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A Blessed Christmas to You!!



Merry Christmas, Thank you for the love

Water for Life [Teams in Haiti and Iowa] would like to express our gratitude on behalf of the people of Haiti to all of you-- prayer partners, financial supporters, and donors of good and services. We are taking this opportunity to share with you the good work that you have accomplished for the last fiscal year 2016-2017 (Oct '16-Sept. '17)

- 119 new wells drilled providing clean water to 35,000 people
- 476 hand pumps repaired and installed, allowing 166,600 people continued access to good water
- 17 solar and electric submersible pumps installed in 17 mountainous villages providing clean water for 15,000 people
- 235 women screened for pre-cervical cancer
- 105 women treated for pre-cervical cancer
- 1,796 people screened for cataracts
- 10 surgeries to remove cataracts
- 5,252 people for dental, eye care, pediatric, obstetrics and gynecology, general medicine and med distributions
- 889 reading and nearsighted eye glasses
- Schooling and feeding of 450 children
- Building materials and food delivered to 250 families after Hurricane Matthew last October
- 25 homes—550 sq. ft., made of block, with metal roofs-- built for family victims of Hurricane Matthew
- Maintenance of 5 irrigation pumps and installation of 5000 feet of underground

irrigation pipe, allowing many more acres to be irrigated.

On behalf of those beneficiaries and the over 500 thousand people you have been serving in Haiti, we say THANK YOU and wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS 2017 and HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018.

May the Lord richly bless you with His LOVE!

~The Water for Life Team

Let's Make a Miracle in Kana!

In Cité Kana, Corail, in southwest Haiti, there is no other source of water than this unprotected spring.

Linda, 5, Jameson, 6, and their older brother walk a very long distance to come here every day. The entire village depends on this water pond for their consumption and other common usage.



Linda's mother, Sergena, busy caring for baby Mackel and doing other household chores, must rely on her children's efforts of multiple trips to bring back the much needed water in gallon jugs that their child's physique allows them to carry.

Without any mean for water treatment it is consumed as is, causing serious intestinal infections, a leading cause of death in children under 5 years old.

Little Linda and her siblings are not spared. Their mother told us about the many sleepless nights spent taking care of children with diarrhea and fever. Trips to doctors are unknown to the poor lady. Her village is in a remote area with no hospital close by. So, she treats her kids with herbs that her own mother taught her to use in these cases, fearing with each episode for their life.

At prayer time, Sergena's family dreams of clean water for their village. It's interesting that this village bears the same name as the Jewish town where our Lord

performed His first miracle. As Jesus's followers, let us make a miracle in Kana! Let us drill clean water wells for Sergena's children and many others in need of drinking without fear of poisoning themselves. Put your Christian power in action for remote villages of Haiti so people can experience God's unconditional love for the weakest among us!

Odycarme's Story



Odycarme is 80 years old. Since he was a teenager, he was a very hard-working farmer. Under the harsh sun he never despaired, spending long hours to produce crops in the mountains of Dory, South Haiti.

He managed to raise his 9 children in dignity by selling his crops in the nearby town of Maniche. Though all the children had grown up he refused to become a burden to them by no longer working, telling them, "God is still fueling these old muscles and I won't disappoint Him by getting lazy." Sadly his vision gradually grew blurry to the point where he could no longer count money without having help from another person. His world became darker and he became depressed by lack of activity and, against his will, becoming dependent on his children.

He had no access to an eye doctor and could not understand what was happening to him, until the Water For Life mobile clinic came to his town. He endured the long lines to finally see the eye doctor who explained to him that he had cataracts, a pathology easily cured by an operation that donors were willing to pay for. "Doc, you mean I would be able to see?" Amazed by the doctor's response, in time he was able to make plans and set off on the 2-hour trip on the very bumpy road on the back of a motorcycle to get to the hospital for the surgery.

Praise the Lord that today Odycarme can now see clearly again. He has hope of getting back into an active life and he glorifies the Good God who makes such an act of love possible through the generosity of His faithful children.

Blessing to your generous and caring hearts!



From the president's desk

Greetings to each of you in the Name of the One Who came to set us free! Luke's accounting of the birth of Jesus tells us the angel told the shepherds, "I bring you good news of GREAT JOY... Today, in the town of Bethlehem, a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." The time had come! People had been waiting for years for the Messiah to come! Then one night in a little town, in a stable, the King of kings and Lord of lords was born to set us free. He was born in the Father's timing. The Father's timing is perfect; when Jesus comes again, it will be in the Father's time.

Many times we ask the Father for something, and we want it right NOW. But God is teaching me to be patient and wait and get on the Lord's timetable. But it is so important to learn to "rest" in the Lord, trusting his timing because it is good.

Let's remember—God sent His Son to come to earth to live AND DIE for us. Amazing!! That is love, only God's Supreme Love, because He IS Love—not just an emotion or affection, but Agape Love—unconditional love that is eternal and that always wants what is best for us.

Like I said before—He came to set us free. Are we free? John 8:36 tells us, "If the Son has set you free, you will be free indeed." That is the Good News. Let each of us express that extravagant love to others! When our cup is full it will run over and be a blessing to many!

And God is using so many of you to bless others as you let His love flow through you. You can see in this newsletter all the people who have benefitted from your support this past year. We give all glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Thank you for your prayers and gifts! God is our CEO; He's the One in charge, and we want to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us here at Water For Life.

So have a blessed time this Christmas season, celebrating the wonderful Good News that Jesus was born, died and now intercedes for us!!! That is GOOD NEWS!! ~ Leon

Bulldozer for Wells

Remember the challenge we presented, that we would seek to raise special funds for drilling wells and at the same time seek a new owner for the model bulldozer? The name we drew was Lydia Martin. Congratulations to her!!! Wishing you God's blessings, Lydia, as you contemplate the meaning of this gift and what it represents! With much gratitude to the donor of the dozer.

October Statistics

Wells Drilled: 6

New Pumps Installed: 6

People served: approximately 2,100

Pumps repaired: 51

People served: approximately 17,850

Mobile Clinic outreach: 753

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