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Water For a Dry and Thirsty Land*

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# NEWSLETTER

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Greetings in Jesus' Name!

Oh! My heart is rejoicing as I think of all the wonderful people who have come to Haiti and given of their time, money, and energy and who keep faithfully praying for us! Thank you all so much; each one of you have made a difference and have been an encouragement to the team here.

It was neat to see how God provided the right people once again to be here at the right time( why should I be surprised when I know it is His work and not ours?!) Even the containers and materials came at just the right time, with almost not a minute to spare! Praise God for His faithfulness; it is such a faith builder for me to see Him at work.

I am also seeing how, in the body of Christ, we each play a unique role or function; each of us is important as that unique part; by ourselves we do less, but each one in his or her own role makes the body complete, taking orders from the Head, Who is Christ. I thank God I can be a part of such

a body! I Thessalonians 5: 11 says, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as, in fact, you are doing." That is what you've done for us by your coming here!

Some of you old-timers might remember when we told you in our newsletter many years ago about the Church of the Risen Savior from the Twin Cities in MN, who "twinned" with a parish in Gris

Gris (pronounced Gree Gree) in the mountains east of Côtes de Fer and how they committed to helping them get clean water clear up there. So they partnered with us to drill several wells there, the deepest we have ever drilled—810 ft. for one, 750' deep for the second one, and 550' down for the 3<sup>rd</sup> well.



Ready to put the new pump down 680'!

They installed a generator and electric pump on the 750' and the 810' deep wells as that is just too deep for a hand pump to work. These pump the water into huge cisterns that serve many

people. After 11 years of faithful use, this wonderful group decided they'd like to install a new pump without waiting for the old one to give out at an inopportune moment, and they asked us to come do the replacement. They brought not only the new pump, but also check valves and couplings. I went with our team of technicians that day to lend a helping hand. When we set up the machine and tried to pull the pump, it wouldn't budge! Man, I said, this is really heavy. It was 680' of inch-

and-a-half heavy-duty pipe, full of water, except for 100' of it. So we had to re-hook our cable and double-block it with a block-and-tackle. Then it came, but it really creaked and tugged! It took us 2-1/2 hours just to pull it all out, and about the same amount of time to put it back. As we

were pulling it out, we found a coupling with a hole in it, and then other couplings also that had become bad. It was a miracle that it all came out without anything disconnecting and falling back down the well! When we got the new pump back down the 680' once again and connected to electricity, we started it and out came water again. I was thinking of how many people that one well gives water to. They were so thankful, Praise be to the Lord!

Troy was telling us the other day how he was going to drill on top of a mountain and he assumed that he would need to drill deep to find water due to his location. But guess what! The Lord put water at less than 100' deep on that mountain, almost unheard of! Troy said that soon after he started drilling he was in brown rock, which is a good sign of water, and by 100' he had a lot of water, about 10 gallons per minute! Plenty for a hand pump! Like Troy said—

It's all up to the Lord as to where we find water! So we keep resting in Him and listening to Him too.

Andrew Mast came right at a year ago as a one-year volunteer, so he will be leaving soon. We will miss him tremendously, and are still looking for a replacement for him. So if you know of any young strong man who doesn't mind working hard and getting muddy, preferably with experience in driving truck, who'd like to come help Troy drill, please tell him to contact us for more information!

The building project in the new compound



There is progress on the shop construction!

continues to move right along. The huge metal shop building was put up and under roof in one week's time, thanks to some very willing and able workers!! One reason that made that possible was the superb cement floor

construction that the CIDM \*team had completed in January, with all bolts exactly in

the right place so no time had to be spent re-doing anything. You can check out some pictures on our Facebook page if you have access to that. We still don't know just when it will be completed enough for us to move there. The important thing is that the work we do now in Pasbwadòm – the school, the irrigation, the pump repairs—will continue on, even if American volunteers will no longer live there. The other week God showed me how WFL is reaching out so much more, to a wider population, because so many people are involved with us. On that particular day we had a work team in Pasbwadòm, another one in Cayes, a mobile medical clinic team, the drill team, and the pump installation/ repair team all in L' Asile, each team sharing Jesus' love in its own way. Wow, God, You are so awesome! Thank you, Lord, that I can be part of Your work!

In Christ alone,  
Leon and Joy