

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

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## NEWSLETTER

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### *Pumping Clean Water for Future Generations!*



The children of Carcasse, in Grand Anse, Haiti have seen their lives improve when their new well was installed in their village. The hand pump is to serve an average of 350 people. Over the course of years the population in the village grows and pump parts wear out with daily usage.

Pump maintenance is an essential factor to ensure a secure water source for the villagers, and to prevent water related disease outbreak.

In the case of a breakdown, the villagers will often go back to using traditional unsafe sources.

Maintaining the pump involves cleaning the pump stand and immediate area that the villagers are responsible for, and Water for Life, with the help of their generous donors, providing the special skills and quality spare parts that are necessary for the repair.

The WFL pump repair program, where technicians are sent to the communities to repair hand pumps and to verify that the water committees are taking care of the water point, keep the hand pumps functioning, assuring that the community, especially the children, are trained in how to use the pump, providing hygienic education, protecting the water source with respect of the protocols established for repairing hand pumps.

Because of your support, pumps that have over 33 years of service are still providing the Haitian people with clean drinking water.

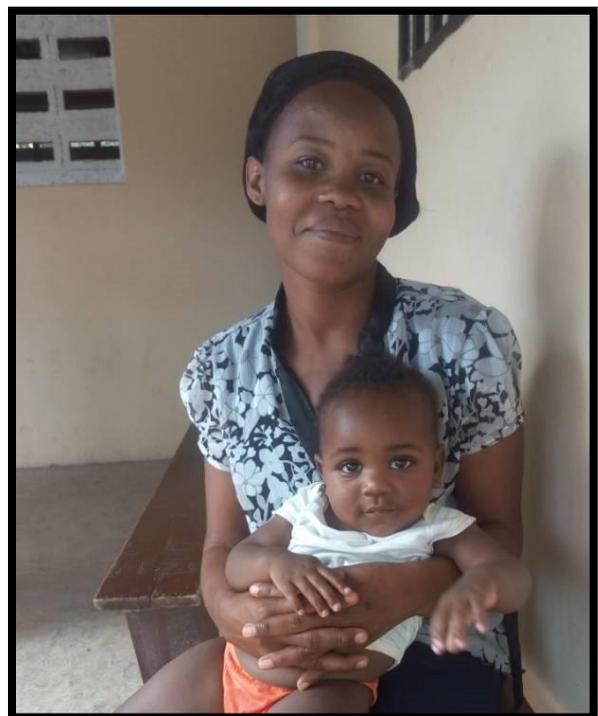
We have currently about 1800 wells, and maintaining them is a crucial part of providing rural area villagers with a clean source of water, but we cannot make it without your help. Your contribution of \$ 350 towards the pump repair program helps the water to pump out clean and safe for generations of villagers.

### *A smile of HOPE at the Future*

Sherlie 34, seen here with her youngest boy, Bradley, 8 months old, was happy that she was able to benefit from the cervical cancer screening and treatment during one of the Water for Life mobile clinics held at her village of Navarre. She came to seek medical assistance

for her heart condition that resulted from acute anemia. As she was there for her heart condition, she was also screened for pre-cervical cancer due to her profile that put her in the high risk group for it. As a matter of fact, Sherlie had never heard of cervical cancer until she came to the clinic and was diagnosed with lesions leading to it. As we know, cervical cancer is the leading cause of death from cancer among women in developing countries. Unlike many cancers, cervical cancer can be prevented. Primary prevention of cervical cancer happens through preventing human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. HPV-infected women generally are asymptomatic; HPV is transmitted easily. Secondary prevention involves using affordable screening and treatment technologies that can detect dysplasia before it progresses to invasive cancer. Praise the Lord that our medical staff took good care of her and treated all the pre-cancerous lesions. If it was not for WFL Mobile Clinic reaching her village, Sherlie would be one more of the many sad statistics of young women dying in isolation and the horrible pain of cervical cancer without any medical assistance.

All of you, Water for Life supporters, not only have you saved Sherlie's life, your contributions give a second chance to her children to have a mother who can love and protect them from being scattered and abused in all senses.



On behalf of Sherlie, her children, and all the women living in the poor villages without access to education and healthcare, WFL Mobile Clinic team sends to all of our prayer and financial partners our deepest gratitude for your compassion and your love towards the needy people in the remote villages of Haiti.

Thanks again for your continuous support to the Mobile Clinic program.

## ***A PLACE TO CALL HOME***

Widlande, 27, mother of 3, found herself in the very difficult situation after the hurricane destroyed her little makeshift house made of clay and rocks. She was fortunate to have relatives take her entire family in their own small house, sharing what little they have. Going into months after her house was destroyed she could no longer abuse the hospitality of the struggling family.

Then, with her husband, Gary, they set up a little shack made of old tin to house their young children. But, the frail shelter could not keep all the rain out so the children often got wet despite her trying to protect them with her own body.

When little Widgaelle, 3 years old, asked her, "Mommy, when are we going home? I don't want to get wet anymore." The only answer she could give her was, "Only God knows when, and He will never forsake his children. Be patient, my daughter, and have faith". She would ask them to pray harder to God for their needs, when the family attended church services.

When our dear Savior lived on earth, He embraced the little children; He laid His hands upon them, and He blessed them. "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:14).

God willingly hears the prayer of an innocent heart and allowed his blessings to come to little Widgaelle, Garvens and Garvencia through open and generous hearts that did not shut their ears to those in need.



Dear donors, you have shared of what God has blessed you with and allowed this family to have a place to call home, secure from rain, where they can praise God for His faithfulness towards His children. We lovingly ask you to keep the people of Haiti in your prayers. Essential needs are overwhelming and can bring God's servants into despair. However, our Jehovah Jireh is our Provider. We praise His name for all His faithful servants who are supplying the necessary provisions to demonstrate the compassion and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ to the needy people of Haiti.

## ***From the President's Desk***

Greetings to you all! It is a joy to write to you and to thank you for your prayers for us. But please keep on praying that we can be a channel of God's love and

compassion to others in both our words and our deeds.

You may have noticed we haven't drilled as many wells in the month of Feb as we were planning. Our drilling rigs had been broke down; one is now back up and drilling, and we just got the other one fixed so it can go drill tomorrow! Praise the Lord!! He showed us how to fix the problem!! Meanwhile there are many villages waiting for us to come and help them get good water!

Our mobile clinic team, including some visitors from Ohio, did an outreach a couple weeks ago. What a great way to demonstrate the love of God!

I have been reading in Deut. 28:7. It says, "The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven." So praise the Lord, the enemy has been defeated! We are the winners in Jesus. With God all things are possible. We know that God is mostly interested in relationship, and we know that He works all things out for the good of us who love Him, so I need to learn not to be anxious about anything but rest in the Lord and let Him guide us in all decisions to be made, because He is our Leader and Shepherd; He is good all the time. I heard this saying, and I think it is true—"When we rest, God works. When I work, God rests." What I receive from this is when I let God have His way, things get done! When I am anxious, worried, working hard at figuring things out on my own, God rests and waits for me to give up my self-efforts.

God wants to do His work through us! ~ **Leon**

*Attention, Golfers!! May 18 is the date for the Indiana golf benefit for Water For Life! It will be held in Middlebury at the Meadow Valley Golf Course.*

*Check out the application form on our website at [www.wflhaiti.org](http://www.wflhaiti.org) See you there!!*

If you are interested in contributing to our baby bundles for expecting mothers, it would be a huge blessing☺! You can send money earmarked for baby bundles or you can contact our **office-(319)656-5433 or [waterforlife@hotmail.com](mailto:waterforlife@hotmail.com)** and Nikki can send you a list of what goes into a bundle, if you are interested in putting it together. It can be a great project for a Sunday school class or church sewing group! ☺

### ***February 2018 Stats***

Wells Drilled: 2

New Pumps Installed: 8

People served: approximately 2,800

Pumps repaired: 47

People served: approximately 16,450

Mobile Clinic outreach: 554