



## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021 Newsletter

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As I prepare to write the last Newsletter for 2021 I am looking back on what the Lord used Harvest to accomplish in His name. With a LIMITED STAFF Harvest was able to provide support to all of our missionaries. We assisted the Wray family with their exit from Haiti after the devastating Earthquake in August that destroyed Camp Mahanaim. Fifteen years of work was gone in less than 10 minutes. God is still in control of the Wray family as they wait for their next mission assignment. They are enjoying much rewarding time with their Children and Grandchildren. Thank you Jesus.

As a result of the Earthquake Harvest sent 2 containers full of food (over ½ million meals) 133 Tents, 151 Tarps, 138 Lanterns, and 62 Water Filters in response to the need in South Haiti. The organizations we are working with is Baptist Haiti Mission, and Reciprocal Ministries International. Containers for both these organizations arrived in Haiti sometime in late September but due to the unrest were not able to be delivered until November 17th. Praise the Lord both of them arrived and the food was distributed before Thanksgiving.

We also donated food and Earthquake Relief Items to Shine Ministry located in Fruitland Park, FL. Shine has a working relationship with World Harvest Ministry, located in Port Au Prince. Their container was delivered at the same time as the 2 I sent in September. Praise the Lord!

The Lalsee family continue to have to deal with “lockdowns” from the Zimbabwe government and now face a new issue with Omicron and being restricted from travel to the U.S. Please pray for Dhan and Dolly as their daughter lives in Texas and is going to be having surgery soon.

After over a year and half finally got a VISA to go back to India. Ray left Orlando, FL. on November 29, to meet Pastor Sharath in Dubai. He will be there until December 21, 2021 and then fly to Rajahmundry, India. He will return to the U.S. on January 1, 2022. Please continue to pray for Ray Nelson.

Thank you for your continuing prayers and financial support. Without you we would not be able to continue the work that Harvest International does in supporting 13 missionaries in the 9 countries.

*Danny Thomas*

*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*

# *Lloyd & Elaine Cook*

## Serving the Lord in Jamaica



Thanksgiving is past: the date, that is: but Christmas Giving never ends. We need to say thanks to all of you – for loving us; for praying for us; and especially for giving often and sacrificially to help meet our personal and material needs so that we could remain here to serve people, and in so doing win the opportunity to tell them about the lover of their souls, Jesus Christ. We do greatly thank the Lord for your faithfulness in standing with and beside us during the past years of serving Jesus in Jamaica, our homeland.

We thank God that despite the scourge of Covid-19, we have been spared, even though a few relatives of ours have contracted and safely overcome it. Praise God!

But we also praise the Lord that the vast majority of those who have touched by the pandemic have had the opportunity to think on their human frailty, and called upon the Lord for His loving mercy, grace and forgiveness. They have prepared for eternity, but have survived. Thank God! So many have not!

Health wise we have been kept well, and thank the Lord that while Elaine and Lloyd are both in our late seventies (70s), we have very few of the ailments that usually torment and take away many of our age group. Our daily walks of about two (2) miles help to keep our cholesterol low, and prevent/reduce cardiac problems. Thanks be to God!

Though Jamaica does not celebrate Thanksgiving, we enjoy watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade each year. As Christmas will be here in a short while, we want to wish you and your family all God's blessings. And, as you look backwards you will find much reason to give the Lord thanks, just as we do, for ordinary daily and extraordinary blessings which He has bestowed.

Ministries have been adjusted and changed in recent years. While most public and school based involvements have been scaled back, because of the lockdown of schools, or shift to Virtual instruction because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we still find ways to share the salvation message to whoever we can.

Elaine gets community kids together to assist them in their reading: most are behind in their reading proficiency as they get little help at home, and read very few books. She has also been able to get help from her church Class to obtain tablets for a few of the High School kids, to enable them to follow the virtual lessons from their schools. She has not been able to get into the schools for Wait & Win sexual- abstinence classes and witnessing presentations. Also, her outreach to students in the Government's 'Heart Trust' remedial and apprenticeship training program to come to her church weekly, for educational and moral instruction and support, was also suspended. She looks forward to getting this back on track when the Covid-19 pandemic is brought under control. We give thanks for each of these programs where she has been able to help children and youth.

Give thanks with us for the many opportunities she makes to pray with neighbor and community persons, as well as Taxi passengers she travels with, to get their permission to Pray with them. This has become quite a ministry: she rarely gets anyone who refuses her offer of prayer. I am often surprised at her boldness and proficiency in this ministry. Wednesday last, she walked into local Alcohol 'Pubs' and asked to pray for the customers and 'Bar-maids'. She then gave a Bible to each of the ladies for whom we had been personally praying for.

Give thanks with us to God, and help us continue our prayers for open hearts.

Lloyd has done very little College lecturing over the past 18 months of the pandemic shutdown. He did teach one such Virtual course at each of the two Bible Colleges, but dislikes the lack of person-to-person teaching, and has resisted doing more classes. However, many community persons come to our home for odd jobs, and for help with financial and food requests. We see these as opportunities to share Christ with them. Sometimes younger family members live for a while with us, and we are able to share Christ, as well as advice and counsel.

Pray particularly for a nephew of his who stayed a couple months with us while trying to settle spiritual and psychological questions relating to adjustment and change of denominations. He has spiritual leadership potential, but needs guidance and counseling.

At our increased age, it is sometimes difficult to describe our activities and/or ministries: are we active missionaries, retired missionaries, or just returned residents who formerly served as missionaries and Christian College lecturers and children's workers. Whatever we are, we thank God for the experiences we have had serving the Lord in Dominica (Eastern Caribbean), Zambia, Africa, Jamaica and Florida in the United States.

We thank God for every opportunity we have had in Sunday School teaching, Children's Ministries, Christian Camping, Missionary Church-planting, Missionary Nursing, Training Caribbean missionaries, Sunday Adult Bible-teaching, and 'Open-Air' preaching, and indoor church preaching. One does not retire from sharing the message of salvation in Christ by any means we can, (although Lloyd will be an 'Octogenarian' at his next birthday in May of next year. Elaine is doing a great job taking care of him. He gives thanks to God for all His mercy and grace during the nearly eight decades he has kept him alive and met all of his needs: physical and spiritual.

Let us remember to pray for Haiti, and particularly for the unfortunate 14 missionaries that remain in captivity, while their captors seek to become millionaires at their expense. Let's praise God for their Mission Agency which is praying for the kidnappers to experience God's Love in their souls. We praise God for the tremendous job that missionaries have done in Haiti over the last century or more. May they feel free to continue their service to the Lord in that great country.

Let's all be Thanks-givers and Christmas gift-givers to those in need this Christmas!

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

Serving the Lord in Haiti



The Haitian Center for Inclusive Education wishes everyone Christmas thoughts and prayers for your families and for our children with disabilities who attend our inclusive school.

This has been a difficult year for everyone there to say the least. Gang violence, government instability, kidnapping, sickness and lack of fuel and supplies for the school and the Notre Maison Orphanage where the majority of the children come from has not resulted in the school being shut down permanently. Lessons are still taking place and now more than ever we need what support and prayers you can send to us.

The mission of this school is undaunted and we continue to pray for the safety of the children and teachers at the HCIE in Port-au-Prince. Gertrude Bien Aime who founded this school and the Notre Maison Orphanage is a blessing from God for the more than 40 children with disabilities she has currently saved and raised. Below is a link on my collaboration with Gertrude.

<https://exceptionalchildren.org/100/stories/devito>

My name is Dr. Donald DeVito. I am an educator in Florida and the 2011 national Council for Exceptional Children teacher of the year (special education). This organization is celebrating their 100th anniversary and I was selected among 100 teachers to share a story. Mine is our collaboration between the Rawlings Elementary Center for Fine Arts and my involvement leading to the development of the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education.

If you are looking for a positive reflection and uplifting story on Haiti and the work being done there please see the link below. After this story I was introduced to Danny Thomas and the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education joined with Harvest International!



## Celebrating Jeanne Maryse as the 1st annual Haitian Center for Inclusive Education's student of the Year



Maryse was born one year before the devastating Earthquake in Port-au-Prince. Orphaned and born with physical disabilities, her future was bleak, but she was taken into Notre Maison, an inclusive children's home, by Gertrude Bien Amie at the age of four. When she arrived she could not walk due to the deformity of her feet, but Bien Amie made sure she had the surgery needed to repair her feet soon after her arrival.

Maryse was determined to not only learn to walk but to become the best dancer at the new inclusive school that she began to attend in 2017. Prior to that she was educated at the orphanage as children with disabilities rarely have the opportunity to attend school. Despite the challenges she has had to face at such a young age, Maryse continues to approach her life as if there were no barriers.



Maryse is an inspiration for all her classmates and teachers. She is vivacious and has a can-do attitude despite her physical and learning challenges. She speaks up in class proudly when called upon and shares her knowledge and spirit with visiting teachers. She absolutely is a leader for the other children in her academics and school activities celebrating her customs and celebrations. She sings and dances and approaches any activity in the school with a creative, skilled, and inclusive spirit. Even despite her ability to safely attend school during the past violence in Haiti, Maryse is determined that school and her peers succeed with joy in their hearts. She is an inspiration not only for all her peers at the orphanage but an example as well at her school that with the right support and guidance she can transcend her circumstances and continue to succeed in her endeavors.



After eight years at Notre Maison orphanage and having limited opportunities for adoption due to the environmental and political difficulties that plague Haiti, Maryse has grown and blossomed into a remarkable young woman and has become a leader and mentor. She has become a surrogate teacher and role model to the younger children both on an emotional and academic manner. She spends countless hours supporting Gertrude's mission in offering an inclusive education for all children and exemplifies the power of perseverance and the power of the human spirit. She is my hero.

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

## Serving the Lord in Uganda



A letter from Patrick...

I greet you in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, hope this mail will get you all well Dad and Mom. I sent you an email showing you what we are doing in the school, hope you got it Dad. We doing renovation on the school blocks.



This week started classes Dad at the University and next week we sit for our end of semester exam and without breaking we will start another semester to complete the first year.

Thank Dad for standing with us in evening ways. Our love and prayers to you Dad and Mom.

Future plans for the school.

We intend to do growing of crops like vegetables, bananas and keeping of animals like cattle, rabbits, pigs on the school land to enrich learners experience and improve their diet We also wish to start sport and music activities to develop their skills. These some activities that I had shared with you before and now request for your prayers for all these need funding but we have the land on which these can be done.

We already fenced off the school land and surveyed it all. With your help Dad, would wish tie with school like seven river and others so as to share experiences from across the globe.

Let me stop here for wishing you best of luck and God's blessings and waiting to hear from you soon.

In Christ love, son Patrick.

# *Dhan & Dolly Lalsee*

## Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe

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*“It is good to give thanks unto the Lord” (Psalm:92)*

In recent months, the nations of Canada, Grenada and the United States observed their respective days of thanksgiving. To fully appreciate why earlier generations saw it fit to mark those days as days of remembrance and thanksgiving, each of these nations must look back into their own history.

Here in Zimbabwe, the challenges nationally, within the body of Christ and families, abound. However, in the midst of it all, as we look back particularly over the last three months, we confess that there is very much to be thankful for. For instance:

- The joy of seeing and embracing our Zimbabwean missionary friend and enjoying fellowship with her at our home for the first time since her dramatic exit from Afghanistan by military aircraft earlier this year.
- The expressions of love shown to families within the Body who have had to cope with death, mysterious illnesses, and some unbelievable accidents - one young lady was tossed some 50 meters into the air, was laying seemingly lifeless on the road when she was picked up by a total stranger and taken to hospital. Several surgeries later, and with many battle scars, she is now able to walk without crutches and her memory is gradually being restored!
- The seemingly mundane things, like water, which has been flowing freely from our taps despite this unexpectedly prolonged dry season
- For sunshine which provides us with solar energy throughout our many, daily power cuts
- For you our family, friends, fellow-believers, prayer and financial partners whom our Father uses to meet our needs
- Above all for Jesus, our very Life, in whom and through Whom we have this precious relationship with our Heavenly Father.

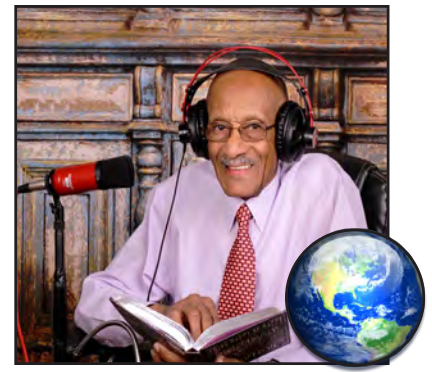
Last night we had some painful news of a local church here that is facing some serious challenges. This is a very caring congregation whom we have grown to love, and our hearts are sore. This morning, in the midst of our pain, the Lord laid a song upon our hearts: “You are Beautiful” by Jeremy Riddle, Bethel Music. Indeed, He is.

This Advent season, may Father grant to each of us, grace to look above our many challenges, dangers and woes; and passionately and more meaningfully than ever before, celebrate His precious Gift to us - Him whose beauty is truly beyond description!



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

The Shepherd 96.3 / 103.5 FM



TWENTY TWENTY ONE! SOUNDS LIKE I'M JUST LEARNING HOW TO COUNT, BUT THAT'S NOT IT. IT IS ACTUALLY THE YEAR THAT'S GOING, AND ALMOST GONE.

So, you might ask: "Where has it gone?"

I am actually delighted to answer that question. It's gone into the annals of history with a bang for me. By the time you read this, I will have spent just over 32,880 days on planet earth. That, in round number is just over 90 years.

In this, my 90th year (2021), I have been blessed by wonderful people like you and buoyed along by your prayers and financial support, enabling me to deliver over 312 radio talks and shared the Gospel with other audiences. If I had to end my report with just that, I'd consider myself blessed way beyond my deserve. But that's not even close to the end of what I'm grateful for in 2021. Just a note about the scope of the radio ministry: It is multiplied manifold by the fact that those 312 instances of preaching, are multiplied by reproduction on multiple radio stations, the Harvest International web site at: [www.harvestinternational.org](http://www.harvestinternational.org) and Elgin Carelock's Internet Radio at: <https://brickcitypodcasts.buzzsprout.com/>.

Our annual banquet, facilitated by College Road Baptist Church, was an outstanding event in every regard: The Pastors and staff of College Road, the volunteer chefs, the setup crew, the decorators, the musicians, the Guest Performer, Max Winfrey, the amazing guests and the support raised, including generous support from friends who were unable to attend but sent in their contributions. There's more, oh so much more.

A highlight of the banquet was the welcoming in of Dear Paul Hart as my successor on radio (a work in progress).

My gratitude to God and to you, my friends and partners in ministry, is unquantifiable.

I just can't end this report without sharing two big events: One to Atlanta in October for wedding of my son, Tim and one to NY for Thanksgiving/Birthday celebration at sister Pauline's home with Ruth and many family members. Great experiences.

What a privilege and delight to be a part of the amazing ministry of Harvest International. Thanks for your fellowship and help. Under difficult circumstances, the entire Harvest family has held together and delivered for God all over the world. Thanks again!



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



I'm FINALLY in India!!

I lost all communication until I received a UAE (United Arab Emirates) sim card for my Indian phone. We have had a half dozen meetings so far and all is very well. I am staying in a hotel in Abu Dhabi (very nice) and waiting for my friend from Alabama, Pastor Glenn Weber, to join us.

I am ministering with Pastor Sharath (from India) and his brother who has a Church here. There is a large group of Indian people here In Abu Dhabi, no lack of ministry here!

We went to Dubai the day before yesterday (where we landed originally in UAE) a three hour drive from Abu Dhabi and had two meetings. One of the meetings was on a huge wooden boat with about 300 or so Indians on board.

There are so many buildings here over 100 stories high, as well as the tallest building in the world, 163 stories high, located in Dubai. I sometimes get dizzy just looking around as we travel around the city.

A letter from Sharath...

Greetings from India,

Thank God that the situation in India almost normal. Praise God for His graciousness and faithfulness during this pandemic time. I believe that everything is well with you and your dear family. For the last two years we didn't have any big gatherings.

Thank God that we had a big gathering for our women's conference at our Peniel church on 12 and 13 of this month. This is rainy season for us. On the first day of the conference, it was raining and I thought that not many people come. To my surprise, even though it is raining hundreds of people attended. I realized that people have hunger for the Word. Second day the Lord provided good weather. There is rain in the surrounding areas, but not in our area. Praise God.

Please pray that I am travelling to UAE for ministry on 27 of November.

I am conducting monthly one-day seminar for pastors in different mandala. Mandal is like county consists several villages. We have seven mandala in coastal area. Until now, we had two mandala. Tomorrow will be third. My intention is the minds of the ministers are transferred through the teaching of the Word.

Blessings  
Sharath



# Camp Mahanaim with The Wray Family Rod, Debbie & Katie

## Serving the Lord in Haiti



As we near the end of the year 2021, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and also share with you our biggest thanks.

More than 18 years ago, we left home in Canada and moved to Haiti, believing that God was calling us to serve Him and the Haitian people. These past 18 years have been amazing and we thank God for giving us the privilege of living and serving in Haiti.

Ever since our arrival in 2003, convinced of God's call, we were willing to serve in Haiti for as long as God would allow us. In 2009 when God gave us the Camp Mahanaim project to develop, He also gave us the verse of Revelation 3: 8 " See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it." Over the years, we held on to that verse, even through the many difficult times, such as being arrested and put in prison, having rocks thrown at us, hurricanes and floods, being surrounded by angry mobs, having tires slashed on our vehicle, a kidnapping attempt, thieves breaking in, and many more challenges. On August 14th of this year, we knew without a doubt that God had closed the door Himself and it was time for us to leave Haiti.

THANK YOU !!! For faithfully being our partners in ministry - For encouraging us through regular communication, visits and prayers - For sending peanut butter, manna packs, hand sewn clothing and many other ministry supplies - For giving faithfully to ensure the function of the camp and Sunday school - For sending sea containers, building supplies, tools and equipment - For coming on teams so that together we could do medical clinics, weddings, childrens' camps and building projects - For picking us up and helping us stand after hurricane Matthew - For your kindness and support to us personally after the August 14th earthquake. THANK YOU !!!

*This is an article written by the Catholic priest Jan Hoet who lives in Port au Prince. He is the founder and president of the Banzai volleyball club.*

*Sad traces of the earthquake of August 14, 2021. Last week, I received images of the damage caused by the August 14 earthquake at the Mahanaim training center at the Baptist Church. This center is located in a large and beautiful domain on the coast at Torbeck, 20 km south of the town of Les Cayes (see photos). This training center was built by a Canadian couple, Rod and Debbie Wray, who lived there with their daughter Katie since 2009. Everything has been planned for hosting groups for several days, for training sessions, cultural events, alternative relaxation, for sports activities and sports camps. They had built a nice gymnasium there a few years ago. They have invested especially in volleyball. Their women's team "The Angels" could compete against the best teams in Haiti. We had the opportunity on several occasions to take advantage of their hospitality with young people from Banzai to participate in a volleyball tournament (1914 & 1916) and once for a successful volleyball camp (in 2017).*

*The damage recorded at the center is considerable, most of the buildings were completely destroyed. The gymnasium is still standing, but recovery there will also be very difficult. I learn that the Wray family has returned to Canada. Banzai feels seriously affected by this hard blow that struck this beautiful project and the Wray family. The tremendous work accomplished for more than twelve years by the Wray family in the service of the population and especially the young people of the whole region of Les Cayes, bears our great admiration. We remain grateful for the hospitality we experienced there and hope that the means will be found to rebuild this valuable project.*

We hope that you have a moment to view this video that Katie made. It is a video of many good memories and the song is by Don Moen and is called; "Thank you for praying for me" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgqi7cDF77U>.

Katie is registered to attend Capernwray bible school in Spain for three months beginning mid January. Thank you for your continued prayers. We are enjoying our time on furlough with family and friends, and are continuing to seek God's will for His future plans for us. We hope that you will keep in touch, We have appreciated your friendship, partnership and prayers so much.





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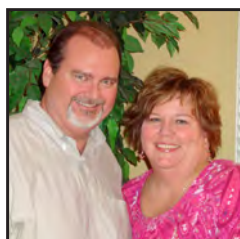
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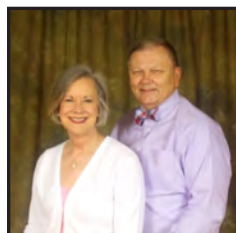
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