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You Are the Light of the World!

As you may have heard in the news, the situation is deteriorating in Haiti. In the past two months roadblocks and violent protests spreading throughout the country have made access to food, clean water, and health extremely difficult. Many schools, especially in the larger towns and cities, have not yet had one day of classes this school year. It is difficult for the hospitals to keep providing care to the needy.

As Christians we may not feel that we are changing things much, especially in cases of turmoil and war. And yet, amid darkness God has allowed us, during these two months, to continue our mission to the poorest with 15 water wells drilled, 56 pumps maintained, and 500 students in class every day at Divine Help School.



Most of the time we do not see ourselves as God sees us, even when God Himself tells us in Matthew 5:14 what we are for the world: *the light*. By this word, Jesus judges us worthy to represent Him.

Light is defined as this extraordinary phenomenon that illuminates the world and makes it visible; it is a source of life and security. Indeed, as God's beloved children, we have received the light that makes us capable of great and beautiful things for those around us, for our family, and even for people living far away.

Dear friends, rest assured that each contribution toward Water For Life projects leads to Christ all the people who belong to Him. Obstacles and difficulties are opportunities to shine so others can see. We believe that someday Haiti will be different—a country at peace under the gracious love of God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us shine!

— Share Your Prayer Requests —

Please share your prayer requests with us. We would be honored to join our hearts with yours before God's throne!

Heroes Despite Yourselves

Would it be right not to believe in God when man, made in His image, is capable of so much compassion?

We don't know you personally, prayer partners and supporters of Water for Life, but we want to say thank you. Perhaps without even knowing it, you have done the almost-impossible by the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Teachers in elementary and middle school.

We (teachers and workers in Pasbwadòm school), whose soul is so tormented by misery and social injustice, no longer believed in the future. In fact, daily life in Haiti is sadly made of a succession of environmental misfortunes (hurricane, drought) and political unrest that deprives us of food and stability. How many times have we wanted to give up, as many have already done (evidenced by the mass exodus of Haitians to other countries).



Preschool and Kinder teachers and aides.

But thanks to the Light in YOU, our flame has lit up to watch lovingly over more than 500 children who are experiencing a blessed school year. Your support and prayers have revived hope in us.



Everyone's favorite—our cooks!



Administration and office staff.

Being part of this adventure gives us the opportunity to partner with many who want to save a life. Indeed, your contributions toward Water For Life's drinking water, health care, and education projects have changed thousands of people's lives in Haiti.

Binding with you in Jesus, we, as drillers, teachers, doctors and collaborators, are messengers of the Word that gives hope and life. Your values have taught us what it really is to be a human.

On behalf of 850,000 people who now have access to clean water, 20,000 who have benefited from quality health care and 549 students who have the joy of going to school, we thank you for your faith in the Love of Jesus Christ

We just needed so much to say THANK YOU!

We hope these words can, to a small degree, show you the effect you have made on our lives. To all of you "heroes despite yourselves" we wish you a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



WFL staff in Les Cayes

— October 2019 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 13

Hand Pumps Installed: 2

People Served: approximately 700

Hand Pumps Repaired: 28

People Served: approximately 8,400

WFL School Meals Served: approximately 6,587

From the President's Desk

Greetings in Jesus' Name to all our faithful friends! What a wonderful time of the year this is, when we celebrate God's gift of His Son to us, Who was born in a stable and slept in a manger, a place for animals to feed; and then to live and walk on this earth as a human and experience all the trouble, trials, temptations, and sorrows that we face in order to set us free from sin, from fear, forever!! That is the Good News He came to give!

A song came into my mind, as often happens; this one is about the goodness of God. As I listen to the words, my heart overflows with joy and gladness! As I think of the goodness of God over this last year, over my life, over Water For Life, it just makes me cry to think of how good He is!!! "All my life You have been faithful, and all my life You have been so, so good," the song goes on to say, "With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God!" You might want to listen to it sometime.

As we look back over the last year we all have many stories we could tell, many trials and difficulties we could talk about. But as we think about it, we can see God's hand and how He writes our story, each one a little different from any other. So we ought not compare ourselves in the sense that we think our life is harder than any other, but rather look to Jesus and know He will carry us through. Remember in John 21 when Jesus tells Peter to "Follow me"? Peter, seeing John, says, "Lord, what about him?" And Jesus basically said, "Don't be looking at him; you follow Me." That is why it's important that each of us be looking to Christ and not others to get our direction for life.

God has been using you all to be such a huge blessing to so many Haitian people. And God has blessed us with a wonderful team here in Haiti, whether to bring good clean water to many families and communities, to educate children in the village of Pasbwadòm, to bring medical care to needy villages, and to bring Christ to anyone with whom we come in contact! They all say a big THANK YOU. And we want to pass that on to you! Without you we would not be able to serve people or share God's love with them. Thank you too for your prayers. And let us pray that together we can be a blessing to many more in the coming year.

As you know, we have now bought a new well rig! We are very excited to think of how many more families will be able to have access to good clean water! So with three rigs in action, we will see how the Lord provides the materials we need to get the job done. When I am tempted to doubt I am reminded to look back over the past 36 years and see how He has always provided, and I am sure He will keep doing so. As I have said many times before, God is our CEO so we look to Him and move forward. Thank you again, and may God bless you all, my friends.

~Leon

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