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From the president's desk-

To all our wonderful friends!

I have been reading out of Job, and when I came to Job 38:4-5, "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it?" (NIV) Wow. To think that the God Who put all that together is still holding it today! It made me cry to think of His grace and mercy on me; who am I that He would send His only Son to die in my place and set me free from sin, from my flesh?! Now I want to walk in that freedom daily; it was all paid for at the Cross!

There are so many times here in Haiti that Plan A does not work and we go to Plan B or C, which keeps teaching us Flexibility! ☺ I was on my way to Paswadòm the other week so I could go with our pump repair team from there to Gris-Gris (gree-gree), and I came upon some vehicles beside the highway. I figured there must be a problem up ahead so I stopped to ask what was happening. Sure enough, some guys had set up a road block. They stop a truck or two and command them to park across the road, then release the air from the tires (if they're kind enough not to slash them!) so the drivers are helpless to take off. I stayed a ways back, not wanting the same thing to happen to me! Finally the police came and opened it up, but by then my plans had to change; I had to tell the team to go on without me instead of waiting an hour and a half for me, and I needed to trust that all would go well anyway. I was reminded again of God's promise that all things will work together for good to them who love the Lord. And you know what? It did! All went well for the pump team and the visitors to that area who'd come to lend a hand! So very thankful.

The next day we went to PAP so we could go to a board meeting in Pennsylvania. While we were there our

board member and his wife from the Souderton area, Wayne and Marty Marcho, put on a wonderful supper for the supporters of that area, who have been so faithful in not only giving of their finances, but also in giving of their talents and time while we were in the construction phase of our compound! We got to see many people that evening; what a joy that was! A great time of fellowship.



Another thing that happened while we were in the States was the Indiana golf benefit for Water For Life. Thank you, Duane and the rest of your group for all your work in organizing that! It was a good turn-out. We didn't let a little rain stop us! ~ *Leon*



The winning golf team! ☺

Well program tidbits-

This mother in Macaya, Port Salut, in the western end of Haiti, is so happy to come fetch water with her baby!



The well newly drilled in her village is close to her house and she won't have to travel miles for the precious liquid with heavy buckets. It is exciting to see the joy and relief of the people when they see water available in their village. However, a lot more needs to be done to face the challenge of potable water scarcity in Haiti. Praise the Lord for our faithful donors. Because of you, many people in those villages will receive a gift of a "WELL FOR WELLNESS" in due time.

Mobile Clinic update-

We met Schneider 15 years old, at our mobile clinic in Ravine d'Haiti at Aquin last month. Under a mango tree, the screening was held for the eye care section.



Schneider, an energetic and outgoing teenager, was diagnosed with a cataract due to his untreated trauma in his right eye a few months ago. His mother did not have the means to send him to the eye doctor in the city. They used home medicine in hope that his eye would be healed. But as the days went by, the situation went from bad to worse. His sight was getting so bad that he couldn't even work as he used to.

When Schneider and his mom heard of the WFL mobile clinic coming to the village they were happy, hoping to see an eye doctor.

"Schneider suffers from cataract scar, and if action is not taken immediately, he will irreparably lose vision in the eye," said the doctor to the mother.

She was devastated when the doctor told her of the gravity of her son's eye condition, with all the consequences of being handicapped in a poor country like Haiti, where there are very little resources and structure for the handicapped, even in the main cities.

There is still hope for Schneider if he can have the surgery on the eye.

This is a common heartbreaking situation we are facing in our mobile clinics. Last May in Olivier/Petit Goâve 40 people were diagnosed with cataracts, still recoverable with prompt surgery. In Musac/Jacmel we found around 20 people with the same condition.

Blindness due to untreated cataracts is a public health issue in Haiti, especially in remote areas where primary health care is not available.

As a matter of fact, it has been reported that to lower the blindness rate the country of Haiti needs 8,000 cataract surgeries a year; for now it is only 3,000.

Our mobile clinic is not equipped for doing cataract surgery, but we would like to be able to help them with paying for treatment. We found a hospital here that charges the equivalent of \$200 US per eye. We share this information with you as an invitation to come together to make a life changing gift of sight to many in Haiti. You may make a special contribution toward the mobile clinic cataract surgery support program by mentioning it in a note with your donation.

Blessings,
~*The Water for Life Team*

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<i>Statistics for August</i>	
Wells drilled:	24
People served in drilling:	8,500
New pumps installed:	21
Pumps repaired:	66
People served in pump repairs:	23,100
People served at Mobile Clinic:	601