



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

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Saving Lives at Dory

The Water For Life mobile clinic returned to the village of Dory, Maniche, South, Haiti. At last year's clinic there, the Lord saved the life of a young mother who was diagnosed with ectopic pregnancy and rushed to the hospital.

On this second visit to Dory we met Ysenia, an elderly lady, carried on a stretcher by her son and grandsons to seek medical help. She had been bedridden with diarrhea and severe stomach pains for 3 days.

Her vital signs were barely perceptible, and upon examination the doctors saw she needed immediate rehydration. She wouldn't be able to make it the customary way, riding on the back of a motorcycle on a dusty and very bumpy road to the nearest hospital an hour away. Remember, in Haiti we do not have 911 services available in the villages in case of emergency.



The mobile clinic staff quickly took charge of her care with the necessary treatment and, with an IV in her veins rehydrating her and dosing her with the necessary medications, within hours she was doing much better.

The son was so relieved that he had managed to find help for his mother! He had been reluctant to go to the hospital, not because he did not love or care for her life, but simply because they were too poor to pay for the expenses. He listened closely to the doctor's

orders and was grateful that his mother had access to medical care that you made possible to happen.

Friends and supporters of the Water For Life mobile clinics, you have allowed yet another life to be saved in Dory! Praise the Lord for your generosity!

### Our Pump is Here!



Les Irois, a rural community located in the far western region of Grand Anse Department of Haiti and nestled between the hills and the beachfront, is experiencing the joy of having potable water available! In the birth of a well for a community it seems the part requiring the most patience on the people's part is awaiting the pump installation after the cement base has been constructed. And then it happens! Joy is expressed in those children's smiles repeatedly as they feel in their tiny hands fresh and clean water. Their lives are forever changed when we install the pump!

Due to the lack of potable water everyone was drinking water from the river or a contaminated spring. The young girls or boys and their moms had to walk several kilometers to fetch the unsafe water and bring it home. The use of polluted water is a threat to the health of children, who can easily die from simple diarrhea, when no health-care facilities are nearby. When there is no water in a village, they may have to walk for hours to the nearest well or other source of water. Beginning at an early age they learn to walk with their older siblings or mothers on the journey, carrying small jugs.

In addition to the impact on health, water is one of the scarce resources required for the development of economic and agricultural activities in a community.

How to use water, especially how to properly store it at home so as not to contaminate it, is very important. How to use and take care of the pump is also crucial. Those principles are explained to the community when the pump team comes for the installation process.

Your donations make possible these projects that transform lives. From the grateful hearts of these kids, thank you!



If you would love to provide joy and compassion to a community by providing clean water, please join us at Water For Life, P.O. Box 456, Kalona, IA 52247. You can receive more information by calling (319) 656 5433, writing to [waterforlife@hotmail.com](mailto:waterforlife@hotmail.com) or checking our website at [www.wflhaiti.org](http://www.wflhaiti.org). Together we can make a difference!

A Mother's Determination



Carline lives in Charrier, Cayes, Haiti. She is representative of all the industrious Haitian mothers who do not mind working hard. With her husband bedridden and three children to feed and educate, she must arm herself with courage to survive, and struggle to offer her family a better future.

As a vendor, she leaves her home at daybreak carrying on her head 40 to 50 pounds of kitchen wares and utensils, walking miles on the hot and dusty roads, sweat soon pouring out of her body as the sun climbs higher in the sky. She passes through one neighborhood after another, hoping to find potential buyers in need of her wares, returning home only at sunset. She cannot rest yet; she supervises the homework of her children, gets a meal on the way from her proceeds of the day, and takes care of her husband.

Carline has lived all her life in Charrier, Cayes, Haiti. She has never seen more devastation than what Hurricane Matthew did to her community. Her family's house suffered severe damage and she needed a roof to secure her bedridden husband and children. Close family members could not help because they also were in distress. Carline almost lost hope, and then news came to her that Water For Life was coming to support the community. She received the tin she needed badly for re-roofing her little house.

Made of clay, rocks and sticks, the house did not offer a secure refuge for her family, but she could not see how she could offer them any better with her meager income. Her friends encouraged her to pray about her need.

"God always makes a way for His children," said her friend Acephise. Indeed, the Lord remembered her and with the help of His faithful servants, He made provision for her to receive a new house that shelters what she treasures the most: her family!



Thank you, faithful servants of Jesus-Christ, for answering the call of the Lord and providing hope and joy to Carline and her family. They are very grateful for this house!

From the President's Desk

Greetings in Jesus' Name to all our wonderful friends!

I have been thanking God for all you wonderful folks who have been listening to the voice of the Lord, because to be able to reach out and touch so many people, it HAS to be God! It is very humbling to be a part of the things that are happening here. The humbling part is that I know it is the Lord Who is making it happen, not me at all! Edy and I were talking about how we really want the Lord to keep our hearts to be moved with compassion for the people, not on numbers but on love and compassion. As we look in Matthew 9:26, it says, *"When He saw the crowds He was moved with compassion and pity for them, because they were dispirited and distressed, like sheep without a shepherd."* (NIV) As the Lord does that work in us we can be sure He will provide the needs to show it in action. God is so loving; we must know that and remember it always. If He wasn't loving, He wouldn't have sent His only Son to come and die in our place for us. And to see how the Son loved both His Father and us, that He was willing to come and be humiliated, beaten, crucified for you and me—that is real love!! And as you have experienced His love, you have been showing it to a lot of people here in Haiti.

To each of us—let us be moved with compassion like our Heavenly Father is.

Thank you so much for your prayers for all of us here in Water For Life! ~**Leon**

— April 2018 Statistics —

Wells drilled: 13

Pumps installed: 6

People served: approximately 2,100

Pump repaired: 50

People served: approximately 17,500

Mobile clinic outreach: 635 persons