



*Where There is Water There is Life
Water For a Dry and Thirsty Land*

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Greetings in Jesus' Name!

I bless the Lord and thank Him so much that I can be a part of the team of Water For Life, and knowing that the Lord is in charge gives me a wonderful peace and joy. I had to think back to the days when WFL got started, and it was just Dad and me and we could only get a small amount of work done in a day or a week! Today we have two well-drilling rigs going full-time, a full-time pump installation and repair team, a school, a part-time mobile medical clinic, and irrigation projects at work, our new water-testing program, plus the work in the shop and office, not to mention our whole at-times-all-consuming construction project over the past 2 years that so many of you have participated in, whether with your time or donation of money or materials!!

That is when I said, "God, it has to be from You, because for us to put it together would not have happened!"

Once again, I have called on one of our administrative team, Dr. Winnie, to write this month's newsletter..... Leon

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him. The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the

salvation of the Lord." **Lamentations 3:21-26 (NIV)**

These words are even more real to me, when I consider Haiti with considerable challenges in the area of drinking water, very low access to public services; nearly 3 million Haitians fetch water in the rivers and other unprotected sources, getting unclean water contributing to the prevalence of cases of diarrhea among children.



Drilling with Ivan Stoltzfus and Nicolson Isma

But in the middle of this dark hopeless picture, God provides Water For Life, and since 1983, we are playing an important role in supplying clean drinking water, especially in rural areas and in poor neighborhoods. So far we have explored 50% of the regions of the southern part of the country. We now have nearly 1250 wells which we guarantee the maintenance to ensure their

functionality.

We give glory to God to inspire people like you, who are convinced that water is more than a simple human need but an inherent right. A human right which merits our investment of both time and money.

Based on a recent report from UNICEF, the needs are still huge in Haiti; the national coverage for drinking water is 64% with a rate of 77% in urban areas and only 48% in rural areas (UNICEF-OMS 2013). Water well requests arrive to us by thousands each year and our drilling capacity is still quite weak compared to drinking water needs.

Despite limited resources, this past month we drilled over 15 community wells, providing potable water to approximately 5250 people. With each well implanted in a village, we contribute to roll back the prevalence of infectious diseases related to unclean water. Besides keeping the body free of germs, access to water also help people to grow crops and feed livestock and so increase income and take care of family needs.

Thanks for your continuous prayers and support. As we are receiving more and more requests every day, we ask you to keep the water well program in prayers. God is our wonderful provider, and only He can open doors.

Water For Life wants not only to increase access to drinking water but also promote health education. Through our Mobile Clinic program, we want to educate and raise awareness on health care needs.

We teach communities practical basic hygiene principles that are essential for good health maintenance.

Last week-end, the mobile clinic team went to a mountain village called Anglade where, thanks to



Waiting for the doctor at the mobile medical clinic

our generous donors, we provided

basic health care and education to nearly 600 people. The most important is that each of these people were able to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Word that saves.

Since what time have you been waiting in line? I asked a lady with her 5-year-old boy. She replied, *"Since 8 am." That means you have been waiting for 3 hours; does that bother you?* I asked. *This is the only opportunity for my son to see a dentist,* she replied; *he has been having toothaches since he was 4, and we don't have any dentist around, even in the hospital in town we won't find dental care.* By the end of the afternoon, the dentists had to remove the little boy's tooth because the cavity was so deep it reached some of his blood vessels. That condition is one of the most important causes of pediatric endocarditis cases in Haiti, which is a life-threatening condition. That day I was very glad that Water For Life chose to provide health care and dental care as part of its program activities. Thank you for making it possible.

Our Mobile Clinic is a long term project; we hope to continue to provide basic health care to people with no access to health facilities,

educate and raise awareness on good habits to preserve good health. So far, we are having several young Haitian doctors and nurses volunteering. We give thanks to God for their willing hearts to serve. Our clinic program is in need of more medicines, materials and volunteers in the medical field. We would appreciate your prayers and support to help share the love of Jesus to people in Haiti through this program. If you like, you can contact me at wflhaiti@yahoo.com to offer your assistance.

Those who are familiar with Water For Life know our great interest in education, especially in the benefit of the children living in rural areas like Paswadòm. Indeed, it's been over 25 years that our Mission has been providing academic and financial structure for Secours Divin (Divine Help) School. This year, we are providing good quality education to 351

students from kindergarten through 10th grade. Because of the precarious economic situation, we also offer a hot meal to each child.

The school tuition for each child is US\$240.00 per year; Water For Life covers

US\$210 and the parents give the

rest, US\$30.00 (12.5% of the total.) On the behalf of the school staff and students, we thank all our donors who contribute so the school can keep helping the kids, and in the process help them achieve their goal in life.

We want to remind you also of our other current activities: our irrigation programs at Paswadòm and Olivier, our well maintenance program, our social assistance program to the benefit of handicapped. We thank all those who contributed and those who will still contribute to improve living conditions in Haiti. We want to reassure you that your contributions are properly used and thanks to you the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord is preached.

The love with which He loved us is shared among the most disadvantaged!

His compassions never fail! Great is His faithfulness!

Amen!

Dr. Winnie Guerre Viard

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