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A New Well to Comfort a Mother's Sorrow



Mertulia is 42 years; she has birthed 13 children. Her life has been one of much struggle and many sorrows. She lives in the village of Labiche on the southern coast of Haiti which was badly struck by Hurricane Matthew in October 2016.

Mertulia's little clay house stood no chance against the raging winds of the hurricane; it collapsed on the family. And, in the midst of running for safety her frail 4-year-old daughter Fadelande was ripped from her older sister's arms by the wind, never to be found again despite Mertulia's desperate searches in the rubble.

No family in that zone was spared; they lost everything, even their only source of drinking water in the village. The well that had been recently drilled by Water for Life was ripped out by rushing water in a nearby ravine that was greatly enlarged by the hurricane rains, leaving the survivors at the mercy of contaminated water sources. As a result waterborne diseases came to increase the death toll. Especially for Mertulia, whose 11-year-old daughter became ill, the hospital being at a distance and the roads still very difficult to access. Help didn't come for little Darlene who died from cholera. The poor mother could not even be at the bedside of her dying daughter because at this time she herself was bedridden with cholera.

There is nothing we can do to bring Mertulia's daughters back to life, but we can prevent other children from dying from contaminated water by supporting the drilling of potable water wells in remote villages of Haiti.

Today, thanks to a golf benefit held in support of Water For Life earlier this year, Mertulia will no longer have to worry about her children getting sick from contaminated waters. Praise to our Lord Jesus

Christ! Another well has replaced the destroyed one! And the people have access to clean water that preserves life and brings hope.

I can read the Bible!

Marthe, 41 years old, from Camp Perrin, South Haiti, is extremely happy today. She had a long wait but it was worth it...

She is a devoted Christian, very involved in her church activities. Recently it became difficult for the poor lady to read her Bible, and that saddened her so much as she takes great comfort and joy in reading the Lord's Word.

Unfortunately she didn't have the means to go to an eye doctor. So she relied upon her radio, her pastor, and brothers and sisters who could read to her daily a Bible passage. But she didn't want to become a burden to her people.

When our Mobile Clinic came to her village, Marthe finally benefited from the glasses she desperately needed. Upon trying the lenses she insisted on reading a Bible passage and with amazement she said, "Finally, I can see!!! Thank you, Jesus!"



Because of YOU, many like Marthe can benefit from a medical consultation, a pair of glasses, and even surgical treatments to preserve their sight ... Thus, *the blind see, the lame walk and the good news is announced to the poor.*

Thank you, donors!

Bulldozer for Wells Update!

Do you remember the model bulldozer being donated to raise money for wells? **Please don't forget- the deadline to receive funds for this is November 14th.** We are really excited about what God can do with your generous gifts for this project! Just earmark your donation- Bulldozer for Wells.

Hungry and Thirsty for Education



Maxon is ten years old but still in second grade. Indeed the poor boy does not have the opportunity to attend school on a regular basis. His single father being a woodcutter cannot afford school expenses for five children at once. So the siblings have to take their turn and each of them goes to school every other year! This time it is Maxon's turn, and he is very excited to return to the classroom! Not to escape the many house chores but rather to be able to get a little closer to his dream of becoming a doctor. It was already 4 weeks since school started and the young boy still did not yet have the necessary school supplies and textbooks. Until then he must remain after class to copy lessons and homework. Maxon's life is not easy, yet he is happy to live it and has much hope for his future... Oops! Already 4 o'clock! Maxon has not finished copying everything, but he has to go home! On the way, he remembers his brothers and sisters who must miss school so that he can go. At this very moment, he prays that the Lord Jesus, in whom he believes, will allow him to continue school next year. Maxon and many others in the village won't make it through if they don't find a sponsor to help their parents with school expenses. Unfortunately, the money the people of Paswadòm earn is used primarily to satisfy their primary needs such as food and clothing. Maxon wants to become a doctor so that he can help the people in his village as a doctor helped him when he became severely ill. Let us then give him the opportunity to realize his dream for the wellbeing of many in need. Thanks for your generous heart!

From the president's desk

Greetings to you, our wonderful friends! This is the time of year we want to especially express thankfulness to our God for all His blessings to us!

Being children of the King we are thankful all the time—aren't we?—for the gift of eternal life He has freely given us who believe in His Son, and for the peace and joy that are ours in abundance!

It's nice also to get together with family and friends we might not get to see all the time to celebrate Thanksgiving together! What a wonderful tradition it is—to set aside time to especially give thanks to God, not just for stuff, but for relationships He's brought into our lives, for the fact we are here on this earth, for His love made manifest in us and others! And in our thankfulness we need to ask God how best to express it—is it in words only, or are there actions we can take to better show our gratefulness?

I certainly want to thank each of YOU for the encouragement you have been to us, in your friendship, in your prayers, and in the words you've shared with us. Thank you so much!

Just keep praying for the team here, that we may always be sensitive to the Holy Spirit in helping the poor and whomever He puts in our path!

I was reading from Mark 5: 25 -34, about the woman who had been subject to bleeding for 12 years, and how finally she thought, "If I could just touch the hem of his clothes I will be healed," and she was! You have to read the whole story; it is so beautiful! She went and found Jesus, she touched his clothes (likely, considering she was "unclean" she did not feel she could touch Him) and He healed her! Jesus told her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has healed you. Go in peace, and be freed from your suffering." What a tender, merciful heart Jesus showed! And what a great day of thanksgiving for her! I am sure she never forgot the day she met Jesus!

It is also important for each of us to meet Jesus and get to know Him personally, spending time with Him, thanking Him most of all for Eternal Life. Let's let Jesus touch us; and let us be thankful. ~Leon

September Statistics

Wells drilled : 7

Hand pumps installed:3

People served: approximately 1,050

Pumps repaired:29

People served: approximately 10,150

Mobile clinic (cervical cancer treatment) : 21