



3rd Quarter 2026 Newsletter

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Small Things, Great Impact

"Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites." — Mark 12:42

The God who created the entire universe sees even the smallest act of service done in His name. Whether it is a pastor preaching to a congregation, a missionary serving in a distant country, or a widow quietly giving what little she has, God sees it all.

Sometimes the things we do in secret - acts of kindness, a word of encouragement, a helping hand, or simply praying for someone - may seem small or unnoticed by others. Yet when we do them for the Lord, with no expectation of recognition, reward, or praise from people, they are precious in His sight.



This summer, we had the privilege of spending time with Deb's uncle, Paul, who is 102 years old. He has spent his life serving the Lord, and even at 102, he continues to be productive in God's kingdom. Much of his time is now spent in prayer for others. His example reminds us that there is no retirement age when it comes to serving God. As long as he gives us breath, there is something we can do for His glory.

May we each be challenged by the example of the widow who gave her two mites and by faithful servants like Uncle Paul. May we listen closely to the Holy Spirit and never become weary in doing good.

Whether our service seems great or small, God sees it, God values it, and God can use it. As we serve others and show His love through simple acts of kindness, we are being the "salt of the earth" Jesus called us to be.

Thank you for the many ways you serve the Lord and help Harvest International continue to make a difference - one person 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



Fruit That Remains

As we prepare to return to Budapest this September, we are excited about what God has ahead. Our schedule is full, and we are trusting His grace to guide us through each opportunity. But before sharing what is coming, we wanted to share a glimpse of the “fruit that remains” from relationships God began several years ago.



One of those relationships is with Sibel from Türkiye. Sibel lost family members and her home in the devastating earthquakes that struck Türkiye. During an especially difficult season, she struggled deeply with grief, hopelessness, and questions about God. We simply continued to love her, listen to her, pray with her, and remind her that Jesus cares for her.

Over time, we began to see the seeds of faith taking root. During a particularly difficult conversation, Sibel told us, “I know I need to trust Him. I do believe in Jesus and need Him. I want Him!” We know that spiritual growth is a process, and we continue to pray for her as she seeks to understand and follow Jesus.

Not long afterward, Sibel received an unexpected job offer from her university—an opportunity she had not anticipated and one that gave her renewed hope for the future. We were reminded once again that God is the One who works in hearts and circumstances.

Another special part of our Budapest ministry has been our friendships with several young people from Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) who were forced from their homes. Marianna, Lilith, Mary, and others have become like family to us. Their families have endured tremendous loss and uncertainty, yet God has opened unexpected doors for them in Hungary.

Some have settled in Budapest, others have returned to Armenia, and others are completing advanced degrees and preparing for careers. Through these friendships, we have seen young people from cultures with generations of conflict between them become close friends, pray for one another, share meals, and care deeply for each other. Only God can build those kinds of bridges.

These stories remind us that ministry is not always about seeing an immediate result. Sometimes we simply plant a seed, love someone faithfully, listen when they need someone to hear them, pray with them, and trust the Holy Spirit to do what only He can do.

As we return to Budapest, we are reminded that the relationships God allows us to build can continue bearing fruit long after we think a season of ministry has ended.

Our prayer is not simply for temporary results, but for fruit that remains. Thank you for praying for us and for the students and families God has placed in our lives. Your support allows us to continue investing in these relationships and sharing the love and hope of Christ with people from around the world.

Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



September 11th (9/11) 25th Anniversary has come and gone. It did bring vivid memories to us. We had just returned to Jamaica from the USA less than a year earlier and were integrating ourselves with the Jamaican churches and ministries. Elaine had been made Children and Youth director for her church and became involved with the schools in an moral and spiritual outreach "Wait-& Win".

Today we are watching what's happening among the nations and how we are all affected and Christianity worldwide and what it indicates about the future of the gospel. But we are unphased as we know how it all ends: we are on the winning side. We believe you join with us in our confidence that our God is in control and we want to get as many as possible to join us when we finally enter our Father's home to give him praise forever! We thank you all for your support and prayers: we couldn't do it without you!

Recovery: Jamaica is fairly far ahead "Building back Better" a year after being heavily damaged by hurricane Melissa, a category 5 super-destroyer storm. But our government is happy with the future as local economic statistics from two government sources show "the economy... is recovering faster than projected and is 'fighting back' " But he is fearful that events in the Middle East hold fears for Jamaica, so he is hoping for an early resolution of the troubles there. We know that world events are in God's hands, not in kings or government's. So, we are at peace!

Family: Both of us have had some problems with non-fitting dentures which affect our eating; we have also had similar vision problems. Elaine has had to get better fitting lenses; Lloyd was given a prescription for eye drops only.

Two of Lloyd's brothers are fighting cancer recovery and chemotherapy-therapy; his older sister also faces breast cancer recovery. Do pray with us for their spiritual as well as their physical health and recovery. We have also recently lost a male cousin with whom we grew up. Our God is still a 'good' God! Hallelujah.

Prayers & Praises:

God has been good to us, despite our advanced years. We are both 'Octogenarians';

- Elaine's nephew who has grown up with us is now a chef and is part of a Jamaican/ USA program where he spends long periods in American hotels; he is about to leave again soon. We will miss him much. Pray that he will soon find a wife who knows the Lord and they will follow the Lord together!
- Elaine still has a great desire to reach boys for the Lord. One spent a half week with us this past week.
- Lloyd's church had a crusade for souls recently. Lloyd was involved with the counselling and follow-up with the few who responded.
- Lloyd's legs are still feeling the results of old age. He sometimes uses a cane when he does his daily walks around the community.
- We thank you for your prayers and financial support over the years. We pray for the Lord's presence with each of you, and for his obvious provisions of your and your family's needs as you serve him.

Haitian Center for Inclusive Education with Dr. Don DeVito

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Expanding Opportunities Through Education and Music



Gertrude Bien Aime, founder of the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education (Institut Mixte Inclusif d'Haiti), recently had the honor of attending the 2026 International Society for Music Education Conference in Montreal, Canada.

This international gathering brought together educators and music professionals from more than 100 countries, providing valuable opportunities for collaboration, research, and connections with educational programs around the world.

We are grateful to SEMPRE for helping make Gertrude's participation possible, as well as to Harvest missionary Donald R. DeVito for his continued involvement and support. These connections are opening new doors and bringing greater attention to the important work being done through inclusive education in Haiti.

An article highlighting some of these collaborations was also published in Medium magazine. In addition, a nomination was submitted for an

Anthem Award, centered around a song created to celebrate the work and collaboration with Gertrude over the past decade.

We are thankful for the many ways God continues to open doors and create opportunities to share the work being done in Haiti. Thank you to our Harvest International supporters for standing with us and helping make these ministry opportunities possible. Please continue to pray and support the work as we look forward to what God will do next!

A musical tribute to Gertrude Bien Aime and her collaborative work composed with Dr Jose Valentino a multi-Grammy award recipient and Dr. Donald DeVito:

<https://youtu.be/G7cbmtqy6nU?feature=shared>

Medium magazine:

<https://medium.com/borderless-soundscapes-a-journal-of-global-culture/hope-for-haiti-a-musical-tribute-to-a-lifetime-of-service-cb00d55b0a2b>



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When we last wrote, we mentioned our then upcoming August Retreat and that we were looking forward to welcoming three new attendees, including a Pastor with whom we had worked alongside many years ago. We are happy to report that all three turned up!

The Retreat went well, and the level of interaction was really encouraging. While some folks still find it difficult to share openly, when they did, it added much to the discussion. The underlying theme/truth of the centrality, supremacy, universality and dominance of Christ in all of God's plans and purposes, led to much reflection and soul-searching.

Passing on the Faith to others (2 Tim 2:2)

During the past couple of months, we have been blessed with visits from a few of our "Timothies" - some from other African countries, others from the outer districts. It is always a joy to reconnect and hear firsthand what the Lord is doing in and through their lives and ministries. All praise to Him!

Changing Seasons

Spring is here and with it some vibrant colors from flowering trees and shrubs. But the land is also parched and the atmosphere extremely dusty. Wells are drying up and water delivery trucks are on demand 24/7. Please pray with us for early and consistent rains and that crops and livestock will be saved.

Our Hurting World

It is an understatement to say that much of the world today is in crisis, from one cause or another. So, let us continue to pray for each other and for the peoples of our nations, that they would turn to Christ who is 'our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble'. (Deut. 31:6)



Pastor Lawrence



Spring



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



A Journey Directed by the Lord

I thought you might enjoy taking a closer look at what the Lord has been doing through my ministry. My journey to Australia was a reminder from the very beginning that God directs our steps and makes a way when we trust Him.

I flew United Airlines from Orlando to San Francisco, but my flight out of Orlando was delayed about an hour and a half because of thunderstorms. By the time I arrived in San Francisco, I was late for my connecting flight to Brisbane. The flight was scheduled to leave at 11:10 p.m., and it was already 11:10 when I began a 15-minute walk to the gate!

I commanded my legs to keep moving and prayed that the flight would be delayed. When I finally arrived at the plane, they ushered me aboard as the very last passenger. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! What could have been a missed connection became another testimony of God's mercy and provision. Brisbane was my destination, and the Lord made sure I got there.

Ministry in Brisbane

While in Brisbane, Lucy preached two meetings. During the first meeting, I shared a short message, and at the end I was asked to tell a story. I shared how God had miraculously worked out the details to get me to Brisbane. It was a wonderful opportunity to testify about His faithfulness.

On to Sydney

On September 20, Lucy, Sharath, and I flew to Sydney. Lucy's mother lives there, and at 95 years young, she is still a blessing to us! We had the privilege of staying with her while continuing our ministry.

Our first meeting in Sydney was preached by an Indian pastor whom Sharath attended college with. His message was excellent. Sharath then preached to another group, and his message was also a great blessing.

Lucy will be preaching again in a few days, and I will be sharing a message focused on encouragement.

Looking Ahead

On September 30, we will fly to Melbourne, where we will spend a week holding meetings. After that, we will return to Sydney for additional ministry opportunities.

I expect to spend approximately two months in Australia before traveling to India, where I plan to minister for another six months.

I am grateful for every opportunity the Lord gives me to share His Word and encourage others. I have included some photos from our meetings so you can get a glimpse of what God is doing. Lucy has a special ministry through which people are being touched and blessed, and it is exciting to see how the Lord continues to open doors.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray as we travel, minister, and follow wherever the Lord leads.



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



Our Hope for Haiti

"This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness."— Lamentations 3:21–23

There are some places and people that never leave your heart. For us, Haiti is one of those places. Even though we are no longer living there, our prayers cannot stop for the people of Haiti and for the many friends we love who continue to live there. We think often of the families, pastors, children, and friends we have known for so many years. We wonder how they are doing, we pray for their protection, and we ask God to give them strength and hope in the midst of circumstances that are often incredibly difficult.

One young man who is especially close to our hearts is Maurice. He is now almost 17 years old. Maurice was born with significant physical and developmental challenges, but those who know him know that he has a wonderful smile and a sharp mind. He understands much of what is said to him and has always had a sweet and joyful spirit.

His story is one we will never forget. Years ago, Maurice was abandoned by his mother and left in a trash pile. He was discovered after a pastor's daughter heard him crying as she walked by. She took him home, but she was unable to care for him long-term. Through a missionary friend, Maurice eventually came into our care.

We have watched him grow over the years, and some of our memories with him are especially precious. He loved sitting beside me in the truck when I would take him for a drive. He would watch carefully as I shifted gears, and then he would try to imitate me, reaching over as if he could help! Those may seem like small moments, but they are the kinds of memories that stay with you.

Today, when we think of Maurice and so many others we love in Haiti, our hearts are filled with both concern and hope. Haiti continues to face tremendous challenges, and gangs control many of the major population centers. Daily life can be extremely difficult and uncertain for those living there.

But our hope is not found in circumstances. Our hope is found in Jesus Christ. Lamentations reminds us that God's mercies are new every morning and that His compassion never fails. Even when we cannot see what tomorrow will bring, we can trust the One who does.

Please continue to pray for Haiti. Pray for protection for our friends and their families. Pray for pastors and churches seeking to minister in difficult places. Pray for children and those who are especially vulnerable. And pray that God will open doors for His people to bring practical help, encouragement, and the hope of the Gospel. Most of all, pray that the people of Haiti will know that Jesus Christ has not forgotten them.

Thank you for continuing to stand with us in prayer and for carrying Haiti in your hearts. We may be separated by miles, but we can still pray, still care, and still make a difference—one person at a time. Great is Thy faithfulness!



Austin & Kaelee Truelove

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus! We are grateful to send you an update of the work in Haiti and of our family personally. Our children just finished their 5th week of school. Often, school in Haiti has not started until October, but we are encouraged to receive pictures of our Haitian friends' children starting school now. Starting on a normal schedule brings considerable hope and peace of mind to the Haitians, in a country where stability is so erratic.

Although we have been slow in getting another home started, it has not been for lack of effort. The usual obstacles of destroyed roads and untimely rains have hindered the next build by months. In the waiting, Gilbert has been working on our work truck intermittently for over a month and a half. The truck is indispensable for completing our home projects. Most of the materials (i.e. cement, block, rebar...) for the homes need to be delivered to the work site. Besides motorcycles, we have limited delivery options. But God blessed the efforts of the mechanics and the truck is back on the road!



In spite of delays due to weather, everything is now ready for the next home build. Praise God! Madame Fato, as well as her late husband, worked for Austin's parents for many years. Although they received help with home repairs in the past, their home continued to deteriorate over the years; its collapse was imminent. The lay of the land necessitates the destruction of her current home to make room for her new home. She is accompanied by her eldest daughter (Neolie) and her deaf/mute brother-in-law (Baba). The team has started tearing down the old house and will construct a temporary shelter with salvageable materials for the family during the construction.



Our family started back to school mid August, making this our third year at The Homestead Schoolhouse. This year I am teaching three Literature classes ranging from 2nd - 8th grade. I cherish my students, and am continually amazed that God has given me this opportunity to serve Him! Our children are very happy at school, building friendships and learning. It's really a family ministry. We are grateful to have a place where we can grow and serve in the work of Christ's kingdom.

Austin continues to work with the family business. With over 50 team members, Positive Connection provides ample opportunities for him to share Christ's love and hope. He has started a financial class that is primarily geared towards the Positive Connection team. He also was invited by our pastor at First Baptist Forsyth, to take part in a pastoral training program the church is developing. Class started for him the first week of September. Our prayer is that he would become better equipped to serve wherever God leads us.

Please continue to pray for Haiti; specifically that The Holy Spirit will convict and ignite true love and devotion for Christ. The peace of the Lord be with your spirits, as you live for him! Thank you for your

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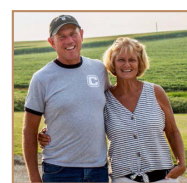
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