



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

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Thirst quest of Sipion villagers

The arrival of this water well in the village of Sipion, Port Salut is a perfect miracle! With more than 250 families, this village is hidden between high mountains and people had to walk over two kilometers over rocky mountain paths to reach the closest water source. In addition to the difficult access, the geological formation of the subsoil was full of rocky caves which threatened the progression of the drilling, which would thus condemn the inhabitants of Sipion to continue not to have access to potable water. What a relief it was when, in a second attempt, God answered the prayers of the people who came in crowds to attend the event: by the grace of God water gushed out and since then, Sipion's population can enjoy free access to drinking water without having to travel far. All the children of the village, such as Ti Marc (pictured here) will be able to drink good water as much as they want, without fear of getting sick.



Because of your generosity the long hours of water quest are over. Women and children will now be able to apply this precious time to caring for themselves: some will be able to go back to school and some will be able to start spending their energies to build up their small businesses.

Dear donors, your contribution brings so many miracles in our people's lives. Thank you!!



Screening women to save lives

Each year 1,500 Haitian women die from cervical cancer. Doctors say the death is excruciating. Untreated cervical cancer grows by invading the surrounding tissues, obstructs the urinary tract and causes irregular bleeding, anemia and immense pain. This will soon be Melise's nightmare. 56 years old, married, mother of 9 children, she was diagnosed at a recent mobile clinic we held with cervical cancer, stage 4, with no cure or treatment in sight.

Like most Haitian women, Melise grew up experiencing the myriad consequences of deep poverty. Without any form of education, she had no idea of the risks she was incurring. Raped when she was 10 and pregnant at 17, she accumulated 3 risk factors for this lethal cancer: early sexual activity, bearing multiple children, and having multiple sexual partners, as her first companion fathered 4 of her children and then passed away.

Understandably, she was depressed upon hearing the news that it was too late for treatment for her, since her cancer was already at stage 4. "Only God knows what will become of me; I never knew about getting screened for cancer, how it could have saved my life.... and now that I have the opportunity to be screened... it's too late," She whispered.

The good news today is that cervical cancer is preventable by screening asymptomatic women for

precancerous cervical lesions and treating the lesions before they progress to invasive disease.



However, knowing that the majority of women, especially those living in rural areas, have no access to preventive health care, the majority of cancer cases will be diagnosed in late stage. Women often have to travel long distances for health care which can add greatly to health-care costs. For this reason, they don't go to doctors ordinarily unless they feel sick. They don't know much about disease so they can't recognize symptoms or realize it's caused by the sexually-transmitted human papillomavirus (HPV).

Thanks to your support for the Mobile Clinic Program, at this time 227 women have been screened and 57 of them have benefited from treatment appropriate to their condition.

Unless God chooses to do a miracle, it's probably too late for Melise, but we encourage you to continue to support these cervical cancer prevention campaigns in order to save hundreds of other women, not only from premature death, but also from months of excruciating pain, in addition to the huge loss to a family of a mother.

We praise the Lord for all of you donors for your unconditional love and compassion toward the needy and your financial generosity that allows us to teach, screen, and heal the needy people of Haiti.

From the president's desk

Greetings to you, our wonderful friends! Isn't this year rolling by so very quickly? Half way over already! There are joys and then there are challenges too! I want to remind myself and each of us of what Jesus came to do for us. His death, burial, and resurrection if we believe/ put our trust in His substitutionary death on the Cross in our place, thus receiving the free gift of Eternal Life.

I keep praying and asking the Lord to show us at Water For Life how He wants us to demonstrate and share His love with others. Certainly one way is by giving fresh clean water to thousands of people. We pray that as they drink clean water they will come to understand that Jesus is the Living Water Who can give Eternal Life! That same love He has shown us is what we want to share with others. So let's keep

our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith!

Joy and I spent some time in the US In the month of May. One event we attended was the Indiana golf benefit for WFL in Middlebury, IN. Enough funds were raised that 4 wells can be drilled!!! How exciting to know that around 1,400 people will soon have the chance to have clean water close to their homes!! So happy about that! Till you receive this newsletter, the Iowa golf benefit will also be history! We are so grateful for those who so willingly have volunteered to host these events!!



We will also be in the US this summer—Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Nebraska, Kansas. Although pretty much all our Sundays are already planned, if you would give us a call we could arrange to visit you and give you a more personal update of the exciting things that are happening here in Haiti, along with more pictures that you can see in a newsletter.

May God bless you, each and every one! ~ *Leon*

If you have a prayer request please write us at – wflhaiti@yahoo.com we would love to pray with you!

May Statistics

Wells drilled: 14

Pumps installed: 6

Pop. served: 2,100

Hand pumps repaired: 31

Pop. Served: 10,850

Mobile clinic people served: 654

Hurricane relief update: As you might remember, we are constructing some houses for families who lost theirs in the hurricane last fall. Each one is a little over 500 sq. ft. So far, we have completed 8 houses totally, and 7 are semi-complete, waiting for roofing materials (on a container, waiting to be released from customs). Starting 3 new ones today!" Numerous wells have been drilled in these areas too! Praise God for the funds available to do all of this!