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Resilience in Hardship

"He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:2 (NIV)

Clémène, 50, lived in the fishing village of Rindel near the town of Port-a-Piment in the South of Haiti. Soon after midnight on October 4 her life changed for the worse when Hurricane Matthew hit her peaceful town full force.

Clémène's small tin-roofed house could not resist the strong wind, and soon the roof flew off and her house was completely destroyed. She found herself helpless in the middle of raging wind and rain with lethal flying tin all around her. She was hit forcefully at her waist by one of them, cutting her badly; losing blood rapidly, she was rushed by her children to a makeshift shelter to wait out the hurricane.

In the morning they cried out for help, but all around them their village was no more, and with their machetes cutting through fallen trees blocking the roads, they made their way to the hospital in the town of Port a Piment. Her wound, so deep that her colon had been cut open by the flying tin, was still bleeding and now had feces coming out of it. The case was too severe for the small town hospital and 3 days later she was transferred to the Cayes General Hospital, where the overwhelmed staff could do no more than put in an IV for her. Through it all Clémène kept her faith strong, knowing that God would make a way for her. She was the one to reassure her daughter who had given in to despair. Surely the Lord responded, one of our staff members from our Mobile Clinic was at the hospital and saw her and was able to have her evacuated to a private hospital. Water for Life provided the funds necessary for her to be able to have the surgery that saved her life so today she can say: "Praise to Our Lord, he has not forsaken me, I will testify what He has done for me". If you would like to help cover the costs for this surgery, please earmark your donations for this.



Helping to rebuild communities

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful servants of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)



When Hurricane Matthew struck Southern Haiti it didn't spare the Charrier area where WFL is based, and many find themselves roofless with their crops destroyed. The majority of Haitians lives on a day-to-day basis, buying food for only several days at a time, with no insurance on crops or houses.



Fortunately, with your unconditional support, WFL was by their side helping our neighbors, about 250 families, begin to recover from this disaster, providing relief to those in need of food and shelter, in the spirit of Thanksgiving showing compassion and respect.



Many more are still in great need for food, for a roof for their community school. The farmers are waiting hopefully for support to start over with new crops, to sustain their families so life can go on.



The now-useless school, in need of a roof

From the president's desk

Greetings again, dear brothers and sisters!

It was quite an experience being in our house when Hurricane Matthew passed by! The storm was upon us for 11 hours, but for 6 hours the storm was at its worst. We thought so much of all those around us whose houses weren't built as strongly as ours and prayed for their safety and ours. When it was over, we had lost about 70 feet of our yard wall and the roof of our smallest house. The next day water like a river came pouring down from the mountain and into our yard over the fallen wall, causing flooding in the guest house, office, and yard. So we spent days in hard work to at least temporarily fix things. We have so much to be thankful for. Many of our neighbors and several of our employees had major damage to their houses,



some losing their whole house. Many gardens and fields have been destroyed, taking away the livelihoods of so many. To the west of us, things were worse by far. Many houses have been totally destroyed; many have lost ALL, including their lives. My heart goes out to them. I am made to think of the verse in Matthew 5:45—" He causes the sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." (NIV) We need to keep our eyes on the Lord Who loves us so much He sent His own Son to die in our place.

We are amazed to hear the Haitian people say, "God is good!" What an example they are for me! Jesus told us in John 16:33, "I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In this

world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world." (NIV) If I keep my eyes on Jesus I WILL have peace even in all the trouble. On the night of the storm, the wind was so strong and it lasted so long; I didn't sleep at all that night, but kept praying and singing and waiting! Thank you for your prayers and support! All over this area, the need is so great. ~ *Leon*

If you would like to be a part of the hurricane relief, please send donations to our WFL office and earmark them for Disaster Relief. **PO Box 456-Kalona, IA 52247.**

Water for Life will be focusing on the neighborhood surrounding them. We have started giving them tin for their roofs and food.



Cholera is also a major problem right now due to contaminated water caused by flooding from the hurricane. Troy will be drilling about an hour west of our base in Port Salut, they were hit by the hurricane very hard and one of the best things we can do for them is drill wells and give them clean, safe water.

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, they have been felt!! God is good and He will sustain us!

Blessings to you all! ~ *The Water for Life Team*

The internet at our base in Haiti has been very spotty and they haven't been able to check their emails. So if you have questions etc. please email our Iowa office- waterforlife@hotmail.com

September 2016 Statistics

Total wells drilled: 11

Approximate number people served: 3,850

Total new pumps installed: 12

Total pumps repaired: 26

Approximate number of people served: 9,100