



# Where There is Water There is Life Water for a Dry and Thirsty Land

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### Unshakable Faith in Christ



Ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters: please be attentive to what you will discover through the next lines you are about to read, for the story we are telling in this article is *not* a fairy tale even if it looks like it, but rather a pure and simple reality...

In a faraway village called Bricol, in the south of Haiti, children, to whom the water chores were assigned, had two choices: either to walk several kilometers while braving the dangers of walking right next to the national highway to get to the closest water well, or to climb rocky trails to an unprotected spring and fetch contaminated water.

These children's difficult living conditions have aroused the compassion of many, and thanks to the generosity of noble hearts, several boreholes have been drilled in search of that precious fluid we call water. Unfortunately, despite the efforts and determination of all, the first several attempts in that area were unsuccessful.

Could it be a curse? No, of course not! For, according to skilled technicians, the nature of Bricol's underground rock formations would be incompatible with the existence of a productive aquifer. Which reduces to zero the chances of finding drinking water for the villagers.

And yet, beyond scientific facts, against all odds, and thanks to a final drill test, the children of Bricol, in their quest for water, will no longer have to risk their lives on national roads or tap a contaminated spring. Because we found water!

Perseverance in Faith has granted hundreds of people free access to clean water. Glory to God!!! We have been witnesses and participants, and we can say with confidence that Unshakable Faith in Christ will always make children of God live happily ever after *regardless* of their living conditions.

### Her Name is Dieula — “God is Here”



Dieula and her seven children live in deep poverty. Their unsanitary conditions far exceed what you may venture to imagine. They are all housed in an old shack. The low income that Dieula earns from the hot and dirty work of making and selling charcoal cannot bring enough money to satisfy all the needs of her whole family.

Life has been hard on poor Dieula, but as her name states: “*God is here*,” and she truly believes that God is and will always be here for her. Indeed, for the past few years, miraculously the family has been able to survive. Among six children who are of school age, two of them will return to school this year and Dieula is grateful for her children to have the chance to continue their academic learning. Especially for Holandala (in the photo), seven years old, who is fortunate enough to be enrolled in the sponsorship program at our school *and* to receive free school books this year!

Dieula is one of numerous parents in this condition. It is why we continue to look for more sponsors that help to lighten the load for parents. They all hope that their children will be able to have an easier life than what they have. But that does not happen without education. Over 300 children at Divine Help School still need your compassion to meet their school needs by becoming a sponsor. We ask you to help them experience God's truth and this promise: “*The Lord himself*



goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” Deut. 31:8 (NIV)

To those of you who have already responded and are sponsoring children, Thank you so very much!! You truly are such a blessing to these students!!



“Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.”

Unoperated cataracts and glaucoma are the main causes of visual impairment in Haiti. Cataracts certainly do not improve the already miserable conditions in which much of the population must live.

In the normal eye where there is no cataract, the lens is transparent and allows the image to focus on the retina, a visual area lining the posterior wall of the eye that captures the visual information and transmits it to the brain. When the lens becomes opaque, as in a cataract, the light cannot pass through and the vision is blurred.

Before irreversible retinal damage occurs, those who suffer from a cataract but receive surgery in a timely manner have a very strong possibility of recovering their sight. Unfortunately, with less than one ophthalmologist for every 10,000 inhabitants, the poor people living in remote areas of Haiti do not have access to eye care.

Thanks to your support toward WFL’s cataract screening and surgery campaign, this year 2,268 people have been screened, 89 diagnosed with cataracts and 16 benefited from surgery to remove their cataract.

There are still many poorly sighted individuals sitting at the portals of distant places waiting for the passage of the one who can restore their sight. And by faith they will finally hear: “Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.” Luke 18:42

In the past four years several generous donors have donated funds particularly for these cataract surgeries. We praise God



for His provision through some of you!! To date, in those four years, there have been 59 surgeries done to give back sight to the blind. At this point we still have funds to do three more surgeries. Would you consider donating to this worthy cause?

### From the President’s Desk

Dear friends!! You all have been such an encouragement to us! We can see it by the contributions, and so many of you have told us you are praying for us and for Water For Life. I can’t tell you enough how important your prayers are. When you pray God touches hearts to give, and He protects us and the equipment and is in control. I love the verse in Deuteronomy 31:8—“*The Lord Himself goes before you and He will be with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged.*” (NIV) Joy and I found this to be so true this month when each of us needed to have a tooth pulled, which we decided to do in Port au Prince. We made the trip in on a Sunday, as that day tends to be calmer on the roads, and we made it in just fine. Haiti has been in a turbulent period of time, so we did not take that for granted. However, when we got out on the street the next morning we needed to turn back due to burning tires and rocks being thrown at passing vehicles. Not knowing what else to do, we came back to the house. At 3 pm the dentist called and said he’d been able to make it to his office and thought we’d be able to also. So we tentatively started out. The fires were now out although rocks still sat nearby, with no one standing around. We got the teeth pulled, then decided we’d get our groceries right away. That done, we suddenly felt the Lord tell us to return to Cayes that evening yet. Little traffic was on the street; everyone, it seemed, thought it best to stay at home. After praying, we felt God’s peace reigning and took off. We made it home without any problems whatsoever. The next morning we heard most roads were again blocked, and it would have been impossible to make it home. Again we thanked the Lord for His provision for us.

The Lord keeps teaching me that I can trust Him, both in my everyday adventures and in His provision for Water For Life. As that verse says, “*the Lord Himself goes before you.*” Why should I ever doubt?! The Lord is so patient, so kind, so long-suffering. So I want to remember—as the Lord is to me so I should be to others. As you are! The Lord gives to you and you pass it on. Thank you again for your support and your prayers.

Please let us know if there is something we can pray about with you. Our love in Christ to you all,

~Leon

### — August 2019 Statistics —

- Wells Drilled: 18
- Hand Pumps Installed: 14
- People Served: approximately 4,900
- Hand Pumps Repaired: 50
- People Served: approximately 17,500

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