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A Walk to a Brighter Future!



Clifford is 5 years old, in his second year of pre-school. Like most little boys his age he is very active and likes to climb trees and other such play in his village of Paswadòm, a way for him to use up his energy.

One day while climbing a tree, Clifford fell and broke his leg. Due to inappropriate treatment, the bone healed badly and twisted. Henceforth, the little boy, so full of life, had to sit and wait until someone was available to transport him.

The mother, who did not want to see Clifford to lose the school year, carried him every morning to school. But the little boy, seeing the other children playing, was very unhappy and his care was becoming too great for the teacher. Therefore, Clifford went to school less and less, to his mother's despair.

One day, through the compassionate heart of one of our visitors, God has answered Clifford's mother prayers. This generous servant reached out to Clifford and managed to raise funds so the child could receive appropriate care so he could stand on his own two feet again. Others also helped by providing funds for the travel, exam, and food expenses he and his mama incurred with their numerous trips to and from the hospital.

Clifford's medical case was assessed, and he was diagnosed with a mild form of "osteogenesis imperfecta," also known as "brittle bone disease," a genetic disorder characterized by bones that break easily, often from little or no apparent cause.

Armed with the diagnosis, the orthopedist was able to conduct the operation which, after a very close follow-up, allowed Clifford's leg to heal so he can be able to walk.

This school year Clifford, by God's grace and love, is able to walk to the Divine Help School where he continues to receive Christian principles and a strong academic education.

Love and compassion allowed Clifford to continue with his education and not be a burden to his family members!

Denise's Faith in the Lord of Compassion



We first met Denise during a previous construction project which benefitted Marlène, a single mother of 6. In spite of her handicap and her one-room makeshift house, Denise was delighted to shelter Marlène, another helpless woman such as she.

Indeed, blind since the birth of her twelve-year-old daughter, Denise could tell a lot about her life dotted with violence and misery. From Haiti, living for a while in the Dominican Republic and then returning to Haiti, Denise met only brutality, Insult and cruelty.

Her testimony is too shocking to share in public. But know this 46-year-old woman underwent all kinds of physical and emotional violence that fortunately did not take away her compassion and charity toward others.

Like most people in the village, Denise and her 5 kids faced hard times during Hurricane Matthew; her little house made of clay, rocks, old tin and plastic crumpled from the furious winds and rains, trees collapsing on it. The family fled, wet and trembling in the midst of that terrible storm, to the nearby school.

Since then life got harder for her; a little shack made of tin and wood was built to house the family. A decent roof was a dream far away; still she stood with a hope that Jesus would restore her and make a way for her family.

Though being blind she certainly could still feel the raindrops running through her hole-y roof. She clung harder to her children, making sure they were safe under her wings, praying fervently to the almighty God.

Today, Denise's prayers have been answered! God saw her faith and answered through the generosity of hearts open to provide love and compassion to others. She stands on the porch of her new house with a sturdy roof, giving all glory to the One that never forsakes the poor and blind!

She is grateful that God made a way through the hearts of others far away in a different culture than hers but still her family in Christ. She was able to spend Christmas without worrying about rainfall or if the winds will blow hard.



Dear donors, you bring her hope and peace. She can never thank you enough for that, but she wants you to know that you will be always in her prayers that God's love and protection will be upon you and your family.

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me”



Jordany is 23 years old and has been blind for 7 years now. He is one among many patients who came to the mobile clinic in Navarre, Camp Perrin, South, Haiti.

Jordany recounts his story, how in his early teens, he began to suffer from weakened vision that had a terrible impact on his academic performance. He explained to his parents the

difficulties he was facing; they could only listen to him and try to reassure him it will get better, as they had no means to go to the nearby city of Cayes to see an eye doctor.

Unfortunately, his condition only worsened, and one morning he woke up in the dark and howled panicked calls to his mother. His mother managed to borrow money from her neighbors and quickly set out to see the doctor in Cayes. After numerous tests and exams, he was diagnosed with eye atrophy due to an undiagnosed juvenile glaucoma characterized by high internal eye pressure. Glaucoma is a condition that other members of his family suffer from, notably his grandfather.

Nothing could be done to restore his sight; it was too late for Jordany. Because of his family's poverty, Jordany could not benefit from the services of an eye doctor for routine screening that could have saved his vision at a stage when the field of vision was not too damaged and secure him a future where he as a 23-year-old would have been able to work and support himself.

Most congenital or juvenile glaucoma should be operated on before damage to the vision field is too advanced, but eye drops may also be prescribed, especially when surgical procedures are insufficient to control eye pressure. For a family where basic

necessities like eating a meal everyday is a challenge, purchasing eye drops at the cost of \$12 to \$17 that only lasts for 15 days on an income of less than a \$1 per day is impossible, and many like Jordany will face a life of darkness, poverty and dependence as a result. God has a divine purpose for everyone and is able to use Jordany's weakness to His glory.

Your donations towards the Water for Life mobile clinic are of vital importance and life impact. By the grace of God and thanks to your generosity we will keep loving and helping people by screening, educating and providing them with the costly drops they need so much.

From the President's Desk

Greetings to all our wonderful friends once again! God is so good, all the time! I have been studying the names for God, my Father, that are in the Bible. It is such a powerful thing to spend time and let the Spirit of God show you Who your Father really is. I find His peace and rest to flow over me as I see Who my Father is—the Creator God, the Most High God, the God Who sees, The all-sufficient One, and the list goes on! As you meditate on Who your Father is, I pray you find that rest and peace.

And as we live here in Haiti, I am praying that Water For Life will let God's love flow through us, and because of your generous giving we hear many stories of how you have been a part of letting God's loving compassion flow through to the people here. As you read the newsletter you will see some examples of these stories of those who have been blessed by your gifts of love. I hope you were able to read the story of the family that received a house. As you can see, it is a nice sized house, a little over 500 square feet, made of blocks, so it ought to last a long time. There remain numerous families who still need houses so we want to keep the construction project going. But when funds run out, we'll need to stop the project. So, no pressure; let God lead you, as it is all for His glory.

Hebrews 10: 34 tells us, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”

(NIV) ~ *Leon*

Update on Luis Felipe

Remember little Luis Felipe? Several people stepped forward and said they'd love to become his sponsor! Since we still have many children without sponsors, some of them offered to sponsor other children! Thank you, Lord, for generous and tender hearts!!

January 2018 Statistics

Wells Drilled: 9

New Pumps Installed: 10

People served: approximately 3,500

Pumps repaired: 44

People served: approximately 15,400

Mobile Clinic outreach: 575 persons

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