



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

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### A Smile to Say Thank You!



In Haiti, poverty manifests itself in inequalities of access to basic services such as education in remote communities like Pasbwadòm.

Hunger and misery are part of everyday life for most families living in the community. Most of the children leave their house without having breakfast and walk a long distance to get to school. In an environment like this, food is as essential to good education as a school building or teacher availability.

Thanks to the support of caring and generous hearts, more than 450 students in Divine Help School have access to a good hot meal every school day.

Your donation towards the school feeding program concretizes God's promise to his people: *"I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint."* Jeremiah 31:25 (NIV).



And, on behalf of the children, we say thank you for continuing to share the loving heart of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as you greatly help in improving education access conditions in remote areas of Haiti.

### After the Rain Comes the Sunshine!

During Hurricane Matthew each of these people saw their house and even loved ones destroyed.

In the aftermath of the storm, they all fled into the mountains to escape the flood that swept away everything they owned. They could only save the memory of their past life; a little flicker of hope was all the luggage they brought with them into the hills that became their new home.

Survivors from different villages, they did not know each other. Yet, their tragic stories brought them together and gave them the strength and courage to believe and organize themselves as a new community.

Gradually, their refuge has evolved into a village they call "Cendy," where, despite cholera outbreaks, people kept hope and faith. Amazingly, the villagers have never lost confidence that God would soon send His help.



Praise to God! For one day, thanks to our supporters' contributions toward the Drilling Program, a well has been offered to Cendy. It was a day of celebration when Water For Life team went to install the water pump. Everyone was so happy that they all wanted to express their joy by letting themselves be photographed.

Take a closer look at the village picture, and you will discover such perfect gratitude on each face, for these villagers know they would never be able to repay this wonderful gift.

Rejoice, dear benefactors, because your reward is in Heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ!

## Cervical Cancer Battle: A Race Against Time!

Based on the World Health Organization Country Cancer Profile 2014, among 1400 cases of cancer deaths in Haiti, 1048 were due to cervical cancer, representing over 74.5% of the deaths! Yet, cervical cancer is the only gynecological cancer that is 90% detectable and treatable before it even develops. This explains why cervical screening is now part of routine medical care.

Unfortunately, in remote areas of Haiti, low-income women like Madeleine, this 50 year-old lady in tears, don't have access to health care. Therefore, they are not aware of cancer risks they may incur nor do they have the available means for cervical cancer prevention.

As a matter of fact, Madeleine had been diagnosed with mild extensive cervical lesions in the first mobile clinic held in Dory/ Maniche/ South Haiti. Treatment with cryotherapy was performed, with possibility to repeat the test after one year. Unfortunately, her second cervical examination a year later revealed that the lesions are still there. So, this time Madeleine needs to go to a hospital for surgical follow up. Going to the hospital is not an option as she is already struggling to provide for 5 children needs as the sole provider (no husband, no help). But, what can she do? She is devastated at the thought of her children becoming orphans. She regrets having been warned too late of this disease.

Madeleine's story gives us the determination to continue to reach many more women in remote areas. The need for cervical screening and treatment is real and urgent to prevent thousands of people from excruciating deaths.

Your contribution towards the Water For Life Mobile Clinic Program has already saved over 800 women from cervical cancer.

Thanks for your generous and compassionate heart! Help raise awareness and screen more women by sending your donations for Mobile Clinic to PO Box 456, Kalona, IA, 52247 / [www.wflhaiti.org](http://www.wflhaiti.org)

## Let's Manifest God's Love!

Greetings in Jesus' Name! Joy and I are back in Haiti; we had a wonderful summer and got to see many of you! We can't thank you enough for all your prayers for us and for

Water For Life. As you pray God keeps providing the needs of the people here. God touches people's hearts through prayer. We are approaching Thanksgiving Day, but we all know it's good to be thankful each and every day! Water For Life is so very thankful for your great response to needs we share with you all. As we live here we see the needs first hand, and in talking to people we can get information and pass it on to you. And when funds come in for a certain need, they are applied directly to that need. So we say

"Thank You!" to each one of you for your hearts of compassion. Many people say they don't have much to give, but with God He can make it go a long way.

God made us all together a team, working together to share His wonderful love to people. All of us cannot be here in Haiti, but as you share we can move your gift of love on to serve people here. Please continue to keep us in prayer, as our desire is to demonstrate the love of God through our words and actions. It is so important we have an intimate relationship with God as we experience how much He loves us, His Spirit will

give us the power to love others with His agape love.

As we remember what Jesus did by going to the cross in our place, we can see how much He loves us. John 15:13 tells us, *"Greater love has no man than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."* (ESV) That's exactly what Jesus did for you and me.

As you come into this time of Thanksgiving, with families getting together to eat and fellowship, it's a great time to tell your family how much you love them. Now is the time to tell them what they mean to you. It's better to tell them now while they are with us, because once they're gone it's too late! So let's take the opportunity to tell people we love them. Because Jesus loves you, His love can flow through you to others. There are so many people in this world who desperately need a word or actions of encouragement today. Let today be the day you reach out to another person! Once again, thank you so much for how you show your love to the people of Haiti, and for your prayers!!

~Leon



## — September 2018 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 7  
Hand Pump Installed: 1  
People Served: approximately 350  
Hand Pumps Repaired: 44  
People Served: approximately 15,400  
No Mobile Clinic was Held in September

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