



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

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### A Source of Love and Solidarity

In Haiti, despite the enormous dangers they face, in areas it's even possible many are still forced to dig wells by hand to gain access to water for daily use. Thus, from personal consumption to watering the garden, to bathing, to preparing meals, water is part of everyone's routine and is essential for life.

Hand digging a well is very dangerous due to the high potential for cave-ins and lack of oxygen. A hand-dug well is very difficult to protect from contamination. There are many ways for surface water to seep in, and the typical bucket on the rope used to fetch water from an open well easily transmits bacteria to the groundwater. Objects, people or animals may also fall into the well.



With each well that you help to drill in remote areas of Haiti, not only do you provide drinking water to more than 350 people, but you also save hundreds of people from consuming contaminated water and the occurrence of unfortunate accidents.

In this difficult context of the global pandemic of COVID-19, we ask our Almighty God that this situation of panic and mourning be transformed into a source of love and solidarity for one another. This same love and solidarity you have always shown to the Haitian people, some of you for over 35 years!

Thank you for staying true to these words of Jesus Christ: *"Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."* Philippians 2:4

### The Love of Christ Personified!

In March, a happy team from Water For Life Haiti went to the Divine Help School of Paswadòm to distribute shoe boxes to more than 500 children. The Calvary Chapel congregation from Quakertown, Pennsylvania, had filled hundreds of shoe boxes to the brim with love, compassion, sincerity, human warmth, peace, serenity, smiles...What a beautiful opportunity to really show the love of Christ to the most disadvantaged!



Once these children received their gifts we could see how excited they were. It was a great moment for us in assisting the shoe box distribution cause, for many of them it was their first time and perhaps their last to receive a gift such as that.

It was also an opportunity to remind these children that God created them and loves them. These shoe boxes were the demonstration of the love of God to these students, which were like miracles in a box. Those donors are like angels to these little ones! To the Lord goes all the glory!

Thanks for bringing the children to the Lord and for setting a good foundation for them; as He said, *"Let the little children come to me..."* Matthew 19:14

### Hope in the Lord

Ps. 42:5, *"Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God."* (NIV)

When things are not so clear in the world, we humans put our trust in technology, strength, knowledge, in our own

selves, or in the God the Creator of the universe. Like all the first men and women of faith in the Bible we have to face the good and the evil, resist until the last victory, for the Word of God says, “...whosoever believes on Him shall never be put to shame.” Rom. 10:11 (NIV)

What a privilege to know we have a refuge in our Lord while everything is upside down! Alleluia! Everyone in the world, due to the pandemic called COVID-19—Christian or non-Christian; rich or poor; rulers or ruled; scientists, economists, businessmen—is panic-stricken. We need an answer! A man such as David, who experienced many difficulties in his life, says in Ps. 91:7, “*A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you,*” because he lifted up his eyes to the Lord to wait for His help.

Seven hundred years before Christ came to this earth, Isaiah prophesied about those kinds of problems exactly to prove to us that we need God in all the trials in our lives. Isaiah 29:18 says, “*In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of the gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see.*” (NIV)

In spite of our level of knowledge and education, we need to learn that there is a knowledge and wisdom superior to our own.

How can we continue to live the love of Christ and the love between us in this situation? Through Christ Who fortifies us we can continue to live in fellowship, and in the face of calamities we can be able to stand and support each other.

Let's continue to follow Christ. Amen.

~Pastor Beauillère Sené



### From the President's Desk

Greetings to all our wonderful friends! First of all, THANK YOU so much for your gifts of love in response to our urgent request last month! Proverbs 19:17 states, “*He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done.*” You have been there for the Haitian people

#### — March 2020 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 9  
Hand Pumps Installed: 1  
People Served: approximately 350  
Hand Pumps Repaired: 30  
People Served: approximately 10,500  
WFL School Meals Served: approximately 7,880

for many years, helping to provide something as basic to life as WATER. We take water so for granted where we have it abundantly for all our needs and even wants! Someone may ask, why don't they help themselves more? In many ways they are learning to do that. But to dig a well 150-200' deep, through hard rock, is not possible. It takes heavy equipment such as what you have helped to provide to accomplish such a task. And that is why God is using you and Water For Life to make it possible that the poor may have good clean water. They rely on God to touch your hearts to give them this very basic and important need such as this—WATER.

As I hear their plea for water wherever I go in Haiti, I am praying and I ask that you don't forget these dear people. There are still so many who don't have access to good clean water. Many rivers have long ago dried up, and what water they find is greatly contaminated.



I keep saying I wish more of you could come and see some of the wells that have been drilled. Of course that would need to wait till things have normalized in this world, and in Haiti in particular. But after that happens, please call our Iowa office and make arrangements to come and see what is happening in Haiti! 😊 Remember, thousands of people have been blessed because of you, our donors, and many thousands more are counting on your continued support.

We love you all and are praying for you!

~Leon

#### — For You Golfers —

Normally, a Water For Life golf benefit in the Middlebury, Indiana, area is scheduled in the month of May. It had to be postponed due to the virus, so we are looking at its taking place in September, Lord willing.

And for those of you golfers in Iowa, we hope to have word by next month as to scheduling for that fundraiser.