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Love me, teach me for God's glory!



Education quality depends a lot on good materials made available to children, such as school furniture, supplies, textbooks, etc. These measures contribute to raising the quality of teaching, but also to creating favorable conditions for learning and socialization.

In many developing countries such as Haiti, difficult socio-economic conditions have a strong influence on the school environment. Many if not most children attend non-regulatory institutions, with lack of roofing, walls, and even school benches. However, thanks to your prayers and support, for over 30 years, many many children in Pasbwadòm have had access to an adequate school environment, enabling them to succeed in their studies.

As you may see in the picture, our kindergarteners are placed in a clean, airy and pleasant environment where they have access to paint, colored pencils, chalk, building blocks, brushes, notebooks and so on. For the majority in the village, school is the only place where they can access modern educational tools such as computer, calculators, and such.

The support you provide to this community through your contributions to Divine Help School is of inestimable value as it is the true expression of God's love to the poor.

Love them, teach them so they can in turn love and teach a whole community for God's glory!

Water for health's sake

What a relief to witness so much rejoicing at Makolin, Torbeck, South Haiti! We almost forgot how it was for this poor community before the well was drilled.

Their everyday life was to wake up before dawn and trek several kilometers to draw water,

whether contaminated or not. In this small village, children do not differentiate between potable and contaminated water. Innocently they drank water from unprotected sources and often became sick.

To teach people simple hygiene concepts when more than half of the population do not even have access to clean water is not easy. Eighty per-cent of deaths worldwide that occur each year from waterborne diseases are the deaths of children.



Thanks to your generosity, both children and adults of Makolin have access to a source of clean water! They will be able to practice basic hygiene principles such as properly washing hands and bodies so they will grow healthy and be prepared to work on a better future.

"I am more confident and feel happier, thank you..."

Fabrice, 8 years old, is a first grader making his first steps in reading. Unfortunately, he was showing minimal progress despite his teacher's support. Finally, he was labelled as "slow learner" in his class and set aside. Yet, the little boy wanted to learn with all his heart, but despite all his efforts he could not see what the teacher wrote on the blackboard.

"I cannot read, Mama, and my eyes hurt when I look at the blackboard," said Fabrice to his mom. Lisa knew that her son needed a solution

to the reading problems before he fell too far behind. Fabrice's vision issue was starting to have a negative effect on all his subjects at school. "He is a very bright boy with an inquiring mind who works very hard, so it is very hard to see him struggle so much," Lisa told us.

She was ready for anything to help her son and wanted to take him to see a specialist who could fix his eye problem. Unfortunately, in the remote village of Dory, there is no health care center. The nearest hospital is one hour away by car. Transportation costs to a large city and medical eye care became far too much for the family to afford.

The situation seemed desperate but thanks to your donations, Fabrice was able to have access to an ophthalmologist who diagnosed myopia (near sightedness) and he benefited the necessary glasses. Lisa is very grateful for your contribution to her son's future success in school and in life. Because of your generous heart, a little child has regained confidence and rejoicing in learning. A child needs many abilities to succeed in school. Good vision is a key to academic excellence.



You can help other young children, men and women have access to an eye specialist by sponsoring the WFL Mobile Clinic Program.

From the president's desk

Greetings to all our wonderful friends!

This is the month we especially think of and remember our fathers, and I was thinking about my dad, Willis, and how God called him to work in Haiti. It is truly amazing how God took him, a farmer and water well-driller in Iowa, and used him for His honor and glory in Haiti. I don't think Dad was planning on Water For Life being able to help so many people in receiving good water! He told me

he thought they'd drill a few wells, but God kept on providing funds and people so the work could continue. God is still providing funds and people! So we can see it's not about us! It's about Jesus, Who provides and supplies for the needs, through you! Thank you so much; thank you for listening to the Lord!



A trip down memory lane! Willis and Leon in the early days!

I was thinking today about our Heavenly Father and how Jesus the Son was willing to come to Earth to die and to save us from our sins; how Jesus listened to His Father and only said and did what the Father told him to do. What a good example for us—that we would listen so well to the Father that we say and do only what the Father tells us! ~ Leon

PS—If you take a look at our April Statistics you may ask yourself, "What were these guys doing, drilling only 2 wells in a month's time?" The answer to that question lies between lots of rain, time off to make repairs to a drill rig, and numerous dry holes despite a lot of hard work. Keep our drill teams in your prayers!~ *Leon*

Our matching funds challenge is complete!! We hit our goal!! THANK YOU so much to each of you who helped! If anyone still wants to help donate towards hurricane relief you can designate your checks accordingly.

Attention Iowa golfers!!!

Our Iowa golf benefit will be held June 30, starting at 10 AM at the Pleasant Valley Golf Course. Please check our web site for full details! www.wflhaiti.org

April statistics

Wells drilled: 2

Hand pumps installed: 7

People served-- approximately 2,450

Hand pumps repaired: 23

People served-- approximately 8,050

Mobile clinic patients: 521