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Water For a Dry and Thirsty Land*

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Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus, as we have just passed the anniversary marking His death and resurrection! What a wonderful blessing for each of us who are born again, who have put their trust in His work rather than in ours. At the time of Jesus' death, He said, "It is finished!" or in French, "All is accomplished!" because He did it ALL. Now He is saying, Just put your trust in Me; there is no more you can do. He gave us His Life now and for all eternity! We don't have to worry about anything, nor fear anything because He tells us, All things work together for good to them that love Him. We are winners with Jesus! We need to encourage one another to keep our focus on Jesus!



We welcome Ivan Stoltzfus and Keith Lantz to our WFL staff!

I asked Troy to write some of his experiences for this newsletter. He has been so busy drilling, making it possible for thousands more people to have good clean water. Here is his story—

As the work teams are starting to slow down we can start to look back and see all the progress that went on. So many people came down this winter to help out and did such a great

job. I truly did have a blast with each one. I got to spend a lot of time in the mornings and afternoons with the work teams and enjoyed getting to know them, A big thank you to all that came down this winter. And yes, the snack table is now empty, believe it or not! In the mornings it seemed all the devotions this year were focusing on resting in God, trusting in God and believing God is there for us. In other words, letting our faith take over. What a joy it is to know that God has gone before us and made a path. You might think of faith as believing in something that you can't see. Well, let me tell you, I see faith being worked out every day when I'm out drilling. If

anybody doubts God is real, they need to come to Haiti and come out drilling with me. I see it all around me. I have so many stories that I could tell that the only explanation is that God is real and He loves us so much. This past winter as I was drilling I was thinking of all the wells we were able to drill; I have to say on so many of them that it was only God that was able to supply the well. You often think to yourself when out working is, How, God, are You going

to show up today? I was drilling way back in, and passed through this dry area every day, knowing they were not on the list to get a well. Every day I passed through I was thinking-- we need to get water to these people; I soon drilled down the road a mile and had a very good well at a depth of only 52 feet. I knew the Owens family was coming down to see a well drilled in memory of their daughter who'd lost her life to cancer. So I was thinking, what better place to have them watch a well being drilled for them than just down the road? assuming it would be the same as the 52 footer. I made some phone calls to Edy, and we set it up that we could drill two more wells along that road. However, what I thought was going to be easy well turned out to be another big faith builder and lesson. The first well I was down to 70 feet and still no water; everything started racing through my mind that it could be a dry hole, and that's not what you want to show the groups that come out to see you drill! As I was drilling I was reminded of all the devotions we'd been having of resting in Him. As we got to a depth of 140 feet, still no water! Instead, we hit a dry cavern that makes the drilling a lot more difficult to get water!. All I could do was think and smile and inwardly ask, God, how are you going to work this out?? Sure enough, I was able to keep drilling and we hit water at around 165 feet! Oh what a God we have that loves us, always goes before us, and is always teaching us new ways to have faith in him!

This past year I had Andrew Mast from Ohio working with me; his year is up so he recently went back to Ohio. I will really miss Andrew and he will be hard to replace. I really enjoyed working with him and all the hard work he put out. Andrew, I wish you the best in the years to come. Seth Miller is also headed back to Ohio and will be greatly missed also. Thank you Seth for all the work and fun times we had you were like a brother, and son all in one! ~~ Troy

We certainly echo Troy's thoughts on Andrew and Seth! May you follow hard after God, guys, and may His blessings cover you!

We now have two young men who have consented to come and operate the other well rig. Their names are Ivan Stoltzfus and Keith Lantz, from Pennsylvania. We are excited about that, because there are so many villages constantly asking us to come help them get water. Perhaps you might think that after this many years of drilling that surely everyone has access to clean water, but that certainly is not the case! Many thousands still do not have access to this most basic of necessities. Thank you so much for helping us reach out and help a few more every year. We are thankful to be able to serve the Lord in this way. When we are in

their community, it is a good time to share the plan of salvation with the people. We have asked the Lord how we can do that more effectively; we feel Him showing us we can go to the more remote areas where we have drilled a number of wells, and hold mobile medical clinics, responding to another of their needs-health care. We can teach them preventive health care principles at the same time we are doing consultations for their acute issues. At the last clinic we had several dentists, an eye doctor, and OB/ GYN, a pediatrician and a family practitioner. Plus we can share our own testimonies and God's plan of salvation with them. It has been great to use Haitian doctors and nurses as volunteers for these clinics, but if you are a health care professional desiring to volunteer your services here in Haiti, do contact us! At this point we have mobile clinics something like every 2 months until we can get a little more on our feet, so to speak. It takes time and definitely planning and coordinating with local leaders in order to find a place for 12-16 people to sleep, bathe, and eat. Nothing is easy! So please be in prayer for us as we send more teams out as the Lord leads.

As I think you all know, we have been so busy these past number of months with construction in our new compound in Cayes. We have been so blessed to have Robert and Shanelle Beachy here with us for the past year. He has been the project manager in addition to doing all the landscaping, sloping the land so it can properly drain after a rain, AND taking out dirt for the lane, replacing it with rock and gravel so we shouldn't have to deal with the muddy mess we had last fall when 4 containers came right after a rain! ☺ Shanelle has been ever-busy hostess and go-to person whenever groups had any questions about their sleeping arrangements, the food plans, the laundry, to name a few, and she has done TONS of painting too! Our huge thanks to you, Robert and Shanelle! We'll miss you a lot, but we certainly wish you God's blessings!

Here for several month and two-month stints has been Diane Keim, and she just left this morning! She became an excellent paint trimmer with all the painting experience she got here! She was Shanelle's right hand in helping take care of the guest house, and we very much appreciate her contribution. God's blessings to you, Diane!

In Christ,
Leon and Joy

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