



## *3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023 Newsletter*

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your support for Harvest International.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*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*

# Trailer Repair

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

God Bless you for your help!



# *Lloyd & Elaine Cook*

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



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

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

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

# Haitian Center for Inclusive Education with Dr. Don DeVito

## Serving the Lord in Haiti



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

# *Daniel & Betty*

## Serving the Lord in India



### **WORLD GOSPEL HOPE CHURCH - BETHESDA MISSION**

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

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

#### **Needs of the church**

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

#### **What we are looking for**

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

#### **Our projects**

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

#### **Educational Project**

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

#### **Medical Projects**

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

#### **Community Projects**

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

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

## Serving the Lord in Uganda



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

We are supported financially in three ways

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# Dhan & Dolly Lalsee

## Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe

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### OUR NEEDS & CHALLENGES

#### **Our Recent Furlough:**

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

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

#### **Discipleship Groups:**

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

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

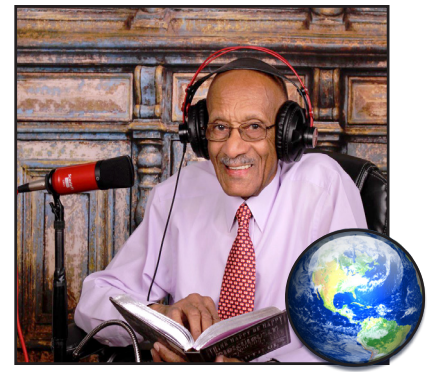
When we left here in early May, the local currency was trading at about \$1,500 to \$2,000 to the US Dollar. On our return ten days ago, we found that the exchange rate had jumped to \$6,000 resulting in quite an ongoing hike in the cost of living.

#### **Our Personal & Ministry Financial Support:**

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

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

The Shepherd 96.3 / 103.5 FM



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

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

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

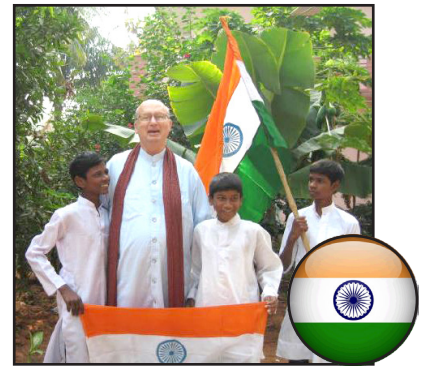
I realize that by now you may be thinking that my remarks appear to have a sense of finality to them. In a sense, that is true. Danny and I know that we have tried our best to find a replacement for me on the broadcast. Two years ago, it seemed to us that Brother Dean Paul Hart was God's man, however,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

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

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



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



Here are some needs we are praying for. If you feel led to help, please donate at [www.HarvestInternational.org](http://www.HarvestInternational.org) and notate which need it is for.

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

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



*Faith Foundations International*  
Ray B. Nelson - India



I want to support Ray B. Nelson and his ministry in India by:

Monthly Support of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Notate on check "Nelson" for general support or "Nelson - Orphanage" to support orphanage updates

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



## Mission Goals for the near future

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

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

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

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

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

*“Then saith HE unto HIS disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; PRAY ye therefore the LORD of the harvest, that HE will send forth labourers into HIS harvest.” Matthew 9:37-38*

# *Austin & Kaelee Truelove*

## Serving the Lord in Haiti



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

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

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

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

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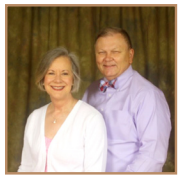
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