



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

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From the presidents desk—

Greetings in Jesus' Name! What a blessing to take time to think of our mothers and the sacrifices they made for us, laying down what they wanted to do to care for us, and all the details of what care for a child entails! I think of mothers here in Haiti, of how hard their work is to make sure there is food and water for their family's use, and clean clothes for them to wear; seeing most times it is they and their children who carry these heavy loads of water, sometimes for a long distance, back home for their needs. These mothers seem to be the very busiest people around!! But we thank God for your help in making life easier for many moms by providing them with good water, closer to home. They are the ones who truly appreciate it so much!

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ- to the glory and praise of God." Phil. 1: 9-11 (NIV) May God empower you with His love!

~Leon

Ruth Prayed, God Answered!



Renette, foreground, with her two year old son and young daughter. Ruth is in the back with her baby.

Mothers in Berette, Cavaillon, before their new well was drilled and pump installed, used to worry because their children had to drink water from an unprotected water source.

No need to recall the harmful effects of contaminated water on those whose immune system is too weak to cope with recurrent diarrhea leading to death in one in five children.

Renette herself, one of these mothers, experienced chronic back pain from carrying 25 lb. water containers every morning on long trips back home.

Ruth, 22, had a bitter experience and shared with us her anguish and fear when her baby got seriously sick from diarrhea. She spent long nights at a hospital, fearing every moment she'd lose her baby. All of her family's income went in to paying for medicine. By the grace of God the child overcame the disease and was sent home.

The healing of her son was not the only prayer that God answered. Indeed, the Lord provided a way, through generous hearts who helped build a well in her village and brought peace and joy into many other mother's heart.

Today the new well is pumping fresh, clean water that will keep the children free from deadly waterborne diseases.

Ruth's baby is full of life and giggling. Renette is smiling at her young son playing at the water pump, her worries having been turned to peace.

God is using us for good deeds to show the world how strong His love for us is. He is providing us with the opportunity to give freely what we received from Him, unconditional love, compassion, mercy....

by helping these mothers in the trials they face in their everyday life.

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35 (NIV)

This Mother's Day honor the mothers in your life and remember those in need of the life-changing gift of safe water.

A New Dawn!

And as Jesus passed by from thence, two blind men followed him, crying out, and saying, Have mercy on us thou Son of David! Matthew 9:27



These four ladies, Marguilièse, Lise, Zeline, and Dieurèse have benefited from surgical treatment of their cataracts.

Before the intervention they talked about how their lives were affected by the disease. Blindness is particularly devastating in a poor country like Haiti. It has a profound impact on the quality of life, for it takes a person out of the workforce, leading to decreased income and deeper impoverishment for the whole family. For the destitute, blindness is many times like a death sentence.

These ladies, because of cataracts, experienced loss of social standing and decision making. In addition, they could never have afforded such surgery. Today, thanks to your continued prayers and financial contributions, they can see! Like Zeline says-- It is like being born again! Joy overflowed from their hearts and praises went to God for the compassionate hearts who sponsored their surgery. *"We don't know our benefactors but God knows their names and we will pray for their wellbeing; a*

thank you could never express the gratitude we feel for them, as they saved us from a hopeless life".

The waiting list for cataract surgery is still very long. For all of them it is a race against time because cataracts, if not treated in time, may lead to irreversible lesions of the retina leading to life in darkness because surgery would no longer be an option.



You may contribute to restore sight and hope for many by sending your donation to our US office. We extend our sincere and hearty thanks to those of you who have contributed already!!

~Blessings to you!

The Water for Life Team

Please be in prayer with us:

For wisdom and patience to comply with the Haitian government regulations.

For safety in travelling when facing roadblocks and other difficulties.

We would be happy to pray for your needs also! You can send your requests to wflhaiti@yahoo.com

March Statistics

Wells drilled: 19

People served—6,650

Hand pumps installed--15

Pumps repaired—38

People served—13,300

Mobile clinic-574 people served