



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

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### Niouseline's Secret of Joy!



We were surprised to discover so much hope and positivity in this young woman who seems to be missing everything. Indeed, for Niouseline, already 18 years old but in only 6th grade for her schooling, life remains a big challenge as she exists in an environment of poverty, no job opportunities for her or her parents, and no adequate water access in her village of Buvette, Jeremie, Haiti.

Through a rocky and slippery path, she goes to the river several times a day to get water for bathing, laundry and cooking, risking each second a bad fall on the rocks that could cause serious injury. She suspects that the water from the river causes medical issues, as skin and other infections are common in the area. For this reason, Niouseline and most people in her community draw their **drinking** water at a protected source located an hour's walk away.

*"God gives me the strength and the desire to smile,"* the young woman told us. *"The blessings of the Lord are renewed every morning, so every morning I stand ready for all that He has new for me,"* she continues. *"And that is why I can smile, for I know one day, my village will have a well."*

That is the perfect opportunity for faithful supporters to emerge and be champions for Christ! By helping to build this well, you are not only giving drinking water to 350 people but also allowing God to enliven Niouseline's devotional life and personal faith. It was wonderful to be able to catch a glimpse of God through the hope-filled eyes of this young woman.

### Matching Funds Challenge—Urgent Need!

As you have heard us tell you many times, there are still SO many villages and rural areas who do not have access to potable water, or even any water at all; they must leave their area in search of water for their daily needs, and find it wherever they can. Imagine if you can the animals that came to

get water upstream from a river where they are getting their water, or the people who washed their clothes and bathed in that same water.

Here is your opportunity to help make a difference in many people's lives! As we explained in our October 2018 newsletter, we are in the process of purchasing another rig. We stepped out by faith in making the decision to do this, knowing that our God knows your generous hearts, AND He knows the difficult situation here in Haiti for all those who spend literally hours every day just to get water for their basic needs. The good news is this—some large donors had promised they together would match, dollar-for-dollar, all funds coming in that are earmarked for the new rig. This promise is still in effect! The company manufacturing the drill rig for us thinks they can be finished by August. We need to have the money in hand by then. In addition to a drill rig, there will be a water truck plus all the tools and equipment needed for drilling that is not a part of the actual rig expense.



Based on the average amount of 350 people using each well, in the last five years alone we have provided water for around 350,000 people.

This new rig will allow us to increase our capacity by 100 additional wells per year (at 2.5 wells per week, 40 weeks per year). We will have the capacity to provide water to 35,000 MORE people per year.

We greatly appreciate your prayers and participation in this large endeavor.

### You Have Made it Happen!

Praise to the Lord! 488 children were able to finish the school year at the Divine Help School of Pasbwadòm.

Thanks to the Sponsorship Program, 140 students in great need were financially supported, which allowed them to stay in school and continue their learning. Unfortunately, precarious economic conditions and political unrest are increasingly



impoverishing the villagers, and parents can no longer cope with the most basic needs. They are forced to give up spending on education. Many children from large families have to take turns going to school because parents cannot afford to send all their children in the same year. That explains why many children in primary school are older than the standard age for their class. In Haiti, almost 2 out of 10 children aged 6 to 11 do not attend primary school and only about 6 in 10 children are able to enter the first grade at the standard age of 6. (UNICEF 2017)



Cost remains one of the main reasons justifying the non-schooling of children. Even though the tuition in our school is minimal, 1800 gourdes (a little over \$20) a year, there are still other additional expenses to consider: books, notebooks, uniform and shoes, to name some of them.

The textbooks are less and less government-subsidized and have become too expensive for many parents to afford, so they often buy photocopied versions. The quality of these copies is so bad that children many times cannot even read what is on the page. As you can imagine, without textbooks, it's practically useless for them to go to school, for they will not be able to learn well. Their time is spent copying lessons from a friend's book, or the teachers are obliged to give the students time to copy what they have written on the chalkboard for their benefit.

As you have contributed to their success this year, they count on you for next school year. Please, invite parents and friends to sponsor a child and/or participate in our fundraising to collect \$20,000 to provide schoolbooks to more than 300 students, to be used for the next three years.

Congratulations for being generous guardians for these, God's little ones.



## From the President's Desk

Greetings to all our wonderful friends! I would love to tell you about a few things happening in Haiti. When we tell you about things happening here, we want you to realize that it is God using you to do it, because without your love and kindness, people here could not receive good clean water, education, food, and the opportunity to find Jesus as Lord and Savior! And also we want you to see How Big God Is in what is happening, and How Much He Loves His People! We want to magnify the name of the Lord! We want stories to show how wonderful our Jesus is!! I was out with one of the drill teams as they were finishing up the drilling of a well the other day. I watched as the water was flowing out of the well as they were developing it, and thought of the hundreds of people and their animals who will use the well, I thought about how they will now have good clean water right there in their village. All the time, it was right there under their feet, but they couldn't get to it, and instead had to walk a long distance to find water in a small contaminated stream or hole. That good water was only 200 feet more-or-less under them, but under hard rock that could only be reached with a big drill rig. Many, if not most, of the time, the rock here is very hard and needs a strong rig with lots of power to ever get down to water.

We have drilled many wells that are still giving water after more than 30 years. The hand pumps need to be repaired from time to time, of course, but the well continues to give pure water. What other gift could you give a community that would have such a long-lasting effect?! All that to say—a water well is a huge benefit to a community! Even if a donor cannot give enough to drill a well by himself, he/she can still give towards a well, and wells will continue to be drilled, praise God!



Psalm 109:30 says, *"I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; yes, I will praise Him among the multitude."*

~Leon

### — April 2019 Statistics —

- Wells Drilled: 6
- Hand Pumps Installed: 5
- People Served: approximately 1,750
- Hand Pumps Repaired: 62
- People Served: approximately 21,700
- Mobile Clinic Outreach: 692 people served
- WFL School Meals Served: approximately 6,682