



# Where There is Water There is Life

## Water for a Dry and Thirsty Land

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## NEWSLETTER

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### God Has Made Provision

God has been so good and has used so many of you, making it possible for us to now have a third well rig and water truck to go out and drill more wells. Thank you ever so much!! Now these big trucks are out of customs, with the required license plates, and are hard at work. Praise God!



Over two billion people around the world lack access to safe drinking water within 30 minutes from their home, while in Haiti the share of the population with access to potable water decreased from 62% to 52%! (World Bank 2019) Forty-eight percent of the rural Haitian population still must walk over an hour to reach an often unprotected and contaminated water source.

And yet, water is the most important component of the human body: on average it constitutes 60% of our total body weight.

As we all know, water is essential for maintaining our physiological functions. Hydration is a vital but often overlooked health need. Early exposure to water scarcity could affect the development of the unborn fetus. Dehydration may impair our immune defenses as poor hydration may increase stress hormones, such as cortisol, that are involved in regulating the immune system. Dehydration also reduces levels of saliva and tear fluid, which contain antimicrobial proteins that are involved in immune defense.

In remote areas of Haiti, despite all the efforts already made, hundreds of thousands of people still must drink contaminated water from rivers, lakes, and shallow holes in the ground. We are all aware of the consequences of consuming

germ-infested water. Currently at St. Jules, Fond des Blancs, the community is facing a terrible epidemic of dysentery (diarrhea and fever). Dozens of people have been hospitalized every day. Overwhelmed by this alarming situation, the director of the hospital came to our office to ask for help and to see how a few sanitary wells in their area could be drilled to save the population.

With your prayers and your financial support, we believe that God will make provision. Water For Life is ready to go not only to St. Jules but also to many other villages to bring drinking water as well as the life-giving water of the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please do not hesitate to share with your family members and friends about this great need and encourage them to contribute to this project to rescue these neighbors of ours.

### Call of Duty



As instruments of the Divine, Merciful and Compassionate Creator, we have traveled with love and bravery, to (figurative) battlefields covered with sick people suffering both physically and spiritually.

Amidst terrible suffering, we always seem to hear a soft and calm voice. It is that of Our Lord Jesus who reassures us. As we hear and witness their pain and suffering, we feel in our souls the pure anointing of the Spirit of Christ guiding us to the hundreds of people who flock to each Mobile Clinic gathering.

With great gratitude to the Eternal Father, the ultimate Healer, we treat their wounds, their infections, their acute and chronic pathology, their arterial hypertension but above all their misery of living in ignorance that Jesus Christ is the Savior of mankind.

Thanks to you thousands of women will be able to escape cervical cancer and thus avoid certain death in excruciating pain due to our screening and treatment program.

Your support for the Water For Life Mobile Clinic Program can help hundreds of people be able to benefit from cataract surgery and thus escape blindness.



This month, we pray that you will respond as we rise once again to the call of duty by providing hundreds of people with care that will save their physical lives, but especially we hope to touch their souls.

### From Leon's Desk

Greetings to you, our faithful friends! My mind just keeps going to the Place of Remembrance, and thinking of how good our God is. There is a song out there that speaks to that exactly, "The Goodness of God," how God has always been so good to us! And when we take a look back we can see His faithfulness and how much He loves us. Think on this verse: Romans 5:8—*"But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us."* That is a good verse to never forget; we hadn't done any good works at all to ever deserve God's favor, and to the contrary were deserving of death. But God Who is rich in mercy, made us alive together with Christ!! That is grace! That is agape love!!

I think of the Haitian people and how God's love for them is the same as for us here in North America; His love is demonstrated to them through each of you who have been so faithful in your prayers and finances to share with them. When our team member goes to a village to meet the people who have requested a well, he explains that we are able to provide this as a demonstration of God's love and provision, that we are not some government organization come to do this; that there are many people who are thinking of them and wanting to bless them in this way.

I love to see how excited people are when they know they actually have a hand pump near them that will supply good

clean water! They feel so blessed! You may think we ought to be done drilling wells in Haiti by now; however, we are not! We've just got a good start! So many villages are waiting,



To let you know, Leonard Hochstedler, who has been faithfully working in the Iowa office, retired this summer which required a replacement for him. The board decided that I was the one to take his place, so Joy and I have moved back to the USA. That is a huge change for us after the past 15 years of living in Haiti. Wonderful co-workers of ours continue to make things go smoothly there in Haiti. I plan to be in Haiti from time to time throughout the years to come.

If your church or small group would be interested in having us come share about Water For Life, please contact our home office so that can be set up. This year with Covid-19 and all that has not happened at all, but we have hope it will pass! Of course social distancing guidelines would need to be observed in the meantime.

A huge THANKS to the organizers and participants of the golf benefit fundraisers in both Iowa and Indiana in August and September! Three villages will be blessed with wells due to these two fundraisers!

~Leon



### — Baby Bundles Needed! —

We always can use baby bundles, gifts given to pregnant moms, made up at any time of the year for us to send on a container! Contact our Iowa office for details as to what to include. Thank you!!

### — August 2020 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 17

Hand Pumps Installed: 12

People Served: approximately 4,200

Hand Pumps Repaired: 71

People Served: approximately 28,850

WFL School Meals Served: 3,639

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