



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

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NEWSLETTER

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From the president's desk—

Greetings of love to you!

“Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13 (NIV) That’s what Jesus did for us, and when we believe that, we become His children and His friends. Jesus was the ultimate example of love “We love Him because He first loved us.” I John 4:19 (NIV) “A life of faith is our love for God, resulting in dependency upon God, resulting in our obedience to God.” (Major Ian Thomas, quoted in *Classical Christianity* by Bob George) This pattern was clearly seen in the life of Jesus Christ. But we must first receive God’s unconditional love and acceptance for us before we will ever learn to love Him in return. And as God’s love flows through us we will love and help/ serve others. I really want to thank you all for showing the Haitian people God’s love by the way you are so faithful in helping with the work in Haiti. God uses us all in different ways to show His love. Joy and I have spent some extended time in the States and we received so much love and words of encouragement, including promises to pray for us and for the whole team of Water For Life, which mean so much to us! I know God is in control and is the Ultimate CEO, and He is working through us His children! So be encouraged—God loves you, we love you too!

~ *Leon*

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” Psalm 32:8 (NIV)



In most rural villages in Haiti many children and adolescents are still denied even a basic education, leaving many in darkness of illiteracy while school-aged populations continue to grow, closing many doors for a better future.

The children of Pasbwadòm have been blessed through your generosity with a Christian school teaching excellent academic skills on a strong Bible base. This year again the school has a high success rate made possible through the support of the teachers that dedicate their time and hearts to instruct the children wisely. Recruiting enough qualified teachers is crucial to such success. Quality teachers do not just improve test scores; when combined with adequate didactic material they have long-term positive effects on the socio-economic status of children 20 and 30 years down the line.

Unfortunately, some children were not able to afford books and school supplies for this year which explains why they failed in some classes. On behalf of these children whose families are facing great economic difficulties, we request your support in prayer and donations so they can still benefit from education. For all that you have allowed them to achieve till now, they wish to say: **THANK YOU!**

The Children of Abraham

“Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.” Galatians 3:7-9 (NIV)

As the WFL mobile medical clinic visited the village of Abraham, mothers and grandmothers came with their children suffering from flu, diarrhea, etc. hoping for relief for their little ones, saving the costly trip to the district town clinic.



Many Haitian mothers and children do not have access to medical care. Lack of prenatal care contributes to increased infant and maternal mortality. Relying on subsistence farming for their livelihood, a sick or injured family member often becomes disabled and a burden for the family.

With hard-to-reach geographical distances to cover, the public sector health supplies don't reliably reach rural areas where most live, outside the district towns.

Children die for lack of medicines for common easily treated childhood diseases; they die from the lack of knowledge of basic hygiene and care principles by their mothers.

Health and hygiene education is an important part of the clinics that you help sponsor. Educating moms on the importance of hand washing and basic do's and don'ts in cases of diarrhea along with distribution and instructions on how to use Oral Rehydration Salts can save a child's life. We call upon your generosity to continue to reach out to more people; our needs are great for medicines, for baby layette bundles, toothbrushes and tooth paste, medical equipment.... Get in touch with our Iowa office to know how you can help.

Needed: A Well Closer to Home



Looking in deep into those eyes we have a glimpse of the reality of this 7-year-old girl at Larivye Kizin in Petit Goâve, Haiti.

When we went to visit the well, we were immediately attracted to this child. She was very tight-lipped, wearing a serious face, unlike other children who came noisily to draw water from the new well. We didn't get her name. Some villagers admitted that most of the time she was called "Hey you!"

Her silence hardly concealed her harsh reality. Beside all the other chores she has done, this little girl has to walk 45 minutes alone to this newly drilled well in a neighboring village, which is the only reliable water source for the people of the whole area.

In poor rural communities the hours spent collecting water are long and children are deprived of their freedom, childhood, education, fun and play, and natural social and physical development. Childhood should be a period of learning, recreation, and physical, mental and social development. Collecting water from long-distance sources delays the possibility of schooling and affects educational performance.

Her eyes tell us her story, a cry for help. And she is not alone; many children in Haiti are in the same position, that of being like little slaves living away from their parents. You can change the sadness in eyes such as these into bright and hopeful smiles by contributing towards a well.

Let's make kids like her feel that someone cares. The hardship of living far from good water can be washed away by donating funds for a well closer to home.

Blessings to you all
- The Water for Life Team

For those of you who golf, there will be a WFL golf benefit in Iowa on September 9. Please take a look at our web site www.wflhaiti.org or email our Iowa office (waterforlife@hotmail.com) for details. We'd love to see you there!

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June Statistics

Wells drilled and hand pumps installed: 10
People served: 3,500
Pumps repaired: 41
People Served: 14,350
Mobile Clinic: 511 people served