



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

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From the president's desk-

To our beloved friends and co-workers!
Thank you, thank you for listening to the Holy Spirit, as together, by the power of His Spirit, we had a wonderful year 2015, and were able to touch a lot of people with water and with Living Water also! As we look forward to see what this New Year brings, none of us knows yet, but we rest assured that the God Who holds us in His hands has everything under control! It's by God's grace that we can enjoy His abundant life of peace and rest. This gift of grace is free to us who receive and put our trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord, but it certainly wasn't free or easy for Jesus! He died a criminal's death on a cross for each of us! Because He loves us, He took the punishment for sin that we deserve! When we understand what He did for us at the cross, we will understand grace. And we will love others as He has commanded us to do. That is why I look forward to seeing what God will do though all of us together! We have so many requests coming in, asking for water for their communities. It will be exciting to see how God will supply for these needs through you and us together. So let's continue to seek Him and listen to His plans to use all of us to further His Kingdom. God IS using us all; let's work together for His glory! -- Leon

Water—a Fundamental Human Need



The bright hot sun is shining on Kanmy, a village near the city of Les Cayes, South Haiti. Patiently the villagers are hauling water in small quantities at a time from an old open well dug some 30 years ago that today is drying up. The time-consuming process to fill a five gallon bucket takes an hour. Many times they have to spend the night fetching water for their families' survival. This well serves not only Kanmy but also two other villages.



Knowing that each person in Western countries consumes an average of 39 gallons per day for drinking, cooking, personal hygiene, etc...., we wonder how 5 gallons can be enough for a whole family? Tragically the water they spend so much time and energy hauling makes their children get sick from waterborne diseases because the available water source is not protected against pollutants, microbes, and other contaminants.

Providing access to water means a lot for these villagers whose living standards will be improved in quality; children will be attending school, playing and not lying in a hospital bed. It is a life-giving gift that will last for generations.

Praise The Lord for the faithful donors who have been providing financial resources to alleviate the suffering of the thirsty people of Haiti.

YOUR generous donation toward a well for Kanmy will make a great difference.

Haiti's Cataract Problem

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" Galatians 6:2

As the Church, we are called to love one another, and one way we do that is by helping others like Jephthé. **This 12-year-old boy is currently blind** due to a folk treatment at a very young age for conjunctivitis. To the question "Jephthé, what is your dream?" Without thinking, his answer was "I want to go to school". Unfortunately it is only in the capital we can find a very small number of schools to accommodate blind people. In his village there are no such facilities and the only way Jephthé can fulfill his dream is to see again. Through the WFL mobile clinic, and thanks to hearts that have been touched by Jephthé's story, he had the opportunity to go to a specialist in the capital and a special exam revealed that if he undergoes surgery, he has a good chance to regain his sight. Let's keep young Jephthé in prayer because he is scheduled in late January for further evaluation and possible surgery.



We also have the case of young Denilson. His right eye is damaged due to a cataract as a result of an untreated injury while playing soccer with his buddies in the village. He is currently undergoing further investigation to establish the condition of his cornea. If all is well, he will be soon be scheduled for cataract surgery so he may recover his sight and again play soccer joyfully like a regular twelve years old.

Countless people in Haiti are going through life visually impaired from cataracts, keratitis plunging them in most of the cases in total blindness. For those who know Haiti, you have an idea how rough life could be even for normal people. Being blind can literally be unbearable especially in remote areas where access to healthcare, even to drinking water is a heavy daily burden.

Actually around five thousand people in Haiti go blind each year due to untreated cataracts. This is the case of 16-year-old Schneider whose story we shared in our October newsletter. He is one of the many victims of folk eye treatment. He had suffered from a cataract in one of his eyes for too long without having a chance to see

an eye doctor until our mobile clinic was held in his village. When he finally had the opportunity to be thoroughly examined, he was diagnosed with a non-functioning retina so nothing can be done to rescue his eye. Unfortunately, we are so sorry to report, help came too late for him.



Marie, 48 Blind from cataracts in both eyes.

It doesn't have to be too late for many others who are still suffering from that terrible condition. You can be the next person to make the difference and make light shine again on the lives of many people of Haiti, victims of poverty and lack of love.

Love from above through the generous contributions of the donors is pouring upon those two young boys who now can hope again for a brighter future. This is what Water for Life mobile clinic program is all about. We are determined to help the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear and the good news preached to the poor. It can only be done by the grace of God through your generous contributions.

We encourage you to financially support our mobile clinic program by sending your contributions to:

**Water For Life
P.O Box 456
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**Blessings to you all!
~The Water for Life Team**

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### ***Statistics for November***

Wells drilled—17  
People served—5,960  
New pumps installed—14  
Pumps repaired—43  
People served—15,050