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Gift of Books...Gift of a Better Future



A book for a student is an integral part of the learning process!

If you ever had doubts about it, Michelove, 7 years old, proposes today to enlighten you on this matter.

Despite her young age, this little girl's keen interest in copying the notes from textbooks her parents can't afford, is the irrefutable proof that textbooks have a considerable influence on what and how students read and learn.

Michelove's parents are very poor and made huge efforts, borrowing money from a family member to send her to school. Unfortunately, they were unable to provide her with pedagogical tools like schoolbooks.

Fortunately, the girl does not let those circumstances get in her way. She always stays after school or goes to her friend's house, where she copies notes and concepts from the books to her notebook, and she gets excellent grades!

This courageous girl is in second grade, and we all know that as she progresses in the years to come, the concepts will become more numerous and more difficult. Then, Michelove will have to deploy much more effort to keep up in class and achieve her goals and objectives with no textbook.

In this fight against the odds, Michelove and many children in Divine Help School of Paswadòm need a miracle so they can have access to textbooks that are indispensable to the student's development of skills and competencies.

Our child sponsorship program makes it possible for parents to pay a small fraction of what it actually costs for the school to operate. Without this program, there would be many more children who would not be in school. There are many children who still need a sponsor. Would you consider giving a child a

helping hand up? With prayer, encouragement and only \$35 per month you can empower one child to go to school. You can make a difference in a child's life!

Water for the Children

The children of the national school of Rivage in St Jean Gaspard, South, Haiti are so happy they can quench their thirst on such a hot day of school.

Water is not an accessible resource in Haiti and most schools in the rural areas are deprived of running water or fountains that would allow the children to safely drink water and to wash their hands, a practice that is of most importance in maintaining good health.

Before a generous soul donated a well to this school, they used to get water from the next village well, a long walk under the harsh sun.



After school, there is no longer a need to go on such a long walk; just refill their jug for their daily family needs of water before leaving the school!

Such a generous deed has a great positive and long-lasting impact on these children's lives: water collection is less of a burden, leaving more time for schoolwork and playtime!

To that donor—thanks for being the one that brings such joy and comfort to the many children who'd been left without clean water by sponsoring a well in their village. We praise the Lord for each of you that is joining us in that challenging journey. May the Lord keep blessing all of us so we can be a blessing for others by responding to such basic daily needs.

I Was Hungry, and You Fed Me

Less noticeable than episodes of acute famine, chronic malnutrition has equally dramatic, but also more lasting consequences for children who experience it.

It is unfortunately the sad reality for Nixon, a 7th grader at Divine Help School in Pasbwadòm. It looks like the boy would be less than 10 years old. In reality, Nixon is 13 with evidence of vitamin deficiency at the corners of his lips.



Coming from a large family with very limited resources, his father, making charcoal out of cut wood, cannot always provide food adequately for the family. So, often Nixon takes the road to school with an empty belly. It is a struggle for him to be attentive to the teacher, as his mind already anticipates the hot meal that he will enjoy during recess.

Furthermore, the boy’s book bag does not have all the necessary supplies for him to study, do his homework, and get good grades.

Although both of his parents are illiterate, Nixon believes in succeeding in school. So, he often studies with his best buddy who has the textbooks, trying hard to obtain the grades necessary to move on to the next level. He dreams of having an education, a job, a future where he’ll be set free from his growling belly.

Among the many children who benefit from your prayers and financial support, Nixon wishes to express his deep gratitude for the Student Sponsorship Program that helps provide education and free meals at school.

Matthew 25:34-40 tells us the well-known story of God telling His faithful at the end of the age, “I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you came to me.” And the righteous will reply, (paraphrased), “Lord, when did we do these things to you?” and He will tell them, “...when you did so to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”

— Baby Bundle Assembly —

We are so very thankful for those of you who have supplied us with baby bundles that we can give pregnant moms at our mobile clinics. If you or your group would like to participate in putting these together, contact our Iowa office to get the list of what goes into them.

— Toothpaste & Toothbrushes Needed —

Also, if you’d be willing to help us with toothbrushes (child and adult) and toothpaste, that would be another huge blessing to the people at our mobile clinics and our school.

From the President’s Desk

Greetings to all our wonderful friends!! I hope and pray you all had a wonderful Christmas and a great 2018. I am sure we all have a lot of stories to tell about this past year. But now, as we look forward to what God has in store for 2019, we can look forward with assurance and joy, knowing the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is with us. We do not need to be anxious or afraid. I am talking to myself first of all! God reminded me of the story in Matthew 17, of the provision of money to pay the Temple tax, teaching me that He will provide our needs. The story goes like this—the Jewish leaders came to Peter and said, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the Temple tax?” Peter answered “Yes, He pays it.” When Jesus next saw Peter, He told him to go to the sea and the first fish you catch open its mouth; and you will find the money to pay the tax for both you and me. What a comfort that is to me—to know that God will provide. He has ways we don’t even know about! His ways are higher than ours. Whoever would have thought of getting the needed funds from a fish’s mouth??!

So let’s not worry about tomorrow. God will provide as we depend on Him for His wisdom, His strength, His tenacity, His ability. Let’s continue to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, praising and blessing His Name, for He is above all.

I know the Lord has wonderful plans for each of us. We just need to open our hearts to receive His provision. We should not think of a problem as a bad thing (talking to myself once again!!); instead we need to look for the promise and the provision that God has already prepared for us. God’s promises and provision will always be greater than the problem! We just need to open our hearts and see things from God’s perspective! The Lord never has a problem!! And as born-again children of God, the Holy Spirit is living in us. So when we encounter a problem, be anticipating a promise and a provision! Jesus said in John 16:33, *“I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble but take heart! I have overcome the world!”* So be encouraged, brothers and sisters; we are on the winning side!

We are excited here at Water For Life to see what all the Lord has in His plans for the next year. We wish to thank you for your faithful prayers and also financial gifts this past year. It is always very humbling for me to see how the Lord uses so many people to help us share the Good News of the Gospel!. Together, we are a team working for the glory of God. I am so thankful to be a part of this team that demonstrates God’s love to others. God used us all to do some wonderful things this past year!

Please keep us in your prayers! Let me remind you that as you let us know your prayer needs, we will gladly pray with you!

~Leon

— November 2018 Statistics —

- Wells Drilled: 13
- Hand Pumps Installed: 4
- People Served: approximately 1,400
- Hand Pumps Repaired: 40
- People Served: approximately 14,000
- Mobile Clinic Outreach: 890 people served
- WFL School Meals Served: approximately 9,270