

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

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## NEWSLETTER

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### *God's Spirit at Work*

After Hurricane Matthew severely hit the South of Haiti, almost all agricultural households suffered and are still suffering from considerable food deficits and inability to cover the minimum of their primary needs without exhausting their livelihood assets.

These losses worsened the economic situation of those people who were already living in extremely difficult conditions.

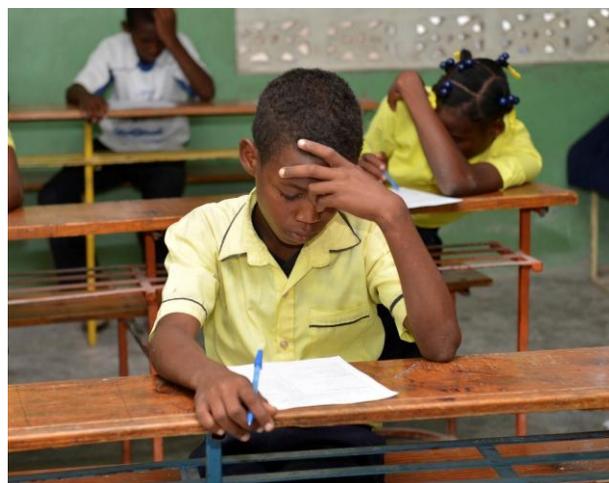
So it was with relief and deep gratitude that the Paswadòm community welcomed two American groups helping them increase their irrigation capacity. This project will allow the use of much more land for the production of plantains and other vegetable products for the benefit of more than 120 families of farmers.



We thank God for coordinating everything for His glory. In February, our faithful volunteers were able to work several days to install 5000 feet of 6" PVC in a trench dug by local farmers of Paswadòm. Altogether, with both donated supplies and services, beneficiaries are working to restore hope in the heart of a whole community. Over 180 new acres of land will be available to be irrigated to produce food for local consumption and trade, along with what is already in use. In Haiti, the agricultural sector is one of the main sources of employment and income-generating activities. When you contribute in irrigation projects you also help equip thousands of fathers and mothers to assume their role and thus strengthen the Christian values in Haitian society.

Thank you for showing compassion to our people, remaining united by the Holy Spirit.

### *Turning a child's dreams into reality*



*"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" Phil 1:6 KJV*

Perseverance and courage are words that define our young friend Jacob. The life of this 14-year-old boy is not the easiest. Obviously, being a member of a large family (10 siblings), whose father (the only one to provide for the needs) works as a charcoal maker, doesn't help to achieve great dreams. However, as *"The greatest achievement was at first and for a time a dream....."* (James Allen), we believe, as Jacob does, that success doesn't depend on social or economic background but on what you dream to be. Indeed, Jacob is totally convinced that God put dreams into his heart so nothing can keep him away from becoming a civil engineer, with the ability to build roads to develop his country.

Indeed, last year God worked in the heart of a generous donor who helped Jacob to benefit from the book and teaching materials distribution program. By having all he needed for school he got good grades and is closer to the achievement of his goals. Our friend is now in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and realizes that his dream already begins to become reality, thanks to the support he received.

Surely God has given his servants the power to turn dreams into reality.

May God bless your generous hearts!

*Hope for Fisia*



Among 1055 men, women, and children who benefited from our medical mobile clinic in the community of Dory, Maniche, South of Haiti, Fisia Fleurzil, 33 years old, was the great miracle of this event! Arriving at the clinic, with no pulse and hardly perceptible blood pressure, Fisia was in shock. With professionalism and compassion the medical staff quickly evaluated her. Fisia was suffering from a ruptured ectopic pregnancy, a life threatening condition, the diagnosis being confirmed by sonography.

She was immediately transported to the state hospital located 1 1/2 hours away from the village. Promptly, the lady was taken to the operating room for surgery.



Three days later, Fisia was recovering very well from her surgery. Yet she remembers the night spent in suffering without knowing to whom to turn because her village had no functional health center. She is so grateful that God allowed her to miraculously survive her life-threatening condition so she can take care of her husband and 11-year-old son.

In Haiti's remote villages where there is no access to health care, many women would not have had Fisia's outcome. Haiti still remains the country with the highest rate of maternal mortality in the Caribbean. We praise the Lord that, thanks to your support, Fisia is more than a statistic!

Thank you for allowing us to serve those who need it the most!

*From the president's desk*

Greetings to you all, our wonderful friends! And Happy Mother's Day to you who are mothers! How precious our mothers are to each of us! I am grateful for my sweet and spunky mom! She was always there for Dad in all he did, giving him her support every step of the way.

I just want to thank each of you who've been listening to God's Spirit as you show love to the people of Haiti. Pray for Water for Life as we share God's love to people here too! I have been reading again in the book of Romans; there are so many places we can see what God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have done for us. Romans 5:8 tells us "...while we were still sinners Christ died for us". In verse 5 it tells us "...God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit Whom He has given us." These are just a few of the things He has done for us!! Let's keep encouraging one another with these words!

Joy and I are planning to be in the States this summer, and we would be delighted if it could work for us to come to your church or small group and share what's been happening! There have been several churches and small groups helping to supply baby bundles and school kits; others have participated in the Matching Funds Challenge or have provided funds for a well! What a blessing each and every gift is! If you are interested in participating in ways to help our students or people in our mobile clinics, please contact our Iowa office for details! [waterforlife@hotmail.com](mailto:waterforlife@hotmail.com) or (319) 656-5433

I pray God's grace, mercy, and peace be upon you all! ~Leon

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**Praise the Lord! We have surpassed our goal for the matching funds for rebuilding new homes and water needs after hurricane Matthew! Thank you so much to everyone who participated, you are such a blessing in the lives of so many people!**  
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**March 2017 Statistics**

- Wells Drilled: 13**
- New Pumps Installed: 12**
- People served: approximately 4,200**
- Pumps repaired: 48**
- People served: approximately 16,800**
- Mobile Clinic outreach: 1055**

**For you golfers in the Indiana area!!! Please remember our golf benefit happening on May 19. Come to Meadow Valley Golf Course by 11:30 and support WFL by playing the game!! Details on our website [www.wflhaiti.org](http://www.wflhaiti.org)**