



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

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### Joy Expressed!



Michelove is eight years old and she is the youngest of eight children.

Her daily life is made of endless domestic chores despite her young age. Indeed, being the only girl, she must work a lot to cut down household chores, because in Haiti, more particularly in remote areas, domestic chores are still the business of only women and girls.

What makes this little girl special is not the fact that she works like a real adult at home, but rather the joy and the positive aura that emanate from her.

Michelove is particularly happy to be able to attend school despite the family's poor economic means. Her mother sells what comes from their small family garden in the streets.

She is very grateful for the opportunity that has been given to her, and she particularly likes writing exercises even though she must walk two hours back and forth to go to school.

Thank you to everyone who chose to sponsor a needy child at Paswadòm Divine Help School like this sweet little girl. Thanks to your generosity, she can enjoy jump rope with her classmates every school day.

A child is counting on you for a future filled with laughter and friendship.

### The Least of These



These are some of the 70 students who attend the community school of Bourjolly, a locality in the Les Cayes region.

Despite their limited means, this community was able to set up a school to meet the educational needs of its children. However, they lack an essential component: drinking water. In fact, the nearest water point to the village school is more than an hour's walk away! The little ones need fresh water to be able to benefit from their school learning and activities.

Thanks to your generous donations to Water For Life's Well Drilling and Pump Installation Program, dozens of schools such as this one have already benefited from a water well.

But there is still a lot to do and many other schools, health

### — February 2020 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 12  
Hand Pumps Installed: 6  
People Served: approximately 2,100  
Hand Pumps Repaired: 45  
People Served: approximately 15,570  
WFL School Meals Served: approximately 7,739

centers and community centers suffer from not having access to drinking water.

These children of the Bourjolly Community School came together to ask you to think of them by helping in the drilling of a new well so they can get water for life and a better future.

Thank you all for offering these children a school adapted to their needs.

## Meet Nayalie



Nayalie is only four years old, but she already suffers from numerous pathologies. We had met this poor child at our last mobile clinic which was held in Sainte Helene in the locality of Maniche.

She is the youngest of six siblings with a mother who is not even 30 years old.

In addition to suffering from partial ptosis of the eyelids, the girl has obvious signs of malnutrition (yellow and brittle hair, dark circles under the conjunctivae, tiredness, lack of energy and attention, and so on).

Thanks to your support to Water For Life Mobile Clinic Program, Nayalie was finally able to see several medical specialists including an ophthalmologist.

Unfortunately, the oculoplastic surgery she needs to preserve her vision is only available in Haiti through sporadic and uncertain medical missions. However, Nayalie was able to return home with the appropriate medication to combat the intestinal parasitosis that was draining her of her food supplies.

Thanks for your compassion toward her and the many other kids in need of health care.

## From the President's Desk

Greetings in Jesus' Name to all our wonderful friends!

This is the time of year that we celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Our strength, our hope, our life is in what Jesus did for us when He died to give us Life. I pray that this Easter Jesus will become more and more real to each of us! To have a new awareness of how very much Jesus loves us. And to realize that in exchange for all the terrible and false

things they said of Him, He gives us wonderful words of Life. And someday those of us who have accepted His sacrifice will hear Him say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of thy Lord!" He gave His life; now we can have Life. By His wounds we can be healed! He took all our sins and in exchange gave us His life.

I am praying that we at Water For Life can give what we have received—God's love, His kindness, His joy, His forgiveness, and so much more! And that whatever you give we will keep on passing to the Haitian people. It is so great to see the joy and thankfulness on people's faces when we are able to find good water for them, and to see the big difference good water makes in a village. People are so grateful for the good clean water! The other day in the mobile clinic we saw many people who needed to be treated for skin issues. Then we found out the people were using an old colonial-dug well close by, and it made sense why they were suffering these problems. We explained that they could come to our office to make a request for a community well.

Please keep Haiti in your prayers, that it will become a safer country security-wise so people can once again be free to come here, after the Coronavirus has completed its course in this world. Once that happens you can come and see firsthand people's thankfulness when they don't have to walk so far, even if they must pump it by hand to carry home for all their water needs—cooking, drinking, bathing and so on.

In contrast to them, for myself I think I need to have water coming into my house, under pressure, and even heated! And I waste water just because it's freely available, letting it run when I wouldn't have to. What a difference.

I am thankful that you are sensitive to people's needs and to what your brothers and sisters here experience every day.

~Leon



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