



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

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Educating to Save Lives



To see them like that, with captive gaze, you are probably wondering what can attract so much attention. This was in fact a training session in Charrier, Cayes, South of Haiti, where hundreds of people were able to learn and understand what attitude to adopt and what measures to take to prevent their health from deteriorating and to avoid the onset of disease. In Haiti, access to health care is very precarious, leading to premature mortality and morbidity. As life expectancy is low, the loss of manpower due to various diseases that could be easily controlled with preventive care affects negatively the country's total workforce. These poor sanitation conditions burden the country's economic resources.

Prevention remains the cheapest and most accessible medical action! Simple rules such as hand washing can save a child's life from diarrhea that can even lead to death.

Thanks to one donor's loving heart, in addition to the teaching of basic hygiene principles, over one hundred women have been educated on cervical and breast cancer awareness. They were able to practice self-palpation of their breast and were reassured to know that it would be possible for them to be screened for cervical pre-cancerous lesions. Twenty of them were found positive and have benefited from lifesaving cryotherapy treatment.

Your prayers and support are worth more than you could imagine, dear donors! By contributing financially, you allow hundreds of men, women and children to receive health care they are in need of and above all, you help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the highest mountains of Haiti!

Her passion for the poor has overcome suffering and death



During her lifetime, Jan Miller was a supportive wife and a loving mother. She took charge of both the housework and helping Russ run their family business. Russ Miller knew that together they formed a great team! She loved her family and had a sensitive heart for those in need. With great passion she served in her church and community in various positions, always looking out for the good of others.

In May 2014, she was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer. It was a terrible shock to her loved ones, but Jan didn't want her family to suffer because of her. To the contrary, she was always focusing on others rather than herself.

In her last month, when she was obligated to take to her bed, it was incredible how even in pain, she continued to encourage others! When people came thinking of comforting her, it was rather they who left comforted by her courage and her words of blessing!

Jan passed away the morning of February 27, 2016. In memory of her, Russ made possible the gift of water to two communities. So, recently, he and his children and their spouses made a trip to Haiti to help with the drilling of one of the wells in the memory of that wonderful woman whose love will keep giving.

"The place I love most in the world"

Meet Rose Danaise, 8 years old; she is now in 2nd grade at WFL's Divine Help School.

To the question: What is your favorite place in the world? Surprisingly, the little girl answers: "My school".

Rose seems to be a serious and assiduous student, yet this is not the reason why the school is for her the place where she feels most comfortable.



In fact, the girl lives in a difficult environment. Abandoned by her mother since she was a baby, she lives at her grandparent's house, her father having emigrated to a foreign country. You can imagine what it is like to live without either mother nor father in a country like Haiti where we lack most everything.

Fortunately, every morning from Monday to Friday, Rose happily puts on her uniform and begins her 2-kilometer walk towards the place where she feels most loved. Surrounded by her friends, she is receiving the attention of her teachers whom represent for her the closest picture of the mother she will never know.

In Haiti, one child in two does not go to school. Public institutions receive only 11% of school children. Rose would not have had access to education without you who support the school in her village. Your contribution not only provides education and a quality meal to over 400 children but also provides a safe place, almost a home where kids like Rose Danaise may come to take a break from their harsh reality.

For many years we have been grateful to receive meat from MCC to put in school lunches several days per week. However, they explained to us that they could no longer continue that program, and now we have no more meat. When we look into the eyes of these children and see a picture of general good health, we know that having meals such as what they receive at school is a good part of that picture, and we do want to continue to provide that to these kids! We'd love to hear from you if you have any ideas!

From the president's desk

Dear friends, Thank you so much for your prayers for Water For Life and the people of Haiti. As you pray and intercede for the people

here, God can do a mighty work in this country. By faith we can say: God is in control of everything; we have nothing to fear!

What a wonderful time of year this is as we celebrate not just spring but also Easter: the death and resurrection of Jesus on our behalf so that whoever believes in (puts their trust in) His sacrifice for us gets to be born into God's family! What wonderful news!!! Can you see how much God loves us!!! I was reading the story of how Jesus walked with the men from Emmaus after His resurrection, and they told Him of the things that had happened to stir all Jerusalem and "Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Lk. 24:31), but they did not recognize Him until He broke bread with them and suddenly their eyes were opened! Have your eyes been opened so you can believe that He died and rose again for you?

We thank you folks for your generosity in giving because we were able to pass it on to the farmers of Paswadòm as we purchased, sent and installed almost 5,000 feet of PVC pipe underground, with valves coming up so that pipe can be attached above ground. This will greatly augment the amount of land that can be irrigated there, using an irrigation well already in existence! The people did almost all the trench-digging by hand before we got there and worked side by side with us to get the pipe installed. It was a great experience for all of us who participated! So on their behalf, THANK YOU! ~ *Leon*

COMING IN MAY TO INDIANA for those of you who enjoy golf: May 19 is the day, Middlebury the place! Please check our website for details and application form!

Thank you so much to all of you who have donated to our special project of building new homes and helping with water needs after hurricane Matthew! These donations will be matched dollar for dollar!! We haven't reached our goal yet, so if you still want to give to this need, please make a note with your donation that you want it to go to the special project for matching funds. Blessings to you all!!

February Statistics	
Wells Drilled:	6
New Pumps Installed:	5
People served:	Approximately 1,750
Pumps repaired:	39
People served:	approximately 13,650