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Water For a Dry and Thirsty Land*

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Greetings to all my wonderful brothers and sisters,

Thanks so much for all your prayers for Water For Life each day! I can see it is from God that WFL is held together; there are so many things that happen to keep us humbled and on our knees before Him, and we see it is truly HE Who is in control! I want to encourage you with the verse I find in Philippians 1:6—"Being confident of this, that He Who began a good work within you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ." Even when we

are facing trials He will work things out as we keep our eyes on Jesus. His love is so deep for us; He wants for us to get to know Him better every day! So be encouraged! "If God is for us, who can be against us?!"

As we have moved shop things and equipment to our new base, my eyes have fallen on many items we bought years ago that are no good anymore. Even though we spent a lot of money on them, they are worn out now. I had to think of the wells we drilled in the area around Pasbwadòm 30+ years ago that are still going, giving water. Although we have had to repair those wells many times, the wells themselves are still good!

It was encouraging to me to think of how the money that was given years ago to drill those wells is still at work today. Some of those donors may not even be here on this earth any longer but their gift continues to bless people to this day. But we know that even more important than physical water is the need for salvation—spiritual everlasting water. Pray with us that we can be the bearers of that everlasting water to all whom we meet every day.

Troy and Ivan and their teams are busy drilling; it is amazing to think of all the places that still need water yet. Ivan has been drilling in an area that has very hard rock, making the drilling difficult and taking more fuel than usual, with more wear and tear on the drill bit. Local people are always very interested in the progress, so they are hovering close by, waiting on word that he's



The hoist in action, thanks to Butch Lewin!

found water. When that happens everyone feels exhilarated! There have been numerous instances where despite all our efforts, the result has been NO water. It is hard to leave places where the people need water so badly, but there is none to be had. The people feed our team, which makes it the more difficult then, when there is no water for them. Sometimes we are

able to continue to drill down further, but then a hand pump cannot be used; it'd take an electric motor to bring the water to the surface, which takes more funding and good plans for making that happen.

It has been quite a process to move our shop supplies and household things to the new location, and there is still a bit to do. Even though Americans aren't there all the time, it is our vision to keep the irrigation project and the school going in Pasbwadòm. It is just that the people aren't seeing us every day going to the shop and being around there as we've done for the past 30 years, and it has become something for the people there to get used to. But we are seeing so many good people stepping up and taking more responsibility than they did before. So that is very good and encouraging to see that things can go on without Americans being there every day. I remember I went drilling with Dad as a helper years ago, but one day he wanted me to start running the controls and it was scary at first. I told him, "Don't go too far away; just sit down under that tree over there so if I need you, you'll be close by!" That is how I started to drill on my own after that. That is how it seems to me it is for us Americans to leave Pasbwadòm as our base; our presence is not there each day, but we are close by. I think many of us can relate to similar things that we have gone through like this. So keep us and the precious people of Pasbwadòm in your prayers as we go through this transition! We miss seeing them too, and change is never easy.

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We thank God for Butch Lewin, who came down the other week, and put up a hoist in the shop for us. It had come on a container and was waiting for him. It has already been a wonderful blessing, especially for our mechanic, Daryl, who likes it a lot! Also, John Shoup came and built us a number of things out of steel. An experienced welder, he made not only a welding table and torch cart, but also pipe racks for the driller pickups, and other items to

make life in the shop handier. ☺ People that come in the summer have to be very dedicated, because it can get so very hot and there isn't air conditioning to cool one down. So thank you for your willingness to come and help us, Butch and John!

We say a hearty Thank You to Marcus Miller!! He has been with WFL for the past 1-1/2 years, spending most of his time in Pasbwadòm. His responsibilities put him in personal contact with many people there and he did a really great job of being our liaison. He made many a trip to the hospital with sick people, took time to listen to people, and then helped us with moving lots of our equipment to Cayes. We miss him, but certainly wish him God's blessings as he transitions to living once again in the USA.



Willis and Orpha Miller

Another person we want to recognize this month is Orpha Miller, who is my dad Willis' wife. She became the secretary in the Iowa office almost as soon as she got married to him back in December of 2000. We really appreciate her labor of love in filling this role so faithfully for almost 14 years! Her retiring from the office enables her to participate more fully in many different activities

that she enjoys, among them volunteering at several places. Meanwhile, Dad has been staying at home these days instead of coming to the office as he used to do, even though he continues to write a personal note on many of the donation receipts.

We are looking for more groups to come this winter. We are completely open at this point from February 11—March 11, plus the last week of March. We will still have some things to do on the compound here. We may go out and do projects in different villages or do medical clinics in the future. So let's stay in touch and see how God puts it all together. Please keep us in your prayers as look forward to the winter months coming up.

Thanks so much for your gifts of love that help us to help many people.

God bless you!

Leon and Joy