



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

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School meals for a better education

In Haiti, economic reasons are among those most often mentioned by parents to justify the non-registration of their child in school.



"and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."
Isaiah 58:10 (NIV)

At Pabwadòm's Divine Help School, providing a warm and balanced meal every school day to each child helps alleviate both the problem related to poverty and the learning difficulties of malnourished children.

Our feeding program is therefore very important and is a great help for parents who for the most part do not earn the minimum to meet their family's primary needs.

Well-nourished children learn better, stay longer in school, and are more apt to become productive adults.

Attending classes at Divine Help School means that a child receives at least 40% of his daily food needs. Praise the Lord for the generosity of the school's sponsors!

Comfortably seated in the cafeteria, the students take advantage of this precious moment to develop fellowship, courtesy and the spirit of thanksgiving as they are happy and grateful for a warm nutritious meal.

Our students get healthier as they put into practice hygiene-related lessons such as hand-washing before lunch; they also benefit from de-worming campaigns once a year.

School meals encourage parents to send their children to school to complete their primary education. Parents are confident that their children will receive a healthy school lunch.

God always provides for the needy through you, donors. Let's stay in prayer for more love and compassion towards the poor.

\$12 a month provides a meal for one student monthly. To sponsor the Divine Help school food program please contact Water For Life office at P.O. Box 456 Kalona, IA 52247 / Phone (319) 656 5433/ email: waterforlife@hotmail.com / website: wflhaiti.org

Play time at Pastwalet



The children at Pastwalet in Southern Haiti had a good reason to rejoice this past Christmas. They were granted the gift of a well in their village, a well that changes the outcome of Christmas break for them.

Water being essential for the family to survive, the village children are assigned the task of bringing home the vital liquid. Water collecting is part of household chores in rural areas; children are contributing to the essential needs of their families. Their closest well was a long walk from their village, on rocky trails, up and down ravines and two to three trips were necessary, their young bodies wobbling under the heavy water containers.

The hours spent collecting water are long and children are deprived of their freedom, childhood, education, fun and playtime, and natural social and physical development. Long hours of collecting water leads often to late entry into the school system, tardiness, exposure to punishment, and difficulty in undertaking homework.

The donated well did more than just provide them the clean drinking water their bodies rely on to grow strong; that well gave them their childhood back, more time to play and be kids. They were thrilled when the well was installed. Finally, the tiresome journeys a long distance away have come to an end and effort can be put in learning that will open doors for their community in the future.

Because you cared and provided them with a new well they have a better chance at succeeding in life,

enjoying soccer and hide and seek, and just being kids.

You can impact a rural child's life by giving them back their childhood, hope and brighter future by sponsoring a well in their village.

Gospel Healing

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)



In Haiti, untreated mental illness and extreme poverty usually go hand in hand. Harsh living conditions lead to many kinds of delusion and violent behavior. In addition there are those like Jimmy who are mentally challenged and are constantly bullied by their neighbors, and that situation creates anxiety and aggravates their mental conditions. Their needs are not only physical; they require spiritual support also.

In La Colline, Aquin, The WFL Mobile clinic was able to provide through listening ears and prayers proper attention to Jimmy and many others.



Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ is an important part of Water For Life's mobile clinic program. Healing souls is an important part of what is done in our activities. Often patients from the mobile clinic have a great need to be heard and reassured as they are facing not only physical trials but also spiritual ones.

Your contribution not only brings the Gospel of Jesus Christ but also helps sending godly people on the field to show God's unconditional love towards all. Jesus' compassion is the motivating factor in WFL mobile clinics.

Healing is what happens when one receives the Gospel, the spiritual healing that occurs in people's

lives, the healing that **you** ignite by supporting the Mobile clinic program!

Let's be thankful for the Gospel of Jesus Christ who brings healing that will last forever and ever.

From the president's desk

Greetings again to all our wonderful friends! We are in a wonderful time of the year, when we have many of you, our friends come to help with the work here. We are so thankful that you take the time to see what has been happening in Haiti. We want to thank you for your flexibility when coming! I was visiting with a brother today and we were talking about how God uses each of His children in different ways. One person may be very afraid and worried about something, and another person comes alongside him and helps him by praying together with words of encouragement. But we must all learn to take correction and not be offended by a person who wants to help us rest in Jesus. Psalm 141:5 says, "Let a righteous man strike me—it is a kindness; let him rebuke me—it is oil on my head." (NIV) As we learn to listen to the instruction of others we will grow in humility and be able to look at each situation from God's point of view.

Please keep praying for the country of Haiti. It is very common here for people to protest something or other using the means of road blocks, causing a huge inconvenience to travel. Sometimes you may sit for a couple hours to wait for police to come and clear everything away. But the most important thing for you and me to remember is that God is in control! Even when it does not seem like it at first glance! We are so blessed to be children of the King, so let's keep living like that! "For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in (trusts, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish—come to destruction, be lost—but have eternal (everlasting) life." John 3:16 (Amp.) What wondrous love is this, one that we will never in our greatest efforts or wildest dreams deserve, but it's true none-the-less! So let's not forget to always keep our eyes on Jesus. ~ *Leon*

We would love to pray with you about your concerns. Please write to us at wflhaiti@yahoo.com

And thank you for your prayers for us-- for safety when staff members are on the road, for good health for all of us, for God's protection, always thanking Him for His many blessings!

Blessings to you all~ *The Water for Life Team*

December Statistics

Wells drilled-- 7
New pumps installed-- 8
People served-- approximately 2,800
Pumps repaired-- 19
People served-- approximately 6,650
Mobile medical clinic-- 807 people served