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Water Brings Joy to a Village

Water plays a vital role in our life; unfortunately, access to clean drinking water still remains a challenge in Haiti. "According to the UN, water-borne illnesses are one of the leading causes of death in Haiti. Some 38% of Haitians lack access to safe drinking water, and only 24% of Haitian families have access to proper sanitation." www.bit.ly/WorldBank14

Due to our donors and financial partners, the people of Malet, a community located in Camp Perrin in the south of Haiti, were granted their first water well.



Matan, a 43-year-old woman on the right of this picture and mother of three children, took us through her journey. "Since I was a little girl, water has always been a challenge. I had to walk 30 minutes back and forth. With a bucket of water on my head, when I got home my parents used a small portion to cook and wash dishes. We were able to do a little wash-up only with the amount of water we had left in the bucket. It was very rare to have enough water left for a complete bath."

Unfortunately, my children have known the same situation. I have two teenage girls. When they were going to fetch water, I felt worried because people can sexually abuse or harass them.

My daughters walked all the way down through a rocky mountain to collect non-potable water. People bathe in the same water we drink. When you find a lot of people there you have to wait for all of them to finish filling their buckets and taking their baths before drawing," added Matan.

She continued, "Now we have a clean water well in our village so we will not get sick anymore from bad water. This water well God provided us has great value for us living in Malet. We know that our bodies will be healthier, our children won't have to miss school because of sickness from bad water; they will have more time to study and be in school on time."

Matan was excited to share her joy with us because the life of the people in the village of Malet will change. "I wish I had the opportunity to meet with my benefactors to give them a hug for gifting us with this water well! May God continue to bless the donors in every aspect of their lives! May the Lord free their bodies from disease and bless them morning and night. Because of this water well, my daughters will not

have to walk miles to gather a cup of water; we will be able to bathe more often and drink clean drinking water."

Dear prayer partners, all Water for Life staff join their voices to the beneficiaries' hearts to voice their gratitude and thanks for your prayers and financial support. You are doing such a great act of love and compassion anytime you provide a cup of clean water to the thirsty people and the dry land of Haiti. As our Lord and Savior Jesus said, *"And who ever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."*

Praise the Lord, because of you, prayer partners and financial supporters, every day around five hundred thousand people in Haiti get their portion of clean water because of your faithfulness to our Lord's calling. Deuteronomy 15:10 says, *"Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to."* (NIV) May God's blessings be richly poured out on you!

Back to School 2018

"Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger." Psalm 8:2 (NIV) In June the students of the Divine Help School were gathered to celebrate the end of the school year. We could see in their eyes so many emotions, ranging from joy for friendships, passion to learn new stuff, amazement to discover the world, to hope of a better tomorrow. Over 450 kids enjoyed the blessing of a wonderful year immersed in Christian values while receiving each day academic education and a good hot meal.

These favors of God were only possible due to the generosity and the compassion of all those who have expressed lots of love towards these children, those who believed and still believe that love, if it does not have works is useless. (see James 2:17)



This year again, we appeal to you to continue to support these children who, despite hunger and lack of means to obtain all the necessary educational materials, happily do the trek on foot every morning to reach the school. They look to you and thank you for believing in them.

By allowing these children to go to school, you create in them a wave

of praise to our God, who rejoices in return for the well-being that you cause by being and remaining a bountiful source of blessing in the lives of these little ones. And in their turn, these children will become sources of growing blessings to satisfy this real thirst for love and peace in Haiti.

While you are preparing to send your children back to school, we ask you to also consider meeting these kids' hunger to learn. Choose to sponsor a child and bring joy, love and hope into the hearts of these students and their parents in the village of Pasbwadòm, in South Haiti.

To sponsor a child, please fill out the enclosed slip and send to our office in Iowa or visit our website at www.wflhaiti.org

Agriculture, a New Future for Haiti

Agriculture is important for the economy of Haiti; many people rely on their gardens and fields for their primary income and their basic needs. Women are as much involved in farming as men. They are participating in every aspect of the agricultural productions such as planting, weeding, and harvesting, but they also play a role in transporting the products to the markets. For some of you who have had the opportunity to visit Haiti, you can picture the image of those brave women sitting on top of the back of those open trucks carrying their goods to the market place.

Irrigation and tools to work on the farm still remain a problem farmers are facing. According to the USAID, "Due to lack of access to improved agricultural production technologies and agricultural inputs, farming techniques are antiquated, lowering the country's agricultural productivity." www.bit.ly/USAID12



Joinise Jeanne d'Arc, on the right in the picture above, native of Olivier, Deuxième Plaine, located in the south of Haiti says, "I am a dressmaker; I teach other women how to sew as well, but I feel sewing is not enough to take care of myself. I started farming to have extra income to help support my family. I encourage other women in my community to do the same. Every season we sell different products, such as corn, watermelon, papaya, plantains and beans."

As a woman, I am involved in so many activities on the farm. I am not afraid of the rain, mud or anything we can encounter during the planting season."

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Jeanne continues, "I will always be grateful for Water For Life supporters' generosity towards our community. Because of the irrigation water well they provided, we harvest different crops in all seasons without counting only on rain. That allows us to have food and to support our family going forward. God will provide more blessing to this community. Our request is to have another water irrigation well and a pump to irrigate more land, so more people could benefit from it to irrigate their garden. We could have more food on the table for our children and have the means for other basic needs."

2 Corinthians 9:10 "*Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.* (NIV)

Pray for the people of Olivier to find donors to help them finance another irrigation water well and a pump. If you feel like the lord is calling on you to be a part of the answer to their prayer request, please contact Water For Life.

Thanks for your generous hearts by being willing to participate in that great loving adventure to show to the poorest that Jesus Christ has risen so His love can be shown to the world and particularly to the neediest.

From the President's Desk

Greetings to all our wonderful friends! Psalm 84:5 says, "*Blessed are those whose strength is in You, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.*" (NIV) We are so blessed to be on this journey with Jesus; as we look at eternity, we realize we are here on planet earth for just a short time. I think He has placed us here on earth to prepare us for eternity.

You all have been such a blessing to the Haitian people as you show God's love to them. Jesus seems to seek those who are suffering! As we read about the life of Jesus when He was here on earth, we can see how He always had compassion for the downcast, the poor, the suffering, those who were in need. As we live in Haiti, we see need around us daily. Thank you for being a part of meeting needs and helping those who are poor.

Please be in prayer for our teams as they go out to serve the people. Many times, especially lately, there can be unrest in the country, and we need your prayers for their safety and protection. Pray also for the country of Haiti! There are no simple answers to the problems that plague this country. But unrest makes it hard to accomplish our work.

One of the well rigs needs work done on it, and we need to get the parts from the States, which takes time. That is why it's very important to have good equipment, because you can't just run to get replacement parts somewhere close or receive it on an overnight shipment! So when we break down we can be looking at a week or two before receiving the parts we need. Some months we don't get as many wells drilled as we'd wish. Sometimes that is due to breakdowns, sometimes it's bad weather. But we know that our God is in control; we can learn patience and rest in Him. That's why we need your prayers for all of us! Prayer is such an important part of the work, as we recognize our utter dependence on God and His provision for us.

May the peace of God rest upon each of you. ~Leon

— June 2018 Statistics —

Wells drilled: 5

New Pumps installed: 18

People served: approximately 6,300

Pump repaired: 23

People served: approximately 8,050

Mobile clinic outreach: 656 persons