



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

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Water- Essential after a disaster



The angel answered [Cornelius], "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God." Acts 10:4(NIV)

In the wreckage of her home patched with tin, this young girl from the town of Buteau in Port Salut, severely hit by Hurricane Matthew, is hauling water from an open-source well. A well open to contamination from the soil and the floods, exposing her and other family members to diseases such as typhoid, cholera, leptospirosis, hepatitis. Port Salut was one of the areas that had a cholera outbreak in the days following the hurricane. Some even lost their lives.... one of God's precious lives, lost because of no access to clean water.

The after-math of a natural disaster presents dangers often equivalent to the disaster itself, compromising human health and hampering socio-economic activities in the community. This can result for in even greater poverty, with households finding themselves forced to go further into debt to rebuild their homes, replant their fields (with no seed saved from the last crop), and take care of the sick from the waterborne diseases.

Water For Life pump repair teams have conducted emergency repairs to damaged pumps by the hurricane, ensuring that people are drinking safe water.

You can help those who've lost everything to maintain health, get their lives on track by providing them with a source of safe drinking water from a well.

People should be allowed to drink clean water and preserve their bodies from deadly waterborne diseases.

Your donation towards the pump repair program has made it possible to maintain and repair the pumps that provided clean water to the people.

Solidarity for the success of all!



"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:9 (NIV)

Solidarity based on Christ words creates a constant common action in a social group, developing a common spirit and common standards of action.

At the WFL Paswadòm School, solidarity between students is encouraged. Following Jesus' words, the teachers encourage moments of exchanges between students, to create solidarity and mutual aid within a class, within the school. Children who excel in academics can help those who do less well, those who were fortunate to have books share them with the less fortunate ones. Comradship and team-work is learned, love binding them together creating fellowship as we believe all students are able to succeed!

Confidence and cooperation are two great demonstrations of the power of solidarity. In confidence we bear one another's burdens, "and so fulfill the law of Christ." In stating a common idealistic conviction, knitting social consciousness, we promote unity. Some of the children at our school had to overcome the most adverse conditions to achieve success.

Their success in the future will influence the economic prosperity of their community.

Supporting one of the Divine Help School students, you open the door to a better and brighter future for each child within their community.

To sponsor one of the children of the Divine Help School in Paswadòm, please fill out the enclosed form.

A dire situation for women



Léonie, 22, is amongst the many women that came for obstetric and gynecological screening at the mobile clinic held at Labady, a locality of La Colline d'Aquin in December. About 4 months pregnant, she is very sad; she just learned the baby she was carrying had died in her womb, probably due to non-treatment of pelvic infectious disease. She needed to go immediately to the hospital to save her life. She would deliver a dead fetus instead of a healthy baby, after suffering for many hours.

In Haiti many women die due to complications of pregnancy and child birth because there are few obstetric care facilities available, especially in rural areas. Almost all of these deaths occur in low-resource settings, and most could be prevented if they would have access to a proper pre-natal care. Léonie's baby's life would likely have been spared if she had had better access to pre-natal care.

Your donation helped 128 grateful women to access a gynecologist/obstetrician, many for their first experience with a specialist, having their first sonogram at our mobile clinic. These women received medication for infections, as needed, and counseling and meds to improve nutrition-- anemia prophylaxis.

Other reproductive tract problems such as cervical cancer are increasing among young Haitian women, claiming lives. With your help by supporting the cervical screening and treatment program, you can save a young woman's life, sparing young children from becoming orphans, and allowing young women and mothers to have better healthier lives.

From the president's desk—

A Happy New Year to each one of you, my friends! I would like every one of us to look forward to this New Year with expectation and courage, a year that will be filled with the glory of the Lord! I want to encourage you to seek to understand who you are in Christ. If we have been born again, we are righteous with God's righteousness, and we have all the benefits of being a son or daughter of the Lord. Let us live as children of our God of love and compassion! None of us knows just what God has for each of us in this coming year. But we know Whose we are, so we need not fear! Isaiah 54:10 says, "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills

be removed, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken, nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, Who has compassion on you." (NIV) Let's hold to His unfailing love for this year and as many as He gives us.

Thank you so much for your hearts of love for the Haitian people. Through your kindness, many people have received good clean water, food to eat, medicine for their illnesses; children can learn in school both of academics and of God's love. They have received aid after the hurricane because of you! There is much that remains to be done. Keep praying for Water For Life, that each day people can hear and see God's love demonstrated in our lives as we serve others. May we ALL demonstrate God's love no matter where or what our work is!



We are still busy helping people who have suffered greatly from the hurricane. Thanks to you, we were able to pay for the surgeries that some people were urgently in need of due to broken bones and other injuries from the hurricane. Now we are helping some people replace their makeshift houses;



these are of block with tin roofs. We want to thank you for helping us in this endeavor, and if funds come in, we can continue doing this a little while longer. Let's keep on praying for each other in this New Year!

~ Leon

NOVEMBER STATISTICS

Wells drilled: 11

Hand pumps installed: 10

Submersible pumps installed: 2

Hand pumps repaired: 39