



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

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## NEWSLETTER

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### *From the president's desk*

Greetings to all our wonderful friends! "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Cor. 9:8 (NIV) Joy and I are so blessed to have an opportunity to visit different churches and meet many of you people who have been so generous and also encouraging! Your generosity has made a big difference in the lives of many Haitian people. We are so blessed to have wonderful co-workers who are giving of themselves with love to the people. We remain ever so grateful for each of them! It is always so amazing to see how God provides the people and the funds to keep on getting water for communities in Haiti. Many villages continue to come and ask, "Please, can't you come to our village and find water for us?" The need seems never-ending!

You yourselves may not be able to hear the Haitian people tell you Thank you here in this life. But I am sure that when you get to Heaven you will meet your brothers and sisters in the Lord from there and hear it directly from them!!

Now we have another exciting opportunity to tell you about! As you read the next article, you will hear an amazing story of God touching someone's heart to be His vessel of blessing to others! This family wishes to remain anonymous, so we will honor that. So be blessed as you read! ~Leon

### *Bulldozer for Wells!*

As a fifteen-year-old young man, James Miller utilized his gifts and talents to construct this wooden truck, trailer and bulldozer, and donated it to a Haiti Benefit Auction. At 4 ft. in length, the model is constructed from oak, walnut, and cherry wood. The workmanship is precise and beautifully detailed. Could he have imagined that 21 years later he would see it again and be made aware that it will continue to bless the work of Water for Life in a mighty way?

A young family who has traveled to Haiti numerous times purchased this toy in 1996



at a Haiti Benefit Auction. They have seen firsthand the significance of clean water in Haiti. Most important is better health for the people, but water also provides increased and healthier livestock, vegetable gardens, and even better housing.

Recently God has placed a vision and urging on their hearts to donate this toy to Water for Life to again generate funds to drill more wells in Haiti. With the generous support of several individuals, they have raised \$30,000 to be used as matching funds.

Water for Life would like to invite you, our faithful supporters, to also donate \$30,000 towards drilling wells. Then these matching funds will turn your donations into \$60,000. Each contribution, large or small, will allow your name to be put into a box. On November 15 one name will be drawn out and that person will receive the truck and bulldozer to enjoy!

The family who had first purchased this model dozer set searched for and reached out to find James. He was delighted to hear of this offering. The concept that 12 new wells which would serve over 4,000 people, changing their lives on a daily basis, is exciting! We are asking you to celebrate and honor the love and compassion of a 15-year-old whose time and generosity will continue to bless the work of ministering to our friends in Haiti for many years to come.

Please send your donation toward this project and earmark it "Bulldozer for Wells". May God bless this project!

*Be Inspired by Alouse!*



Her gaze reflecting the untold sufferings she's endured since childhood, Alouse hides inside the wreckage of her house destroyed by Hurricane Matthew. This mother and grandmother has come from a very difficult background. At a young age Alouse craved education. Unfortunately it was beyond what her parents could afford, so she has gone through life without knowing how to read or write, trying to earn a living as best she could. With courage and dignity, she suffered outrageous aggressions, first by her male employer, and then by the father of her 10 children, who later abandoned her

She raised all of her children by selling goods in the market place and working as the local matron, managing to purchase a little piece of land and building herself a house. Unfortunately, because of a burning candle she lost her house in a fire. Slowly but surely she started over to rebuild another home out of rocks, mud and dried wood. The finished product was far from a palace, but she and her children felt at home again until the disastrous day of October 4th 2016, when Hurricane Matthew threw them into the street for the second time. From that day, Alouse and her kids had to live in a makeshift house made of thin coconut leaves and clay, facing heavy rainfalls and burning sun but always refusing to give in to despair. In the dark corridor of her sad life strewn with injustice, violence, misery, Alouse always knew that one day her many prayers would find a response.

Today, thanks to all of you who helped replace her house, Alouse can stand, surrounded by her children and grandchildren, as a true model of endurance and ultimately rejoice by faith in the Divine help of the living God.

“Blessed be the Lord 3 times!” shouted Alouse with deep gratitude to Him and also toward the generous hearts who contributed to bring joy and happiness to her life. You can be a part of helping more people to regain housing they need since Hurricane Matthew! Send your contribution to-  
**Water For Life, PO Box 456, Kalona, IA 52247.**



You can receive our newsletter by email rather than through USPS if you would like! Let us know by writing to [waterforlife@hotmail.com](mailto:waterforlife@hotmail.com).

Do you enjoy bike or motorcycle riding? Plan to come and enjoy a day of riding, fellowship and eating together Sept. 9 in Shipshewana, IN!!

**Water for Life**  
**Benefit Meal**

**Sept. 9th**  
**Farmstead Inn Pavilion**  
370 S. Van Buren Street • Shipshewana, IN 46565  
**Come for Fun, Food & Fellowship**  
Leon & Joy Miller from Water For Life will be present

- Registration from 7:30 am – 2:00 pm
- Bicycle Ride – two 30-mile loops + one 40 mile loop = 100 miles
- Family Ride – at your own pace on Pumpkinvine Trail
- Motorcycle Ride starting at 2:00 pm

**Afternoon BBQ Meal – 2:00-5:00 pm**  
Checks payable to: Water For Life  
Questions: Call Randy Troyer – 574-361-9726 Facebook: The Thirst Ride Benefit Meal and Ride

**July Statistics**

- Wells drilled: 9
- Hand pumps installed: 5
- People served: approx.1,750
- Pumps repaired: 47
- People served: approx.16,450
- Mobile clinic outreach: 786