



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

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Access to Drinking Water a Daily Miracle



Faces so radiant usually bear witness to joy that only extraordinary events can provide. And yet, for these children and women in remote villages in Aquin South of Haiti, small details are lived tirelessly as a miracle—that of being able to use a water pump located less than a mile from home.

By supporting the construction of water wells in remote places in Haiti, you bring the joy of life to thousands of women and children for safe drinking water; basic sanitation and good water management are essential for health.

Nearly one-tenth of the disease burden could be avoided by improving access to drinking water, according to the World Health Organization (2018).

In addition to saving lives, other benefits include improved productivity, educational progress and savings in health care.

On behalf of the thousands who benefit from your support of the Water For Life Drilling and Pump Maintenance Program, we thank you for contributing in this MIRACLE!

Every Life Counts

Health conditions of the Haitian population living in rural areas remain very worrying, as all health indicators show:

- Life expectancy at birth: 59.5 years
- Maternal mortality: 623 / 100,000 births
- Under-5 mortality rate: 120 / 1,000 children

- Number of doctors: 25 / 100,000 inhabitants
- Number of hospital beds: 1.44 / 1,000 inhabitants
- Public health expenditure: 3.9% of total government budget (2017-2018)



Hopefully, this deficiency does not affect the national territory uniformly, and primarily affects the remote areas that are often untouched by any health facility. Statistically, 40% of the rural population does not have access to conventional health care.

At each mobile clinic that you support with your money and prayers, hundreds of people receive health care.

In view of the immense health care needs in Haiti, these activities could seem insignificant, but every life counts and deserves to be preserved.

On behalf of hundreds who flock to the mobile clinics every six weeks to relieve their health problem, we say thank you.

God's Guardian Angels to the Rescue!



There are about 140 preschoolers at the Water For Life Divine Help School in Paswadòm Haiti, and 99% of them come from families that still struggle to meet their primary needs.

Some parents do home gardening, while many others make charcoal; many parents have never been to school themselves.

And yet, these folks consent to great sacrifice to send their children to school, for between food and other daily expenses, there is not much left for school fees.

In very large families, children go to school intermittently. Whoever had the chance to go to school last year may well have to forfeit their turn this year.

Fortunately, God has sent His guardian angels to the rescue of these poor children. Indeed, through the School Sponsorship Program many children can stay in school now.

Thank you, faithful sponsors, for planting the seeds of love and sharing in their little hearts!

From the President's Desk

Greetings in Jesus' Name! Joy and I came to the States for a few weeks and have enjoyed seeing so many good friends and family members! It's been pretty cold for us! But just in this past week it is so beautiful to see trees coming back to life and beautiful spring flowers blooming! Which reminds me to encourage all of us, myself included, to enjoy the life of being one of God's children, this life He so richly gives us, to see His goodness and kindness and gentleness toward us each day!! And to believe in Jesus as your Lord and Savior and then to walk in who He says you are—(2 Cor. 5:21, NIV) *“God made Him Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”* That is a wonderful exchange!!!! We have been set free of our sin! Let's walk in that freedom and not be bogged down with sin in our lives. Problems will come (Jesus said they would!) but when we choose to see them as challenges and possibilities with a promise, then we will see how all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. So let's set our minds on Jesus and spend time in prayer.

We are so thankful that you, our brothers and sisters, have been praying for us all. Prayer is so powerful, because it is communicating with the One Who is Almighty.

There has been a lot of trouble in Haiti, but I believe there will be a breakthrough someday. There will be a realization of the Grace and Love of God that can set people free. Keep praying! Pray also that we at WFL can live out the Grace and Love of Jesus. People are so hungry to be loved. So as our cup overflows with love, it will flow to others. Second Corinthians 5:17 says, *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.”*

Thank you for your notes and messages of encouragement to us! Telling us you're praying for us and WFL regularly is truly such an encouragement. We've been encouraged too by the people who have received the gift of good clean water! I went out with the pump team several times the other week, and the joy and happiness everyone had was worth it all! The children and women especially were so overjoyed to have the water, as they are the ones who mostly have the job of carrying it home from the well. As our men were fixing the pump, I got to spend time with the children. They are so bubbly and ready to be loved. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”* Mark 10:14 (NIV) Wherever you are today, let Jesus' love flow through you! We are all missionaries for Jesus, wherever we are. There is a saying that goes like this: Bloom where you are planted. As Jesus lives through you, you will become a beautiful bouquet of love to others! Thanks again for your love for the Haitian people. Let's stay in touch!

~Leon

— March 2019 Statistics —

- Wells Drilled: 7
- Hand Pumps Installed: 13
- People Served: approximately 5,200
- Hand Pumps Repaired: 43
- People Served: approximately 15,050
- Mobile Clinic Outreach: 667 people served
- WFL School Meals Served: approximately 8,296

Opportunities for You Golfers!

Two fundraisers are coming up that have blessed many people in past years. Each one of these golf benefits have funded community wells that have been a huge blessing in the villages where they were drilled.

So know that as you enjoy a day of golfing, you are simultaneously making it possible for people to benefit from GOOD CLEAN WATER near their homes!



16th Annual
Golf Benefit / Luncheon
Meadow Valley Golf Course
57600 St Rd 13 • Middlebury, Indiana
Friday, May 17, 2019
7 am • Registration
8 am ☀ Shotgun Start
Please note the time for this
Best-Ball Scramble!

Details & printable registration form at www.wflhaiti.org



5th Annual
Golf Benefit / Luncheon
Kalona Golf Course
1376 Hwy 1 • Kalona, Iowa
Friday, May 24, 2019
7:45 am & 12:45 pm • Registration
8 am & 1:30 pm ☀ Shotgun Starts
Lunch will be served.

Details & printable registration form at www.wflhaiti.org