continue to be His hands and feet, fulfilling the Great Commission and extending His kingdom around the world.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the missionaries serving the Lord and for the ministry of Harvest International.

God bless you,  
Rod & Debbie Wray  
Executive Directors  
Harvest International, Inc

### *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*



# *Charlie's Champions in Haiti*



Warm greetings from Haiti! I am truly thankful for this opportunity to share a brief update on what the Lord is doing through our ministry here.

## **Spiritual Ministry**

By God's grace, we currently serve in two churches — one in Gonaïves and another in a rural area called Model. Our mission is clear: to spark a spiritual revival throughout Haiti, bringing hope and lasting transformation to individuals, families, and communities.

To help us fulfill this vision, we have partnerships of prayer and encouragement with organizations such as:

AMRH – Association des Messagers du Réveil d'Haïti (Association of Revival Messengers in Haiti), whose primary mission is to spread a message of revival throughout the nation.

ALEGH – Association des Leaders Évangéliques de Gonaïves, Haïti, a network of Christian leaders committed to advancing the Gospel in the region.

Through these two associations, we organize impactful programs like “Gonaïves in Prayer” and “Gonaïves in Mission”, reaching out to communities with prayer, the Gospel, and a message of hope and transformation.

## **Educational Ministry**

We operate two Christian schools: one in Gonaïves, serving around 300 students, and another in Model, with about 60 students. Education is a cornerstone of our vision for the future of Haiti.

In Model, families pay a very small tuition, which does not cover operational costs. We often pay teachers ourselves, while also providing school supplies such as backpacks, notebooks, and basic materials. The community lives in deep poverty, and we do all we can to support them through love and faith.

In Gonaïves, the school is located in a challenging neighborhood affected by poverty, insecurity, and prostitution. Though students contribute slightly more, we still strive to provide daily meals, which is a significant challenge. We consider the school a safe refuge—a place where children are not only educated but also guided spiritually and protected from the dangers of their environment.

### **Orphanage and Care Center**

We are also blessed to run an orphanage and care center, which we founded in 2003. Since then, we have had the privilege of caring for many children, both boys and girls, by providing spiritual guidance, education, and meeting their daily needs.

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to you for your faithful support. Because of your generosity, we are able to pay the yearly rent for the home where the children live, and every month we receive Mana Pack rice, which allows us to feed them properly. This kind of support is truly vital. The vision may come from us, but you are the backbone that makes it possible. Your financial help and monthly supply donations allow us to continue changing lives. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

### **Prayer Requests**

Please keep us in your prayers for:

- Protection and provision for our students, teachers, and staff
- A powerful spiritual awakening throughout Haiti
- Daily food and school supply needs for our schools and the orphanage
- Strength, wisdom, and perseverance for our entire ministry team

Thank you once again for standing with us. May the Lord continue to use all of us for His glory—in Haiti and beyond.

In Christ,  
Dieudonné Charlenor  
Gonaïves, Haiti





# Scot, Selena & Olie Brown

Serving the Lord in Hungary



***"I am Joseph, your brother whom you sold into Egypt. Do not be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me... for God sent me ahead of you to preserve life." Genesis 45:4-5***

## Operation Joseph Ministry

In 35 years of lay ministry to international students in the US and Budapest, we've identified a distinct group of students unlike any others. Collectively, we call them "Joseph's." This briefly introduces Operation Joseph, a ministry born in prayer with a dear brother, Sohail.



Operation Joseph identifies international university students who are from oppressive cultures where being Christian marginalizes their future. These men and women are determined, trailblazing leaders, set apart as ministers in the marketplace. We will equip them with broad resources to be successful wherever they live. They will significantly bless their family, community, and home nation. But more than that, Operation Joseph will be a lifelong alumni community of godly brothers and sisters committed to each other's success as Ministers in the Marketplace to the world.

The story of Joseph in Genesis is one of separation from his family and multiple examples of betrayal, loneliness, and servitude to a foreign government. He married and had a family outside his race. Besides burying his father, Joseph served out his life a long way from the halcyon days of his youth and his coat of many colors.

But God's unique identity and role for Joseph were to save his family and the world. Remember, he told his brothers that the famine was only in its third year. The stockpiles in the massive warehouses from the seven abundant years would never have existed had it not been for Joseph's ability to understand and faithfully carry out Pharaoh's dream.

A Joseph will be identified by their courageous, enthusiastic character and never by the circumstances of their birth. From our first meeting, it is evident that they are among the best and brightest. Josephs understand that they have been set apart for a special purpose.

Operation Joseph exists to have our Josephs be pathfinders seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, understanding that God plans to abundantly meet the needs of people. As used in Operation Joseph, a "Minister in the Marketplace" serves the body of Christ in conventional and unconventional ways. Utilizing their upbringing and their education, mentorships, employment experience while in university, and their leadership skills, Josephs are uniquely equipped to lead and manage change in the first and third world simultaneously.

Operation Joseph will support them with excellent resources as they become established wherever life takes them. Our alumni always have the unfair advantage of God's Grace and Favor along with

Operation Josephs - Centers of Excellence, where our network of Josephs, Alumni, Mentors, Business Partners, and University relationships maintains expert knowledge of current actionable subjects available to help open doors and tear down walls.

The Hybrid aspect is that Operation Joseph will comprise Godly Ministers in the Marketplace whose hearts are set on making the Kingdom of God great. To that end, caring for the local needs of the poor and taking on projects will be a significant part of how others will know we are Christ's body.

Barnabus and Paul were dedicated ministers but often spoke of Godly believers who partnered with them sacrificially, supplying their needs. Many of these engaged in business, supporting the fledgling church. These Ministers in the Marketplace used donations to build the Kingdom throughout hostile territory. But wherever they were, they worked and served as they built Christ's Kingdom. Working all day and ministering at night was an effective and exhausting way to spread the gospel and earn respect. These early church leaders were well-connected, able to quickly respond to urgent needs in other parts of Christendom, collecting and sending people, encouragement, and money to care for persecuted communities.



Most Josephs won't return to their nation, at least not initially. Most will immigrate to a country where they can establish themselves and fully develop their professional and executive leadership skills. However, we will serve any Joseph who plans to return to their home country to launch God's plan for their lives. Utilizing our established Operation Joseph Advisory Board of leaders in the country, our Josephs will receive a collaborative support system long before they return.

Operation Joseph will come alongside our Josephs in practical ways, day one upon arrival in Budapest, creating community. Last semester's newbie will be tomorrow's arrival expert guide through the maze. This process smoothly transforms the new Josephs into a family of like-minded people. You cannot imagine the students' parents' gratitude that God has provided a surrogate family to care for their child.



Before Operation Joseph, upon arrival in Budapest, there was no one to meet the students. They had to figure out how to navigate the public transportation system in Budapest. They had to wade through the immigration bureaucracy (which is daunting). Acquire their national health insurance card, secure accommodation, register at their university amongst the 20 universities - which each have numerous campuses all over town, buy food that resembles something from home, acquire utensils and housewares, and understand that their stipend, in Hungarian Forints, must be budgeted for the next four to six weeks.



Then, after all these things are put to rest, students must locate their classes and learn about the metro system in their new home and university.

In University, it's critical to communicate in Hungarian and some English. Not all students are prepared to speak Hungarian at the level required to complete university courses successfully. The students quickly learn that the Hungarian university system uses a dramatically different course examination system. Once you complete a term with a passing



grade, all students must register with the course examination board. This means that you will dress in a suit and tie or dress, stockings, and heels to be examined verbally by the department head and two others to determine if you are ready to take the final written examination. If not, the entire course must be repeated in its entirety. Therefore, having a functional working knowledge of Hungarian and English is no small matter. Making sure our students receive remedial language training from the beginning will address this issue.

Operation Joseph will maintain close relationships with two to three different employers. They will hire Josephs as interns while students, and if needed, after graduation. The post-graduation employment option is critical in Hungary and most countries. If you have graduated from university, you only have six to twelve months to be employed or return to your country of origin, unless a third country is an option.

Using the roughly fifteen native languages our Josephs speak and English, Josephs will learn to perform tasks in demand worldwide. One of the three initial businesses our Josephs will work in is BBT, which is engaged in international trade. We aim for many American companies to use our team to represent their needs for product sales, materials sourcing, contract component manufacturing outsourcing, research and identification, and other commercially valuable services.



Another employer will be “International Immigration Services”, IIS, a fee-based service for non-Josephs to maximize their clients’ immigration opportunity. Various service levels and cost options will be available to meet our clientele’s needs.

As a natural result of serving these commercial relationships, Josephs will be trained using their systems these companies developed to maximize efficiency. Our successes will forge strong relationships between Operation Joseph and these businesses. In many cases, these business relationships will mature into close personal ministry relationships.

These jobs will significantly advantage Joseph over typical graduates without references, work experience, or leadership training certification. The resume that our Joseph presents will show their achievement at the university, but what will stand out is the accompanying items. Each of Joseph’s mentors and employers where they interned will provide letters of recommendation, including their detailed work experience. Nothing is better than real-world jobs that earn money, gaining critical, valuable skills that a potential employer will be impressed with.

Sadly, it is common in Budapest to see postgraduates delivering meals on bicycles when not diligently attempting to find a job without experience, trying to avoid returning to a non-Western nation. Over time, the alumni will be a driving force in the success of Operation Joseph. After graduation, a Joseph becomes an Alumni. Each Alumni begins their careers with dedicated industry-type business coaches to help them understand how to stand out from their coworkers. This transition is just as tricky as when they arrived in Budapest, so having a strong support network to help them make the real-world adjustments as their career launch is vital. Learning what to avoid and how to stand out for maximum advancement opportunities will benefit our Josephs as they master their new lives as ministers in the marketplace.

In Operation Joseph, once an Alumni, always an Alumni. Every year, our Alumni grow in knowledge, and their ability to efficiently use their accumulated understanding to be a blessing back home multiplies. This is a primary strategy of Operation Joseph: a large, like-minded group of Godly trained individuals from the third world using world-changing, new, practical, applicable technology in the first world, devising inspired, scalable opportunities for people back home in their community. Each

Alumni will duplicate this engine in their discipline and location. This enables new opportunities to emerge continuously, which can be used instantly in many other places.



What a blessing for recent graduates to have access to a seasoned Alumni's accumulated wisdom and willingness to allow a Joseph moving near them to have a place to land on their feet and a couch to lay their head. It's hard to appreciate the blessing of having a network of friends established, not to mention friends who explain how things work in your new locale.

An Alumni will be known for giving their employer significant value-added benefits, becoming indispensable over time. One of the most valuable resources is in the Operation Josephs - Centers of Excellence, which our interns maintain. It will be a significant reason for Alumni career advancement. Career challenges (opportunities) come along that neither they nor their employer knows how to solve. However, having a Center of Excellence tool with direct access to expert contributors to drill down further

to offer specific actionable options and counsel is a significant way to stand out. Any employer who finds an employee doing great work and fixing the owner's problems will move up fast. Rather than having to reinvent the wheel, Josephs can borrow other people's current expertise and experience. This will give each of them a much-needed unfair advantage of God's grace, along with the body of knowledge and resources freely given by their fellow alumni who paved the way ahead.

That's the basic outline of Operation Joseph's beginning structure.

It's imperative to write a few lines clearly stating what Operation Joseph will never be! Operation Joseph is not a ministry to Westernize these international students into the image of the American style of capitalism or Christianity. It is not an organization with a typical top-down organizational structure, with high-paid ministry executives as their leaders. Operation Joseph's Alumni, the home countries' International and national advisory boards, and mentors will directly influence Operation Joseph's direction, keeping it efficient and on mission. Operation Joseph is not something the Browns are supposed to control and lead forever.

God is breathing life into Operation Joseph and will sustain it as we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. As we do so, all our needs and more than we can hope or imagine will be poured out for Jesus' Glory!



So, the opportunity is here—the time is now to formally establish Operation Joseph.

# I am Operation Joseph



# *Randy & Debbie Bullock*

Serving the Lord in Romania



Another school year is over, but not for the center. We keep the center open all summer long, and we will have more outside activities and not so much classroom teaching. We want this school to be a constant reminder for the whole community, and especially the children, that there is always a place where the children are welcomed and loved. This past week, we did a VBS for the younger children. We had lessons on God's love for us, games, arts & crafts, and recreation. The older children who helped us with the activities, we took them to the cinema ( this is the first time that they have ever been to a movie theater ), they were so excited, we had a great time with them.

We want to thank everyone for all your help, as the fence is almost finished around the school property, we are waiting for the gate to be completed. It all looks so good and will protect the building and everything that we have in and around the school.

Thank you for continuing to be a part of our ministry here in Dumbrava! Your support and prayers are so important to us. To know that someone so far away loves our children by getting involved means so much to us and the children. We would love for you to come and visit us.

God Bless, Adelina, Manu, and Lara (our new family addition)



# *Lloyd & Elaine Cook*

## Serving the Lord in Jamaica



We are retired missionaries, but God is not finished with us yet, though we often are tempted to think that way. The Scripture is filled with promises that, as long as we are still alive here, God has a purpose for us to fulfil. He tells us that, until He calls us home, we should “Occupy until I come!” We are still his instruments to bring others into his kingdom and to disciple them to go out and “win others also” in order to take them to heaven when they go. We are still robbing Satan’s kingdom and transferring them “into the kingdom of God’s dear Son.” In Psalm 92:14, we read that “They shall still bear fruit in old-age: they shall be fresh and flourishing.”

While Lloyd had his 83rd birthday in late May (and Elaine is still a number of years behind him), we both have ‘flourishing’ hair. In our personal devotions, both of us have just read through the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, and into the Epistles (Asia and the Middle Eastern countries. In Jamaica, we have a number of fellow Jamaicans and other Caribbean people who are continuing that work of God throughout countries in Africa and Asia. We help to financially support some of them and maintain a special monthly ‘Missionary Prayer Meeting.’ The beat of our hearts is to see the fulfilment of Matt. 24:14 This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” Elaine has contributed the following: “May, (celebrated in Jamaica as ‘Child Month’ afforded us the privilege of going into schools for devotions and to address the children on spiritual matters. Many did publicly receive Christ into their hearts. She was pleased to note that many stated that they had already received Christ. She also led devotions in three Basic (Kindergarten) schools as well.”

Lloyd has completed his part in helping to write the centenary histories of two different Jamaican denominations. Both are awaiting publication, as neither had made adequate plans for financing the publications. He has ceased regular lectures in the two Colleges that he was involved with until the Covid pandemic brought about changes to these Colleges: he prefers face-to-face lecturing.

Our ‘homestead’ is still an attraction to children and other community visitors as our fruit trees still attracts. We have had and shared with them ‘star-apples’, Otaheiti Apples, Naesberries and presently breadfruits (a common starch used for cooking dinners). Many opportunities are afforded us to share Christ with the visitors.



Certain utility problems have cost us substantial repairs over recent months. But has also allowed us to lead two of our technicians to faith in Christ. You who support us by your prayers and financial support have played a part in these evangelistic opportunities. We praise God for your help!

***Praise God with us for the following:***

- Every witnessing opportunity that we have taken
- People that Elaine has prayed for, as she has often utilized the local 'Route Taxis' as she travels to churches and schools for preaching Christ
- For a Bible Study that Elaine helps out with at her church, she takes the opportunity to seek prayers and support for Israel. God is not done with Israel, nor has the Church replaced Israel
- A number of faithful Christian servants who are now facing health difficulties in their old age

***Pray with us:***

- That our faith fail not: and that the anti-Christian/non-Christian attitudes and events of these days will not take faith from the earth
- For a couple of Elaine's grand-nephews: young men we are helping to disciple
- For the nation of Haiti, our near neighbor, where many Jamaicans have done decades of missionary work. We believe that God will raise up Christian Haitians to help their country recover from the rule of gangs, and lead a government where Voodoo will lose its hold on the people
- An upcoming national election here in Jamaica, due before the end of September, will not allow crime and disorder to find a way to overcome our country

May your love for us and your prayers continue to uphold us, and we will also keep you in our prayers! May the blessings of the Lord be your constant portion!

# *Haitian Center for Inclusive Education with Dr. Don DeVito*

Serving the Lord in Haiti



## A Year of Resilience and Grace at the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education

By the grace of God and the tireless dedication of Gertrude Bien-Aime and our devoted teachers, the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education has completed another school year. Despite the challenges of instability and the repeated disruptions caused by gang activity in the neighborhood, the school persevered — reopening each time with unwavering determination to serve our children.

Throughout it all, the school's chapel remained a place of daily prayer and spiritual grounding. We're especially thankful that our students were able to gather for meaningful closing ceremonies, celebrating both their academic growth and the community that supports them.

As we prepare to reopen this August, we humbly ask for your continued support. The Center serves nearly 100 children — both with and without disabilities — learning side by side in a spirit of inclusion, dignity, and hope. Your generosity helps keep their education going despite the many obstacles they face.

Any assistance you can provide is deeply appreciated and makes a real difference in the lives of these children and their families. Thank you for standing with us.





# *Daniel & Betty*

Serving the Lord in India



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We are presently on a short furlough and are scheduled to be away from Zimbabwe until the end of August. It has been a great joy to reconnect with family and friends in New York, Connecticut, and Texas, as well as visit supporting churches and fellow believers. The outpouring of love and fellowship has greatly blessed our hearts. One of the highlights was visiting Dhan's sister in Connecticut, whom he had not seen in several years.



***The people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations  
(Numbers 23:9)***

God has called and is equipping us, His children, to live lives that are quite distinct from the lifestyle of the world around us, that they may see the light of Christ shining through us. This came out very powerfully on our flight from Kenya to JFK and our subsequent flight from JFK to TX.

Kenya to JFK – uncomfortable seats but great fellowship:

As we settled into our seats hoping that the window seat would be empty during the flight, a lady came almost towards the end of boarding to claim it! And we believe it was a God thing. Who, but Him, could have chosen to seat a Jamaican believer coming from a short-term missions' trip to Tanzania next to a Dominican (not DR) and Grenadian missionary couple on an African airline? We also learned that we had some Jamaican friends in common too!

JFK to TX - several hours of sitting on the runway in a stationary aircraft with engines running, strapped to our seats listening to expletives from two irate female passengers. This had to be endured for some six hours while we waited for the weather to improve. I heard more swear words on this flight than I have heard in at least 50 years! Oh, for the wings of a dove!

***By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples,  
if ye have love one to another (Jn 13:35)***



TEXAS – a physical mishap, change of itinerary, the blessings of loving support:

Small town Texas is nice, quiet and friendly but the summer heat is a force to be reckoned with! However, the doctors are still trying to determine why Dhan blacked out on two successive mornings. During the second blackout, he fractured his right collar bone! Consequently, we watched our grandson's graduation live streamed from Dhan's hospital room and missed the launching of his book on poetry a few days later.

Praise the Lord, Dhan is recovering but has to keep a few more medical appointments before we rebook our return flight to NY and on the Caribbean.

Through it all, our hearts were encouraged as many of you, our brethren from various parts of the world prayed for us. Thank you so much for your expressions of love through phone calls, emails, sms, and WhatsApp messages.

### ***Discipleship is a lifelong process (Galatians 6:9)***

During the past 17 years in Zimbabwe, God has sent many people in our lives. Some stretched us, others encouraged us, prayed with and for us and grew with us, while



others looked upon us as an older brother and sister or as spiritual parents. We thank God for the growth we have seen in that latter group and the way many of them are now reaching out to us with words of encouragement. Permit us to share part of a recent communication with one of the young ladies who first shared with us soon after our arrival in Zim, her desire to go out on the mission field. She has since served in several African countries in East and Southern Africa, as well as in the Horn of Africa, and speaks seven languages!

“In case you were planning to give up on a beloved friend & neighbour, hear this. At the end of May, I did an Evangelism / Outreach training in Kadoma where two elderly men in their 80s came from. They have been friends since their early 20s & they worked together at a Textile company. The one became a believer and started ministering to his friend. He ministered to him from 1976. Along the way, this man's wife and children came to the Lord, but not him. The friend was bold as he pressed on. In 2014, during his retirement lunch, testimonies of his conduct with others led his friend to receive and follow Christ. It took 38 years of journeying with his friend, an uncontested model of ministering to a whole household. Their desire as friends now is to reach those in their age bracket daily. The Lord honored them by adding 31 new members during their outreach to Ngezi, a mining community in Kadoma. May you pray for these friends to be strong daily as they seek the Lord together. Be encouraged.”

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



## **Miracles the Lord is doing in India**

I like to bring a testimony how the Bible saved the lives. ~ Rev. Ray B. Nelson

My name is Beera Bala Raju. I am a minister serving the Lord in different villages Challapalli and Vilasavalli in India. I have been in the Lord's ministry for the past ten years.

Last week our family experienced a miraculous delivery from the fire. The day the fire accident happened, our family is sleeping in the house. On that day the electric power is out from 6pm till 11 pm. We were sleeping in the house which has concrete roofing. At 11pm the power has come. My daughter wanted to grab the Bible in the living room. When she gets to the living room she heard noise from the ceiling fan. When she looked up she found that the electric wires started burning and the smoke came. She immediately woke up. Within few moments the whole house filled with smoke and loud sounds came. Our family came out of the house. The wiring and the electric meter was totally burnt.

Due to this incident the whole village was out of electricity. I thank God for saving the lives of our family. I believe that the Bible saved our lives.



I like to bring to your kind information and about the faithfulness of our Lord we experienced in our ministry.

~ Sharath & Lucy

Last week from 28-30 we have our Holy convocations at our Peniel church. During this time we have dipression in the ocean and the forecast is for rain and thunderstorm. Even before a day of our meeting schedule the ground was wet. By faith we put the tent out side open air meeting for nights. Thank God, that the Lord withhold the rain in our area where as it rained around. The people around us who are from other faiths took note of this miracle. Glory to God.

Several people took leave for their jobs and attended the meetings. The people were very much blessed during these days. Each day around four hundred people in the morning and evening sessions each. By God's Grace we were able to provide meals to attendees. Several people took decisions to follow the Lord. Glory to God.

I am pleasing to inform you that we started the construction work of Jehovah Jireh fellowship hall. Thank God for the finances provided by our friends and partners.

Now we have a missions program going on in our church . Around Thirty people are attending. Please pray.



# Austin & Kaelee Truelove

## Serving the Lord in Haiti



***“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.” Psalm 103:13-14***

Greetings dear Brothers and Sisters in the family of God! We praise God for his endless mercy on us, and on all the Saints whom he has called into his Kingdom.

Despite the continual tumult in Haiti, we are pleased to let you know that the work crew finished a home for the Linda Charles family in our village of Pecry. Materials have been very difficult to get, but once again God provided for all that was needed to complete the home. We have always required the recipient family to provide the rock and water for the project. However, since wood is more and more scarce, we are now also requiring the family to provide that. Wood is used to make the doors and windows, a necessity for security. This has been working well. The photos are before and after photos as well as the Linda Charles family.



***Linda Charles previous home***



***Finishing touches***



***Grateful family***

Please pray for our friends David and his new bride. They were married in December and have recently learned they are having a baby. Austin has mentored David for several years and he has been a part of our team there for at least five years. David is the oldest of a large sibling group. His father has separated from the family and does not provide for them. He has even threatened David's life on many occasions. His mother has been unable to provide for him because of the instability of the family. Please pray that David will seek Christ first, as his Hope and Provider. Please pray for us, that we can help him and his wife with a piece of land and a home.

Austin is taking a three-week trip to our village at the end of the summer. He needs to do some mediation for our Haitian team. Some difficult things are going on with our group, and without that team we will be unable to continue to work in Pecry. Please pray that Austin will see the situation clearly and be able to discern truth. Please pray that God will be preparing the way for his travels.

There is much more to tell you, but it would take too much room. God is working in Austin and me in ways which we would not have imagined. He is opening our eyes to his work, no matter where we are, and encouraging us in the pursuit of His glory. We pray that God will be doing the same in your hearts. I leave you with a verse that comes to my mind so often. “Do not let your hearts be troubled; believe in God. Believe also in me.” Jesus

Thank you for your faithful partnership with us in the ministry of God's grace to the people of Pecry Haiti. May He ever be praised!

# *The Harvest Family*

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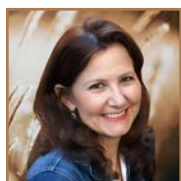


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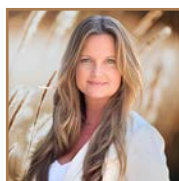
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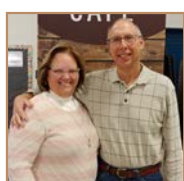


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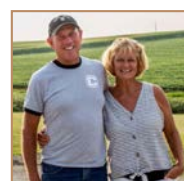
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***“But whoever has this world’s goods and sees his brother in need,  
and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?”  
~ 1 John 3:17 ~***

This verse has been a gentle reminder to me lately that we never truly retire from serving the Lord or caring for His children. Seasons of life may change, but our calling to love and serve remains.

Though Deb and I have been back in North America for four years since our time in Haiti, God has shown us that our work is not finished. This summer, He gave us the privilege of once again reaching out to some of the people in Haiti, though from a distance. What joy it brought to step back into that place of giving and serving in Jesus’ name! We were reminded once more that fullness of life is found in pouring ourselves out for others.

The truth is, all of us have been entrusted with “this world’s goods.” Compared to many of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, we live in great abundance. And with that blessing comes responsibility—a holy calling to share, to care, and to love.

My encouragement to you is this: ask the Lord today how He would have you use what He has given you. It doesn’t always mean crossing an ocean or stepping into a new country; sometimes it simply means opening your heart to the needs right in front of you. Wherever we are, God desires to use us as vessels of His love, advancing His kingdom one act of faithfulness at a time.



## *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*

# *Scot, Selena & Olie Brown*

## Serving the Lord in Hungary



I recently met a man in his 40s facing a life-and-death challenge. His Hungarian visa is a few weeks away from expiring, and returning to his home country means severe persecution or death. This is only because his family name is associated with the Baha'i religion. He has no belief system but has been persecuted throughout his life because of his family name. His countenance was crestfallen and hopeless; he couldn't even maintain eye contact.

My friend Randall, who arranged our meeting, told me how afraid he was to be forced to return and face all that again. I wish I could say this isn't common, but our whole world is becoming more and more challenged by displaced and endangered people.

Before we began discussing his story, I asked him if he would mind me praying a Christian prayer asking God for Wisdom, Favor, and Peace, along with true Joy to return to his life. He said, "Who wouldn't want that? Yes, thank you."

All I know is that God and His word are the authority that we have in Christ, and wherever a Christian goes, the Kingdom of God has arrived. As we abide in Him and trust in His faithfulness, mountains move. The prayer created a difference in the atmosphere, but no facts had changed.

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It was his immigration attorney. He told him that the Hungarian government had not approved any visas for non-full-time university students in over a year. He has hundreds of clients in his situation - but having said that, He had just received an electronic notification that his Visa was approved!

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I've seen this kind of answered prayer time after time, especially when there is a desperate situation. We will continue to get together with our friend, and soon, very naturally, he will fully enter the Kingdom of God.

It didn't occur to me at the time, that was the culminating event of an incredibly effective first week back on station at our other home in Budapest.

We send our love and blessings to our friends and ask you to pray for Operation Joseph.



# *Lloyd & Elaine Cook*

## Serving the Lord in Jamaica



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It didn't occur to me at the time, that was the culminating event of an incredibly effective first week back on station at our other home in Budapest.

We send our love and blessings to our friends and ask you to pray for Operation Joseph.

*Daniel & Betty*

Serving the Lord in India



### **Prayer Request for Missionary Betty Edwin**

We ask you to join us in lifting up our dear missionary in India, Betty Edwin, in prayer. Betty recently underwent cataract surgery, and while the procedure went well, she now needs our prayers for a smooth and complete recovery.

Please pray that God would grant her renewed vision, comfort, and strength during this time. Pray also for her continued ability to serve faithfully in her ministry, despite this temporary setback. Betty has dedicated her life to sharing God's love and ministering to those in need, and your prayers are a powerful support for her as she recovers and continues her work.

Let us give thanks for the skill of the medical team and for the healing already begun, and ask the Lord to continue to watch over her in the days ahead.



# Dhan & Dolly Lalsee

## Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe

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It is a quiet, pleasant, sunny Saturday afternoon here in our little corner of Harare, Zimbabwe - very conducive to reflecting and attempting to continue where we left off in our last update on this platform.

In our last update, we were hoping to resume our journey to the Caribbean from Texas via New York, already delayed by some two months. Subsequently, Dhan had good reports from the doctors, and we were free to travel. We headed to the Caribbean after a few days with some very precious family friends in New York. There, we were able to rest up a little, repack, and get ready for our onward journey.



*Sharing at our Church home*



*Sharing over dinner with friends*

Since our time in the Caribbean had been shortened by our extended stay in the US because of Dhan's illness, we were forced to drastically cut down on our schedule.

### GRENADA:



We thank God for the quality time with family, a handful of close friends, fellowship with a few congregations, and visits, though too short, with many who have been journeying with us since our call to full-time service.

It was a joy to celebrate our 52nd Wedding Anniversary with Dhan's brother and his family in a quiet setting at a local restaurant, in early August. We also squeezed in two visits to the beach with friends. Absolutely beautiful, especially during the early hours of the day.

Our short visit to Grenada quickly came to an end, and we headed for Dolly's home island of Dominica (NOT the Dominican Republic!).

### DOMINICA:



*Driving from the airport through the mountains to the city*



*My younger sister joined us from the Island of Martinique*



*Mom and my brother Caxton*

Called the "Nature Island", she is lush green, rugged, mountainous, volcanic, unapologetically untamable, beautiful – a nature lover's paradise. Many Dominicans leave the Island for greener pastures, but they remain deeply patriotic.

It is always a joy for us to visit, spend quality time with our daughter and her family, as well as extended family and friends.

### **PURPOSE OF OUR TRIP:**

You are probably wondering about the purpose of our mostly bi-annual trips. It is to reconnect with supporters, supporting churches, family, and friends. Our thanks to all who welcomed us into your assemblies and allowed us the opportunity to share. Thank you also for extending hospitality to us, for praying with and for us, providing transportation, and much more during this trip. On two occasions, we were allowed to use your homes during your absence. How blessed are we!

### **OUR TAKEAWAYS:**

Many of you have shared privately your concern about the state of the Church in your areas and your desire to see the Church grow in authenticity. We want to assure you that this is a genuine concern, one that requires much prayer. May we all who are so burdened, pray that, firstly, Christ would have His rightful place in the hearts of all who go by His Name; and secondly, that the world around us may see and desire Him who is our Life,

### **OUR RETURN TO ZIMBABWE:**

We returned to Zimbabwe on 25th August, several hours later than scheduled, tired but happy to be back. We desired to rest off our jetlag and slowly get back into the schedule for the rest of that week. However, the Lord had other plans.

Dolly's only brother passed in South Africa three days after our return, and so we spent the next one and a half weeks trying to get our updated Temporary Residence Permit stamped into our passports by the Immigration Department here. Once this was done and our passports were returned, she was then able to apply for a South African visa. The Lord used a young lady to push things through, so Dolly was able to get her visa the afternoon before she was due to travel to SA for the funeral. Knowing how long things normally take, this was indeed the hand of God at work.

Now back from South Africa, we are slowly getting back into a work schedule with some rest in between.

### **PRAY WITH US:**

Please pray with us as we re-establish contacts, prepare for upcoming pulpit ministry appointments, and search for a new venue for our October retreat with the Pastors & Leaders with whom we have been working.



# *Faith Foundations International* *with Ray B. Nelson*

## Serving the Lord in India



Sharath, his wife Lucy, and I began our journey in Manchester, UK. After a few days, we traveled by train to Oxford, and then on to London. After 13 days in the UK, we embarked on a long 20-hour flight to Brisbane, Australia. A few days later, we arrived in Sydney, where Lucy's mother lives.

Although I didn't have the opportunity to preach in any of the towns we visited in the UK, I experienced the joy of assisting Sharath in praying for several people. Here in Sydney, we've attended a couple of Sunday services, where the regular preachers led the messages.

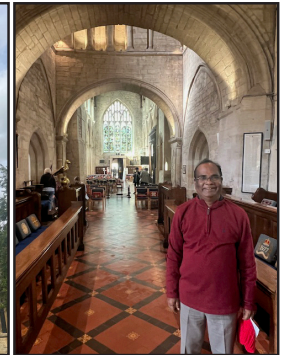
Even without being in the pulpit, I've felt God's hand guiding me to touch lives—one person at a time. It's a beautiful reminder that serving Him isn't always about grand stages or large crowds; it's about obedience, presence, and prayer. I am deeply grateful for this trip and for every opportunity God gives me to be used for His work.



***Sharath preaching in London***



***An 800 year old church in Oxford***



***Lucy preaching in London***



# *Austin & Kaelee Truelove*

## Serving the Lord in Haiti



Your prayers for Austin's trip to Pecry were heard! Austin went and returned from our home in Haiti in mid-July. God protected him in all his travels. We had asked for prayer for him as he dealt with some problems among our ministry/home building team. God provided a peaceful return to "normal" with that situation. Austin had wanted to be there for the building of Etidieu's home; however, due to problems getting materials, he was not able to participate in that project. The home was built several weeks after his return. It took the team less than two weeks! Praise God! Our last several homes took about \$10,000. to build. If you desire to build a home for a struggling family, please contact us about how you can arrange that.

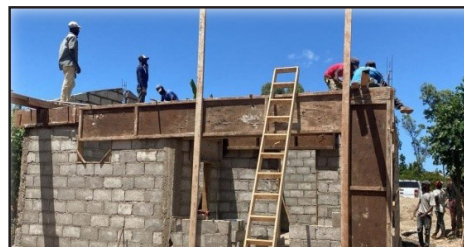
Since the home project was delayed, Austin spent his time working on vehicles, meeting with friends and neighbors (over 30 people), and doing a serious cleaning of our home. He once again helped our missionary friends who remain faithful, working there.

We are in communication with a family about renting our home in Haiti. Although we have caretakers, it is not the same as having someone living there. As we strive to align our goals and plans with God's will, please pray that we would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading.

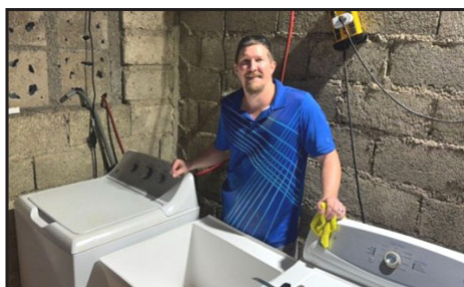
On a personal note, we are living in Taneyville, Missouri, in my late-grandmother's home. God has graciously planted us in the surrounding community and given us good work to do. Austin works at my parents' business in accounting and management. Our older children go to a private school in Taneyville, which is made feasible by my teaching three classes there. Through these environments, God has given us continual opportunities to spread the Gospel and share His love. We are attending First Baptist Church in Forsyth and are happily serving there. We are growing in our love for Christ and love for his people. God's plans look so different from ours. All the suffering and loss that we have been through in the past several years have not been wasted. We are grateful for the trials that are refining us. We do not know what the future holds: whether we return to Haiti full-time or continue to take trips. But we strive to make the most of every opportunity presented to us, while we actively wait upon the Lord!



***Etidieu's Make-Shift Shelter  
while we built his home***



***Etidieu's Walls are up;  
Next comes the roof***



***Austin installed an in-line  
pump for our friends***



***Etidieus' family  
in their new home***



# Rod & Debbie Wray

## Serving the Lord in Ocala, Florida



A few months ago, amid the continued difficulties of living in Haiti, we learned that our faithful helpers from the Renault Sunday school were suffering. Sergo, with his large family, was living under tarps, and Joseph and his family had no place to live. After much prayer, we decided to re-purpose the Sunday school building in Renault into a small housing unit for our ministry helpers.

Thanks to funds being sent by our faithful supporters and the hard work of a Haitian crew, the Sunday school building has now been transformed into 5 Haitian homes. Sergo, Joseph, Berlyn, and Stanley (left to right) each have a home now, and although the doors and windows aren't installed yet, Sergo and his family have already moved into their new home.



We are doing very well and had a great summer back home in Canada with family and our 12 grandchildren. The ministry of Harvest continues to go well. We've been taking training to learn how to use QuickBooks. We've also been working at a local food bank that Danny Thomas connected us with, and we recently made another trip to Venice FL, to visit Agape Flights and drop off money for our missionaries in Haiti.



We would especially appreciate your prayers as we seek the Lord's will regarding restarting the Sunday school program in Haiti. Our young helpers, Joseph, Berlyn, and Stanley, are now about 25 years old, and they feel that God might be leading them to start up the Renault Sunday school ministry with us supporting them from the U.S. Please pray that God would guide and use us and these young men for His glory and according to His will and purpose.

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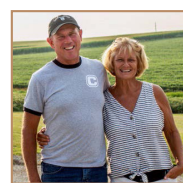
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Merry Christmas from all of us at Harvest! As we rejoice in the celebration of our Savior's birth, Debbie and I want to share how grateful we are for the privilege of serving with Harvest these past two years. What a blessing it has been to walk this journey together!

Thank you for your faithful giving, your prayers, and your heart for the work God is doing through Harvest. Your partnership is truly a gift—and together, we are making an eternal difference for His Kingdom.

May your Christmas season be filled with joy, peace, and the wonder of God's love!



*Physically and 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*





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Come enjoy an inspiring evening as we hear firsthand reports from our Haitian missionaries about how their ministries are persevering in the midst of Haiti's current turmoil.

While enjoying an authentic Haitian meal, you'll be encouraged by updates and stories of faith and resilience from:



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- **Dr. Don DeVito – The Haitian Center for Inclusive Education**
- **Tom & Ginger Schmidt – Shiloh Children's Home**
- **Austin & Kaelee Truelove**
- **Rod & Debbie Wray – Renault Sunday School Program**

***Come be inspired, share in fellowship, and support the vital work of our missionaries serving the children and families of Haiti.***



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I would like to Sponsor a Table for:

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# *Lloyd & Elaine Cooke*

## Serving the Lord in Jamaica

Hurricane Melissa was one of the most powerful Atlantic hurricanes on record and the strongest ever to strike Jamaica. The storm made landfall on October 28, 2025, near New Hope in Westmoreland, Jamaica, with sustained winds of 185 miles per hour and a central pressure of 892 mb.

We recently received an email from our missionaries, Lloyd and Elaine Cooke. By God's grace, they safely weathered the storm. Communication was difficult for a time, as they were without internet service until just recently. They are deeply thankful for your prayers and support during this challenging period.

Please continue to keep them and the people of Jamaica in your prayers as recovery efforts move forward.





# *Dr. Don DeVito*

## Serving the Lord in Haiti

We would like to share several important updates from the Haitian Center and invite you to continue standing with us in prayer and support.

### **Water System Damage**

The school's water system was damaged during the previous hurricane. At this time, staff and students are forced to carry and use buckets of water each day until repairs can be made. The need for a new water tank is urgent, and any assistance toward restoring the water system would be a tremendous blessing to the school and the children it serves.



### **Growing Student Population**

A local high school in the area recently closed, and as a result, founder Gertrude Bien Aimé graciously welcomed those students into the Haitian Center. This has increased the school population to approximately 400 children. While this growth brings new challenges, it also reflects the trust the community has in the school and its mission of inclusive education.

The fact that this inclusive school has survived—and continues to grow—despite ongoing hardships is truly a blessing. The support from Harvest has been essential in helping clear the roadblocks that stand in the way of the hard work and dedication of Gertrude and the teachers, who are making remarkable progress for inclusion in Port-au-Prince.

We are deeply grateful for your continued prayers, encouragement, and financial support. Your partnership makes a real difference in the lives of these children and families.





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### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

This is the time of year when many of us are super busy shopping, baking, making travel plans and a host of other stuff in preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Many of you are probably looking forward to reconnecting with family and spending quality time together. May Father bless you with His joy as you celebrate Him.

Recently, we have been meditating on some of the Christmas Carols that we believers sing gustily at this time of year. “Peace on earth, goodwill to men”, “Joy to the world”. What exactly is the message in these hymns/songs? Surely, our homes, communities and nations are so often neither peaceful nor joyful!

Preaching from Luke 2 this morning, the young preacher reminded us that it is often in the dark times, (whatever form they might take), that God reveals Himself to us and releases us from the morbidity and seeming uncertainty. This is so true! Many Scriptures corroborate this, among them Mark 6:50.

Many of us can testify that it is also in this place of darkness – pain, loss, grief, financial distress, hopelessness, restlessness, that God’s peace floods our souls as we submit to Him and embrace Him, who is our Peace, our Joy, our Hope – indeed, our Rest!

Amid all the busyness, let us take time to reflect upon our lives and all that we have been through - where we were, and where He has brought us. And, as we look back on 2025 and all that He has seen us through this past year, may we meaningfully and joyfully sing as we celebrate Him, who is our Lord, our Savior, our Peace, our Hope, our very Lives.

Because, looking back has reminded us of all that He has seen us through, let us look forward to 2026 in hopeful anticipation. For we have tasted of His goodness, been reassured of His love, experienced His joy and, He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us.

Have a joyful Christmas and an exciting walk as you journey with Him in 2026.

Thanks again for being part of our journey by your many expressions of love, prayers, encouragement and financial support.



# Ray B. Nelson

## Serving the Lord in India

On August 27, I had the pleasure of meeting Sharath and Lucy in Manchester, UK. It was a meaningful time of connection and fellowship, and from there our journey continued to several historic and significant places. We later visited Oxford, UK, taking time to see the city and reflect on its rich Christian heritage, before traveling onward to London.

During our time in London and the other areas we visited, we had the opportunity to see many churches—some of them centuries old and filled with history. Sadly, it was evident that many of these churches are being bought out by non-believers, repurposed, or left with shrinking congregations. Church attendance is clearly declining, and it was sobering to witness how once-vibrant places of worship are now struggling to remain active.

This situation is truly heartbreaking. These buildings stand as reminders of a strong foundation of faith, yet the audiences within them are growing smaller. It reinforces how important it is for the gospel to continue reaching more people, both in the UK and beyond. The need for renewal, outreach, and faithful witness has never been greater.







# *Tom & Ginger Schmidt*

## Serving the Lord in Haiti

***“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
which is Christ the Lord.” – Luke 2:11***

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we pray that your Christmas season is filled with joy, hope, peace, and love as you gather with your families. This is a time to rejoice in the promise of Christ and to remember that His light shines even in the darkest circumstances.

This Christmas, Haiti continues to face extremely difficult conditions. Much of the country remains under the control of bandits and gangs, leaving many families living in fear and uncertainty. The situation has not improved, and daily life is a struggle for so many.

We are grateful that Maurice along with Nelson and the rest of the family are still living in the Central Plateau, away from the direct grip of the gangs. They are currently living in a small two-room house on Nelson’s father’s property. While life is simple and challenging, they are safe, and for that we give thanks

We are deeply thankful to Harvest and to our directors, Rod and Debbie, for faithfully continuing to send funds to Haiti to support Nelson’s family during this difficult time. Their ongoing commitment has been a true blessing and a source of stability for the family.

As we look ahead, we continue to pray—Lord willing—for the changes needed to bring lasting hope, peace, and restoration to Haiti. We are so grateful for your prayers, encouragement, and generous support for Maurice and his family. Your faithfulness makes a difference, and we thank you for standing with us during this season and throughout the year.

May the hope of Christ, born in Bethlehem, fill your hearts this Christmas and into the coming year.





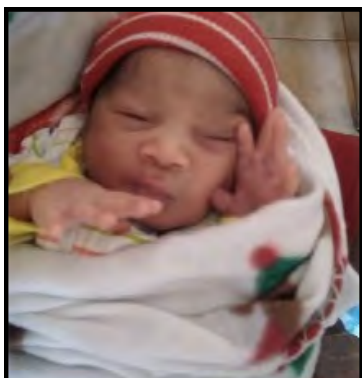
# *Austin & Kaelee Truelove*

## Serving the Lord in Haiti

Greetings in the name of our Beloved Savior Jesus Christ! We are thankful for Salvation through his blood and the forgiveness of sins. We asked for many prayers last month, and we praise Him for his gracious attention.



Our friend Rhodlyene, from the Port-au-Prince area arrived safely to our home in Pecry. She had tried several times to make the trip only to have interferences that prevented her. It was all very miraculous really. One day she contacted Austin, telling him that she needed to get out immediately. Within a day and a half, all the preparations had been made and she arrived at our house. Please pray for her. She has gone through more than we know and more than we can disclose here for her privacy. She left family, friends, and her business. Please pray that our community accepts her and that our Christian friends extend Christ's love to her. She needs healing of heart and mind and Christ's comfort.



We also asked for prayer for our friends who were expecting babies. We are so delighted to announce that two of the babies have arrived. Please pray for a speedy recovery for their mommies and for Christ's church to assist them as needed. I typically would put together items for each family, but as I am unable to do that at this time, we gave a gift of cash to each family to help with expenses. Thank you for your generosity, which empowers us to give assistance in this way.

We are so grateful we have money to build three homes. However we are being hindered by a list of things. Some of you may know that a lot of Haitians have been sent back to Haiti under the US's current administration. This has lead to an influx of people all over Haiti, and a lot of stress for those Haitians who are still in the US. Many of them are fearful that they may be sent back at any time. Due to this situation, many families are building "emergency" homes. So a lot of construction is going on, making it almost impossible to obtain materials. The other serious facto is lack of actual money in Haiti. There is very little money available. So even though we have money in the bank, it doesn't translate to usable money on the ground.

Please pray that God would direct us. We are committed to assist in the ways God allows. Currently Austin has no travel plans, considering the recent closure of the airport in Port. Please pray for the church in Haiti, that this difficult time will draw his people to himself. Please pray for a renewed dedication to Christ and to his plans. We praise God for those who are extending Christ's love there and pray for their strengthening and renewal of mind, even along with ours.





# *Rod & Debbie Wray*

## Serving the Lord in USA

We are very excited that Katie has been given an opportunity to be involved in missions again. She will be starting with Athletes in Action Canada in January Lord willing. Her role will be recruiting coaches and putting on volleyball camps to share the gospel with young people! Pretty perfect for her after being at the camp her whole life. She will also be doing a global part with them and leading teams across the world to share Christ. She will be starting her own news-letters in the next month or two, so if you would like to be part of that, let her know through her email [katiedebbiwray@gmail.com](mailto:katiedebbiwray@gmail.com) She would really appreciate your partnership in prayer and financial support. You can see her on the AIA website here! <https://usa.p2c.com/p-2451-ministry-of-katie-baker.aspx?>



This past month our 3 disciples in Haiti have restarted the Renault Sunday school program. This past month our 3 disciples in Haiti have restarted the Renault Sunday school program. We have also been able to buy the boys a rechargeable sound system they can use each week. There is no public electricity available in southern Haiti, so each Sunday after the service is over, they take it up to city Lumiere to recharge it.

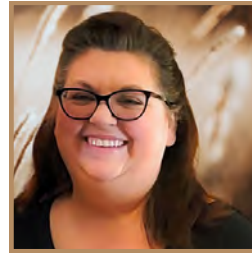


**Click here to watch a video of the children singing on YouTube**  
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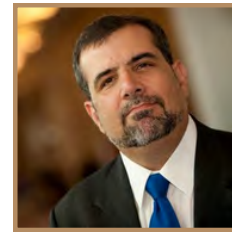
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