



*Where There is Water There is Life  
Water For a Dry and Thirsty Land*

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## NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to all of you in the wonderful grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are so blessed with the great Water For Life team the Lord has put together. I keep seeing how important each person is to the team. When I look back to the years when Water For Life just got started there were just a few of us compared to now. God called us together, and we can show the love of God to so many more people; that is what we want to always remember—to demonstrate the love of God. And I am so thankful that you, my friends, are a part of demonstrating God's love also. So be encouraged! The Haitian people are receiving a blessing because of you!

I have asked Vadna Georges, one of my energetic co-workers, to tell you a little of what's been going on here this past month.  
~ Leon

How much does a 5-gallon bucket of water weigh? Without counting the bucket, at the rate of 8 pounds per gallon, that comes to 40 pounds. Many buckets are actually capable of holding more, assuring at least 5 gallons will be in the bucket. How does one carry such a load? In many countries, it is carried on one's

head. Small children start out by carrying a one-gallon (8 pounds) jug and as they get bigger, they carry more. In Haiti, the burden for fetching water falls mostly on women and girls; they often travel long distances to get the precious water, but unfortunately their water source is often unsafe and contaminated with parasites and bacteria that can make them



Girls fetching water from a hole in the ground to carry home.

dangerously ill. Sadly, worldwide, every minute a child dies from water - related diseases, based on information from World Health Organization (WHO). (Global Health Observatory. Global Health Observatory Data Repository. Mortality and global health estimates: Child Mortality: Causes of Child Death: Number of Deaths by Cause: By Region: WORLD: Diarrheal diseases, World Health Organization) In the accompanying photo, these little girls from the village of Debouskèt,

Chardonnières, South

Department of Haiti, have no choice but to fetch water for their families from that muddy pit. They have to travel back with heavy buckets of water on their heads, their little bodies struggling under the heavy weight of the buckets full of the contaminated water. They often miss school,



for the water source is often hours away from their homes.

You have the choice to change that matter by praying for the work Water For Life is doing in Haiti, by raising awareness about the urgent need for safe water in Haiti among your families and friends, and by supporting with your donations. You make the difference in their lives when you help them with a well near their homes, keeping their bodies free from water-borne diseases, keeping them in school.

The efforts to get water do not only affect children and young women; several weeks ago one of our WFL team had the opportunity to chat with Loryez Vincent, an 85-year-old lady, who lives in a remote village near Jérémie, Grand'Anse, Haiti the area where our team was drilling a well. She told us she is sick, too sick and too old for the hour-long walk to the nearest water source and back. She is isolated, with no children to provide assistance to her, so she depends solely on rain and the good hearts of neighbors for a bucket of water. Water For Life came to drill a well at her village, and she expressed her joy that God has answered

her prayers, and she won't have to worry anymore about getting water. She

was so grateful for your precious donations that made it possible to drill in her community. "Praise the Lord and bless their generous souls for their precious gift! May Jesus bless them abundantly!" were her words of appreciation. [Isaiah 44:3](#) says, "For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring."



**Loryez Vincent who told us of her great joy in getting water close to her home.**

As those of you know who've been receiving our newsletter for numerous years, WFL has a school in Paswadòm, where children from pre-school through the 10<sup>th</sup> grade can go. 2 Timothy 3:15 (NASV) tells us, "...and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." At the school in Paswadòm, Secours Divin, (translated in English, "Divine Help"), your donations provide 382 children, including some of

the poorest in the community with quality academic education, on a solid Christian foundation. We provide them also with a hot

meal; for a few of them the only meal they will have for the day.

Today the school has growing needs, but unfortunately our funding is down, and we had to turn down applications last year; in addition we are now unable to give a break in prices for school books as we used to do. We need your help to bring hope to these children by helping to sponsor our school. You can send your specific donation to our address: Water For Life, P.O. Box 456, Kalona, Iowa, 52247 May the Lord bless you abundantly with the sense of His Presence and the realization of the measure of His grace toward each of us!

~Dr. Vadna George, DDS



**In a peaceful atmosphere that promotes learning, these kindergartners enjoy coming to school.**

#### **Our March Drilling/ Pump Activities**

20 wells drilled serving 7000 people!

New pumps installed: 26  
Pumps repaired: 31

For this fiscal year  
October 1, 2014-March 31, 2015:  
New pumps installed: 105 serving 36750 people  
Pumps repaired: 174