



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

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The Grace of Jesus Served in a Glass of Water



Water inaccessibility in Haiti is mainly due to impotence of government, lack of awareness and integration of the concept “water and health,” and geographical dispersion of the rural population making attempts to provide communities with a water distribution network ineffective.

As a result, the best water supply plan for rural Haiti should target small agglomerations in remote areas with no access to public services such as water that is already widely available in urban areas.

For more than 37 years, your contributions toward Water For Life's Drilling & Pump Repair and Installation Program have helped provide, on a regular basis, drinking water to more than 700,000 people living in rural communities.

Your generosity has helped fight the dire consequences of the absence of clean water that reach indiscriminately all age groups, especially children who are most vulnerable to all waterborne diseases (dermatitis, scabies, diarrhea, intestinal infections, parasites, etc.).

This photo, taken in Dupont / St Jean, Southern Haiti, faithfully reflects the joy and gratitude you have inspired in many poor communities.

We request your continued prayer and financial support to all those whose water access reality sends us back two hundred years. Especially for the area of Petit Trou de Nippes where young children as well as old people have to walk 3 to 4

kilometers per day to collect water from unprotected springs and rivers because they have no other choice. By your love and compassion, the thirsty are satiated, the sick are healed and the good news of Jesus Christ is announced to the poor.

Let Not Your Hearts be Troubled

At the moment of writing this article, what's happening in Haiti, and even all over the world, reminds us of the time of the tower of Babel when people decided to build a world by their own wisdom, without God. The situation in Haiti, not surprisingly, has been getting very troublesome with violent street demonstrations, vehicles and businesses being ransacked, road blocks and so on... As a matter of fact, the entire country currently is totally paralyzed. No school—while over eight hundred thousand children still do not even have access to school. All businesses closed while the unemployment rate is the highest in the western hemisphere. Hospitals are running out of supplies and electricity. It might sounds exaggerated, but unfortunately this is life in Haiti today.

This sad reality badly hurts the people, especially those who are striving so hard to make a very basic daily living. It is heart-breaking for us at Water for Life as we are facing every day the miserable reality of the people living in the remote areas where drinking water, education and very basic health care are quasi-inexistent. Our teams at Water for Life are committed to serve the people with all their heart, soul and strength as unto the Lord. Unfortunately, last week we had to cancel our mobile clinic where six to seven hundred people would have had the opportunity to take advantage of good health care. Our two drilling teams and one pump repair team are grounded for the past week, depriving multitudes of people of precious water. All of this is because we don't know God as He is. We don't know Him as LOVE. We don't truly believe that *“God so loves the world that He gave His only begotten Son for anyone who believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life,”* life in abundance and fullness.

The greatest need in Haiti, and we believe all over the world, is to know, understand and receive the LOVE God offered to the human race at Golgotha. Without Him, we can do nothing. Would all of you who read this message keep praying for Haiti and the whole world the prayer of Paul for the Ephesians Church?

Ephesians 1: 15-19 *“Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.*

18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

19 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.”

Ephesians 3: 14-19 *“44 When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, 15 the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. 16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. 17 Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. 18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.*

20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.” (New Living Translation)

Today Haiti and the whole world are like mankind living in confusion in the time of the the tower of Babel. Please stay in prayer! Don’t be dismayed! We believe in the God of Gracious LOVE. Haiti needs your prayers more than anything else. Haiti is known today as a land of misery, disorder, wickedness, witchcraft and so on. But our Lord is the God of mercy and His Word says where sin abounds, grace abounds more. Our Lord Jesus Christ is faithful. He is willing to answer our prayers. Our prayer is that we will see miracles in Haiti, that the whole world will be in awe as Haiti will become a land of blessings and everyone will sing with joy and gladness: “It Must Be GOD!” ~ Edy Gehy

He Did It and He Will Do It Again!

“Yes, He did it again!” claimed Therese Cherestal , 65 years old, after her second cataract surgery.

“When I started to lose my sight, I was very sad because I became dependent on my children for all the little everyday things. So I started losing lots of weight until I became the shadow of myself,” said Therese. “My kids saw my distress but could not do anything because there is no eye doctor in the village, and I knew that we couldn’t afford to go to the hospital,” she continued.

Therese remembered her journey. She has never been financially rich, but as far as she remembers God has always allowed her to be surrounded by people she loves and who love her in return. This love gave her the courage to believe that God will never forsake her. So she stayed in prayer. And what was to happen happened. Thanks to the support of many of you toward the Water For Life Mobile Clinic Program, this poor

lady was diagnosed with cataracts and scheduled for surgery (the right eye was done last May 29, 2018, and the left eye in January 2019).



Being able to see again has brought her so much joy that it is with tears that Bertine (Therese’s daughter) shared her gratitude toward those who helped to make her mother laugh again.

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

From the President’s Desk

Dear brothers and sisters,

As I write this letter, Joy and are in Port-au-Prince, unable to drive back to Cayes due to roadblocks and unrest here. But what a difference Jesus can make in our lives; even in the midst of trouble God gives us His peace. We keep praying for the country of Haiti and that there would be unity and love for one another. We want to thank you for your prayers and support. We have great hope that till you receive this, things will already be different here. In God we trust!

~Leon

— January 2019 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 7

Hand Pumps Installed: 18

People Served: approximately 6,300

Hand Pumps Repaired: 57

People Served: approximately 19,950

Mobile Clinic Outreach: 558 people served

WFL School Meals Served: approximately 7,869

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