



## 4<sup>th</sup> Q 2025 Newsletter

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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*





# 2026 Have A Heart For Harvest Fundraiser IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM

Join us for our annual Have A Heart For Harvest Banquet on  
**Thursday, February 19, 2026 from 6:00pm - 8:30pm at**  
**Rolling Greens Village Clubhouse • 1811B W Gleneagles Road • Ocala, FL 34472**

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:



- **Pastor Charlenor Dieudonne – Charlie's Champions Orphanage**
- **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.***



## 2026 Have A Heart For Harvest Fundraiser

I would like to Sponsor a Table for:

♥ **Faith \$600** ♥ **Hope \$800** ♥ **Love \$1,000**

\_\_\_ I will be attending and filling my table      \_\_\_ I would like to purchase Qty: \_\_\_ individual seat(s) for \$65 each

\_\_\_ I will be attending but unable to fill my table      \_\_\_ I am unable to attend but would like to give a gift of \$\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***Table Sponsorship includes 1 Reserved Table with 8 Seats***

Checks payable to "Harvest International" & indicate "Fundraiser 2026"

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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.





# *Dhan & Dolly Lalsee*

## Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe

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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.





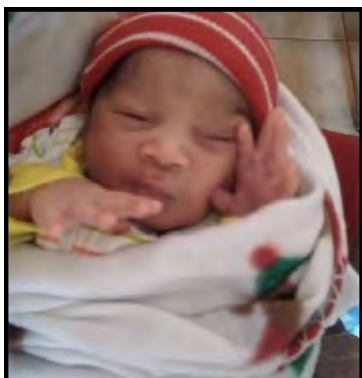
# *Austin & Kaelee Truelove*

## 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.

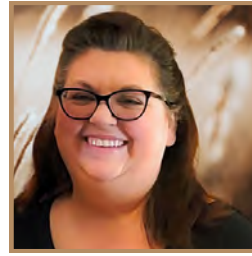


**Click here to watch a video of the children singing on YouTube**  
**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1WW5VZAXzU>**

# *The Harvest Family*



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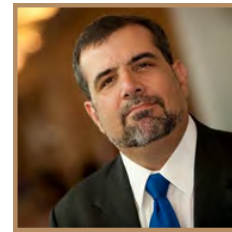
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